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THE CHRISTMAS SERIES – PART 10

JESUS AND ANNA (LUKE 2:36-38)

As Mary presented herself at the Temple for cleansing, infant Jesus was with her. Simeon had held the child and prophesied over him.

There was also present a prophetess named Anna. She was an 84-year-old widow who spent day and night at the Temple in prayer, and also fasted often.

When Anna saw infant Jesus, she instantly knew He was the prophesied Redeemer. She knew Him because she had been constantly dwelling ***“in the secret place of the Most High”*** (Psalm 91:1). Being close to God, Holy Spirit revealed Him as Messiah to her. She then began telling everyone who had been looking for a redeemer about Jesus.

We should likewise be telling everyone today about Him. Millions of people right here in America know nothing about Him. How will they know if we do not tell them? Follow Anna’s example and tell everyone.

We should also follow Anna’s example of seeking the Lord in much prayer and scriptural meditation. In Isaiah 55:6 (NKJV) it says, ***“Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near.”*** He is just a prayer away.