

Hope Realized

Luke 2:36-38



Anna is committed to

The Word

Worship

Witness

Waiting



Word

*³⁶ And there was a prophetess,
Anna, the daughter of Phanuel,
of the tribe of Asher.*



Worship

She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.



Witness

³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.



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R.G. Lee

R.G. Lee: Christ who in eternity rested motherless upon the Father's bosom and in time rested fatherless upon a woman's bosom, clasping the Ancient of Days who had become the Infant of Days. What deep descent: from the heights of glory to the depths of shame; from the wonders of Heaven to the wickedness of earth; from exaltation to humiliation from the throne to the tree from dignity to debasement from worship to wrath from the halls of Heaven to the nails of earth from the coronation to the curse from the glory place to the gory place!

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R.G. Lee

In Bethlehem, humility and glory in their extremes were joined Born in a stable Cradled in a cattle trough Wrapped in swaddling clothes of poverty No room for Him who made all rooms! No place for Him who made and knows all places! Oh, deep humiliation of the Creator—born of the creature, woman! But in His descent was the dawn of mercy. Because we cannot ascend to Him, He descends to us!



Chuck Quarries

The presence of the shepherds at the birth scene of Jesus reminds believers today that Jesus was not born merely to incarnate Deity and reveal God to us, though He certainly did that... The little child who was wrapped in strips of swaddling cloth at His birth was born to be wrapped in strips of burial cloth after his crucifixion. The summons of the shepherds of sacrifice to Jesus' birth reminds us that Jesus was born for the knife and the altar, the nails and the cross, and that only by His shed blood can sinners have peace with the Holy God

