



Gateway to Life Sermon Notes

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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Christmas Series 2017 Anna's Testimony

TEXT: [Luke 2:36-38](#)

WHY DO WE HAVE THE TESTIMONY OF ANNA?

#1. Anna corroborated the prophecy of Simeon.

[Deuteronomy 19:15](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:19-22](#); and [1 John 4:1-3](#)

#2. The widow Anna balanced the testimony of the righteous Simeon

MEN	WOMEN
Angel's message to Zechariah (1:8-23)	Angel's message to Mary (1:26-38).
Mary's Song of Praise (1:46-55)	Zechariah's Song of Praise (1:68-79).
Simeon praising God for seeing the baby Jesus (2:25-35),	Anna praising God (2:36-38).

#3. He located the witness in the most holy place in Israel

It is massively important that the testimony of these two witnesses be heard in the site that represented God's holy presence.

#4. Anna was a Credible Witness par Excellence

The point is that Anna is solidly within the heritage of Israel and solidly a credible Jewish witness. Also, she models the rigid Jewish ideal of marrying once and devoting herself only to God in her widowhood.

#5. Together with all he wrote He wanted to convince a non-Jew that Jesus was the Savior for all men.

[Luke 1:3-4](#) → Salvation is *sola Christus*.

APPLICATION

Luke had a mission. I wonder if he has succeeded?

[\(Philippians 1:21-23\)](#)

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