

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS
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I. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT ANNA'S LIFE?

- A. Anna's name means "avored" or "graced"—**36** " **There was also a prophet, Anna.....**"
- B. Her father's name was "Phanuel" same name as "Penuel"—**36** "**... the daughter of Penuel...**"
- C. She belonged to the tribe Asher—**36** "**...of the tribe of Asher**".
- D. Anna was a prophetess—**36** "**There was also a prophet, Anna...**"
- E. She lived a long life—**36** "**...She was very old**".
- F. She was a widow of many years—**36**"**... she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage.**" **37** "**and then was a widow until she was eighty-four....**"
- G. She spent most of her time at the Temple in the "Women's Courtyard"—**37** "**...She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying**"
- H. She probably heard what Simeon had said about Jesus—**38** "**Coming up to them at that very moment...**"

II. WHAT DID ANNA SAY?

- A. She gave thanks to God—**38** "**...she gave thanks to God...**"
- B. She spoke to others about the coming Messiah—**38** "**...and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.**"

III. WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM ANNA?

1. Mary and Joseph provided a devout and godly home for Jesus, setting a good example for us.
2. God uses faithful and devout people like Simeon and Anna.
3. God speaks to people. Living a "God-Centered" life helps us hear God's voice.
4. God deserves our praise and worship.
5. Jesus offers redemption from sin and death to all who receive him—John 1:12.
6. Although Anna experienced disappointments in life (death of her husband), she lived a life looking forward to the future.