



Women of the Bible

Anna - The Servant

Lesson 6

Although there are only three verses dedicated to the prophetess Anna, they teach powerful lessons regarding the importance of faithfulness, the power of prayer and the blessing of serving others. Anna most likely wasn't viewed as important by the people of her day but that didn't matter to God. He didn't overlook her faithfulness as a servant in the temple, nor did He overlook her heart's desire to see the promised Messiah for herself. One ordinary day, as Anna did what she always did, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple and the minute her eyes beheld Jesus she knew exactly who He was. Not only did she know and recognize Jesus, but she then turned and shared the good news with others who were "waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem."

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week's Scripture: Luke 2:36-38

³⁶Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; ³⁷and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. ³⁸And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

This Week's Memory Verse:

**As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another,
as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

1 Peter 4:10(NKJV)

Servant: A devoted and helpful follower or supporter.

1. This week we are going to look at what it means to serve God. What do the following verses tell us about being a servant of our Lord Jesus?

a. 1 Samuel 12:24: _____

b. Matthew 6:24: _____

c. Colossians 3:23-24: _____

d. Summarize what these verses are telling us and what our response should be to this truth.

2. One of the many ways Anna served God was through prayer and fasting. Likewise, praying and fasting are some of the many ways we can serve God, but sometimes we don't know what or how to pray. What encouragement does Romans 8:26 give us during those times?

3. It is a privilege to pray for others, however, sometimes we become overwhelmed ourselves and need to stop and pray for ourselves. Read Philippians 4:6 and answer the following questions:

a. What are we to be anxious for? _____

b. What should our attitude be one of? _____

c. Of whom should we request? _____

d. What promise is given to us in Philippians 4:7 if we follow these steps? _____

Reflect and Respond – 1 John 5:14-15(NKJV) says; “Now this is the confidence that

we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

The key to this verse is the part that says, “according to His will.” Our Heavenly Father only wants good things for His children then this should be the foundation of our prayer life. However often times we pray for things are not His will for us. Does this encourage you? Write your thoughts. _____

Result – Consider today’s bible study lecture. What one lesson will you take away from this study and apply to your walk with the Lord? _____
