Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40

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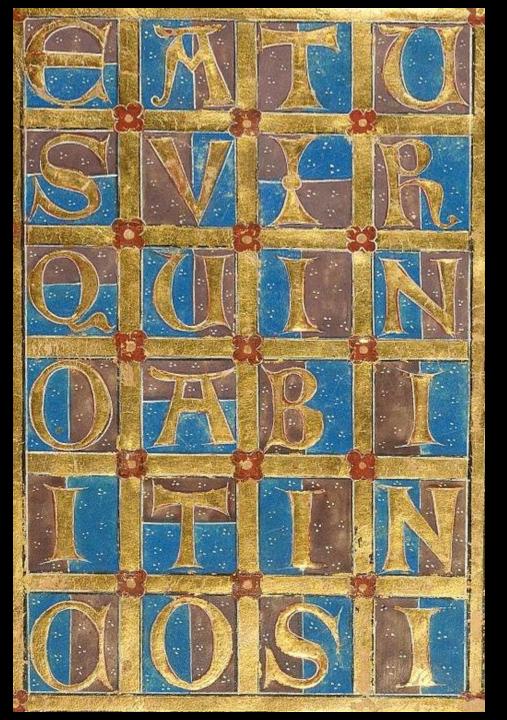
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...he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

Malachi 3:3



Text of Psalm 1

Gold and silver leaf, Getty Center, Los Angeles, CA Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself...

Psalm 84:3a



Hummingbirds with Nest -- Martin Heade, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

...where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

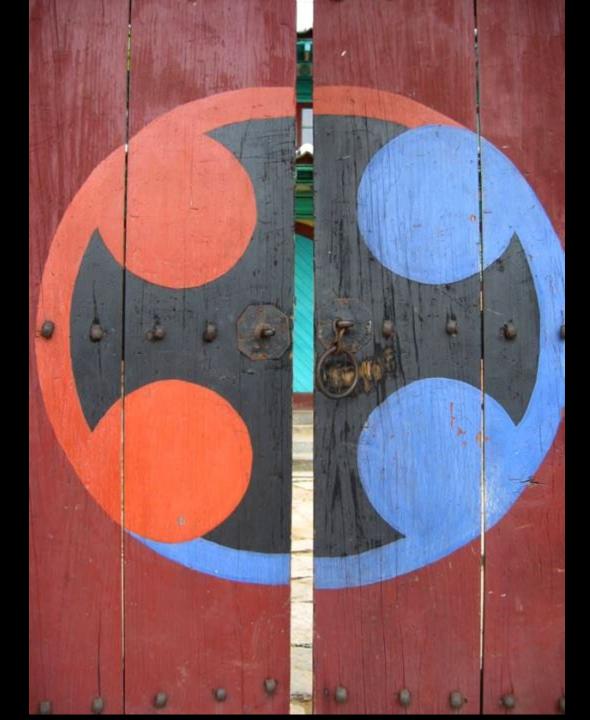
Psalm 84:3b



Blessing of the Birds -- Harry Mileham, St. Mary's Church, Norfolk, England

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

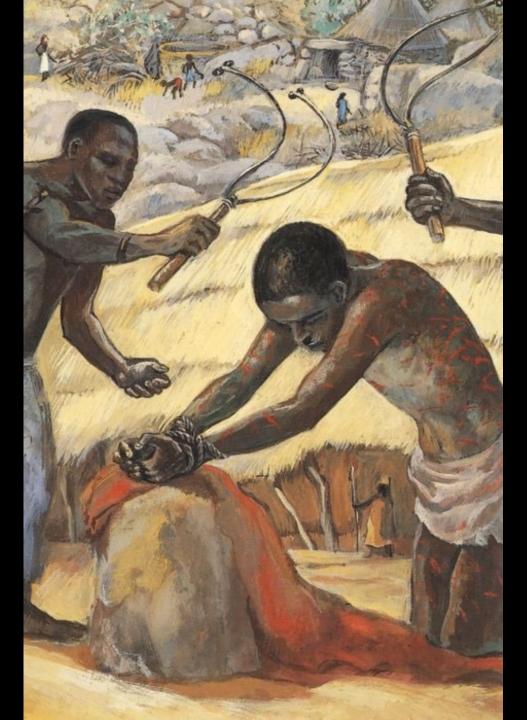
Psalm 24:7



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Ganghwa Anglican Church, Ganghwa, Korea Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2:18



The Flagellation

JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...



Presentation of Christ in the Temple -- Kelly Latimore, Longview, TX

and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."



Presentation in the Temple

G. Van den Eeckhout Museum of Fine Arts Budapest, Hungary Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

Luke 2:28-29



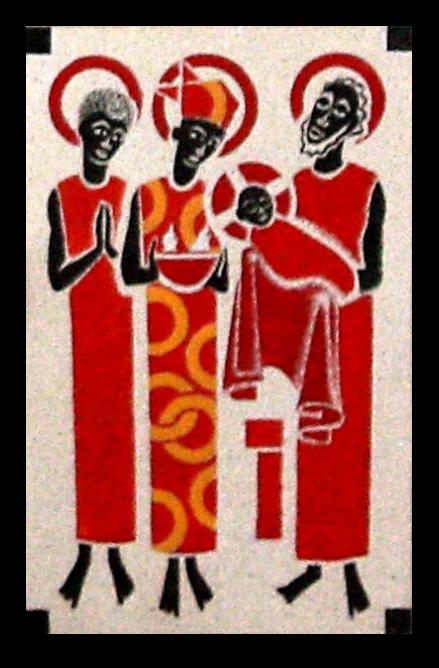
Simeon's Song of Praise (Nunc Dimittis) -- Aert de Gelder, Mauritshuis, Hague, Netherlands

for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

Luke 2:30-31

Presentation in the Temple

Keur Moussa Abbey Keur Moussa, Senegal





Presentation in the Temple -- Bernward's Doors, Hildesheim Cathedral, Hildesheim, Germany

...a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."



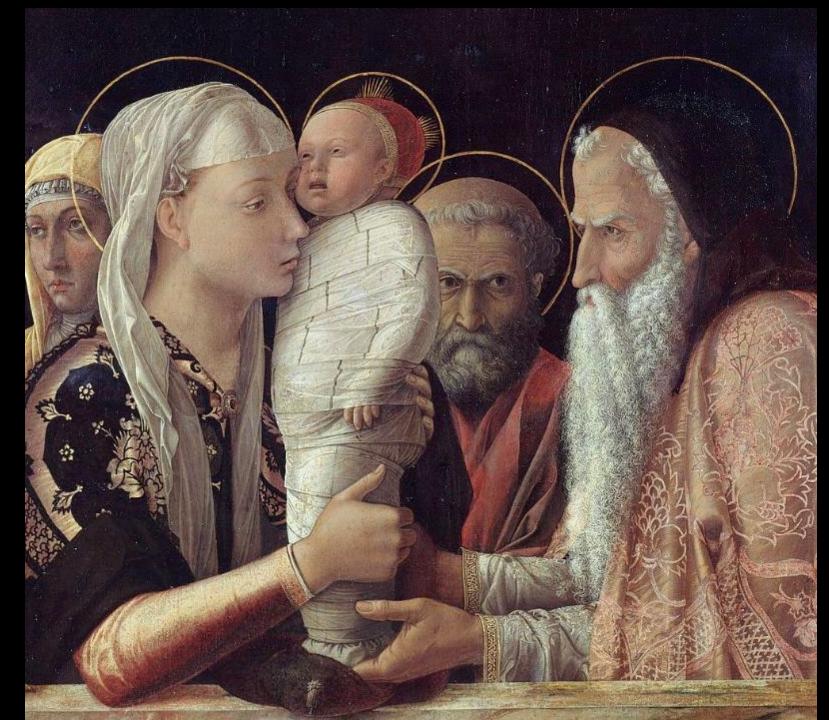
Presentation in the Temple -- Abbey of St. Walburga, Virginia Dale, CO

Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed...



Presentation in the Temple

Musee National du Moyen Age Paris, France so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed--and a sword will pierce your own soul too."



Presentation in the Temple

Andrea Mantegna Gemaldegalerie, Berlin, Germany There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age...

Luke 2:36a

The Prophetess Anna

Rembrandt Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna, Austria



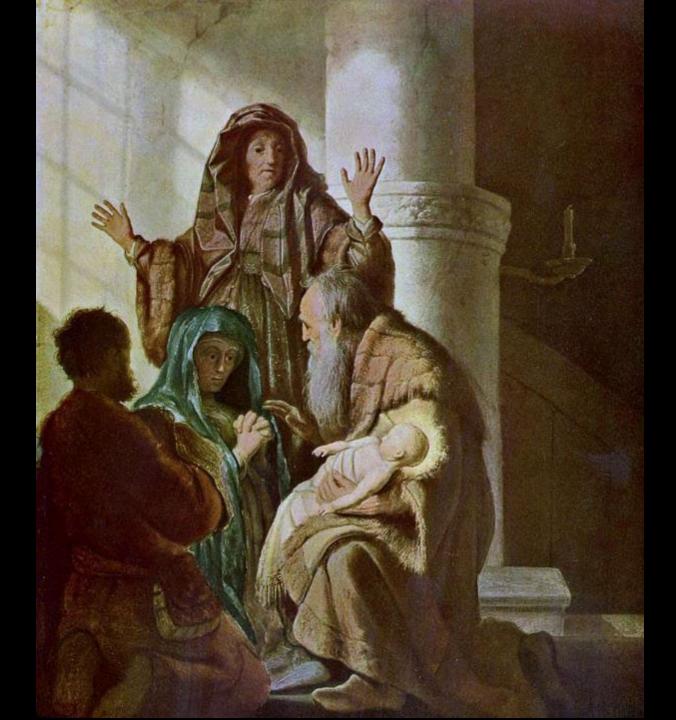
She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

Luke 2:37b



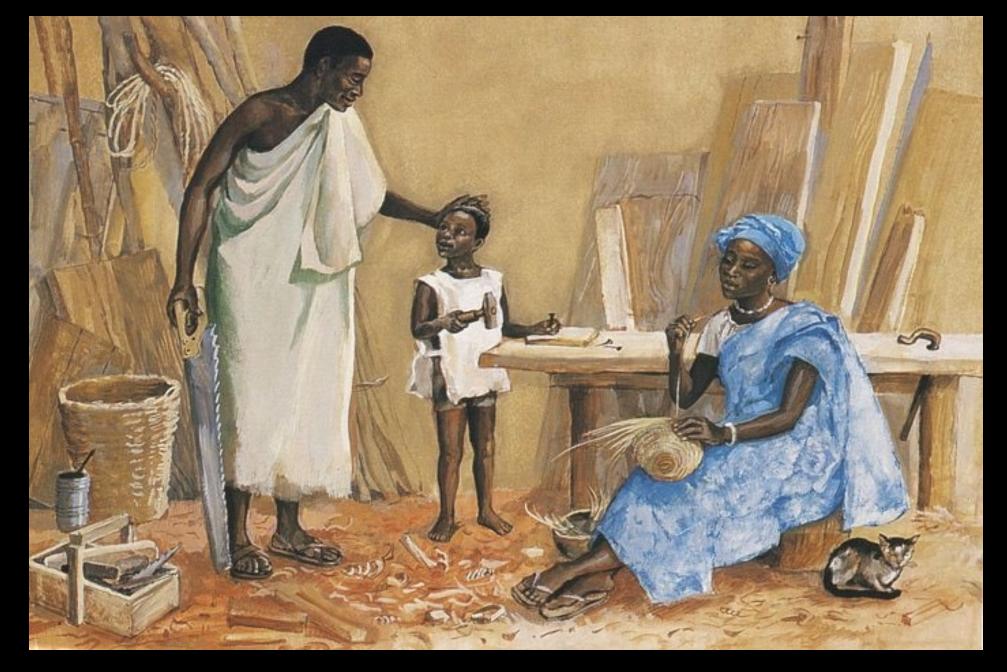
Presentation in the Temple -- Fra Angelico, Museum of San Marco, Florence, Italy

At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.



Anna and Simeon in the Temple

Rembrandt, Kunsthalle, Hamburg, Germany The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



Joseph, Jesus and Mary in Nazareth -- JESUS MAFA

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