

6 Women of Christmas! (And what they can teach us)

Luke 2:26-56

January 1, 2023 – New Year’s Day

VI. The sixth woman of Christmas – _____!

A. Who is Anna?

"Now 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; and 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. And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem." (Luke 2:36-38; NKJ)

B. What is the Christmas connection?

C. What is Anna’s legacy for you this New Year of 2023?

1. This year, _____ in Jesus Christ!

"Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy." (2 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10; NKJ)

2. This year, _____ in the presence of God!

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Corinthians 3:18; NKJ)

3. This year, practice the _____!

"... but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. ..."

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 1:5-8; NKJ)

- Make a study of the _____.
- Make a _____.
- Consider the discipline of _____.

4. This year, _____ to the Christ-life for the _____!

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5. This year, be about _____ the _____ of salvation in Christ!

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Conclusion

Our mission is to influence our family, friends, community, and world to become fully committed followers of Jesus Christ!