

Advent 5 , Christmas Eve – Luke 2:36-38 (ESV)

Ask the Lord to give you an understanding of His word today and to show you how you might apply it to your faith walk.

The passage is 40 days after Mary gave birth to Jesus. What do you learn about Anna in verses 36-37?

The many years Anna spent as a widow were not wasted. She devoted herself to the Lord in prayer and fasting. As a prophetess she would have not only known the word including the prophecies concerning the coming redeemer but she would have shared with others, probably limited to other women, what she had learned from the word of God.

Anna, by God's providence, came at just the right time to encounter the Redeemer in his infancy. Scripture does not indicate whether she heard Simeon as he blessed the Lord, (vs. 29-32) or the Holy Spirit impressed upon her heart who she was encountering. Verse 38, records Anna's response, "she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem."

What are you doing with the news of your Redeemer?

You may not have a lot of free time, but what are you doing with what you have?

Are you worshiping, praying, fasting, and reading God's word for the nourishment of your soul and in order to tell others?

Are you looking for the second Advent of Jesus?

Look up, our Redeemer lives and is coming again soon!