

Ananias and Sapphira 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.

Are you surprised to find Ananias and Sapphira portrayed as being in heaven?

Are you glad that church discipline is not the same as loss of salvation?

Why was it essential that there be no hint of deception in the early church at that formative stage?

Is it true that they actually served an important purpose in the training and refining of the church?

Ananias probably was skilled in financial planning. Does it sometimes happen that our strength is also our weakness?

How can that happen.

What did Ananias lack that led to his sin?

Are last rites taught in the Bible?

What is the wife's responsibility in the case of an unwise decision by her husband?

A decision has to be made, so ultimately, someone has to have the final word. How should a God-honoring Christian couple make decisions?

The expression "fear God" has fallen out of favor and is often translated as "respect God." In what ways should we actually fear God?

Can we fear a God who loves us?

Why is God severe about some things?

Have those of us living in modern times lost an understanding of how terrible sin is?

What is the flip side of the awfulness of sin?

When we realize the amazing price that Jesus Christ paid to purchase our redemption, we should be awe-struck and overflow with love. Have you meditated on that lately?