

THE WOMAN WHO LIVED AT CHURCH
LUKE 2:36-38 / 3-31-19 / P.M.

I. ANNA'S LIFE.

- A. Anna's name means "grace"—v. 36

Luke 2:36a

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher....

- B. Anna was the daughter of Penuel (v.36a).
 C. Anna was from the tribe of Asher (v.36a).
 D. Anna was a prophetess (v.36a).
 E. Anna was very old—v.36b-37a.

Luke 2:36b-37a

....She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four

- F. Widows wore garments that identified their marital state—Deut. 24:17.
 G. Who would have provided for Anna's needs while she lived at the Temple?
 H. What did she do at the Temple?—37b.

Luke 2:37b

.....She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.

II. ANNA'S LESSONS.

1. She was patient.
2. She persevered.
3. She learned to abide in Christ--John 15:4.
4. She was thankful to God.
5. She had courage to serve God.
6. She served God all of her life.

7. She wasn't bitter about losing her husband.
8. She lived life "looking forward" to God's redemption.