

Anna – Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Why do you suppose that the Holy Spirit included the story of Anna in Scripture?

How do young people tend to view old people in our culture?

How about in other cultures?

Does faithfully serving the Lord guarantee that we will receive all the desires of our hearts?

Does God have a “Plan B”?

Is it OK to complain to God?

Have you ever complained to God?

How does God use our disappointments to enhance our service for Him?

Is it reasonable to pray for people that God brings to our attention?

Have you ever felt you have been given words from the Lord for a person?

Have you ever had someone tell you after the fact, maybe long afterwards, that something you said really touched them?

What characteristics and practices of Anna that we are told about seem to be important in forming her character and ministry?

What does the fact that Herod rebuilt (actually remodeled) the Temple tell us about God’s methods of accomplishing His will?

What can you imagine was the effect of Anna’s (and Simeon’s) words on Mary and Joseph?

Can childless people rejoice in the children of others?

Do you have any disappointments that have given you the opportunity to exercise faith and patience?