The Greatest Gift for all Eternity! 100.

Simeon the priest, was a godly man, and well-versed in Old Testament Scriptures. It was with a zeal of enlightenment, that he recognized the Lord Jesus when as a distinctive sign of a true Israelite and was brought to the Temple for His circumcision on His eighth day.

Looking at the sacred baby, Simeon may have reflected upon the words of the Prophet Isaiah: *"**He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief ... He was wounded for our transgressions ... and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all**"* Isaiah 53:3, 5-6.

Yes, this beautiful Holy 'Babe' was to become our Crucified Savior! And the penetrating pain of Mary's heart must have been sharp when, in the next words Simeon uttered, *"**Yea, a sword shall pierce through thine own soul also**"* Luke 2:35.

Often, the pain to any parent at the loss of a precious child, cannot be expressed. But, when one day this mother would see her beloved Son—as prophesied—cruelly nailed on a tree, her own soul was to be, '**pierced through with indescribable grief**,' as she witnessed the price that **He had come to pay. The terrible price for both her sin and for those who are saved!**

The 'Greatest Price' ever paid, and the '**Greatest Gift**' mankind could ever receive, is our beloved **Lord Jesus Christ.** May we with Mary say, *"**My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden**"* Luke 1:46-48.