

## ANNA – At Last

She really is a model of h\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE S**\_\_\_\_\_

*22 When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”*  
Luke 2:22-24

*3 On the eighth day the boy is to be circumcised. 4 Then the woman must wait thirty-three days to be purified....* Leviticus 12:3-4a NIV

8 + 33 = \_\_\_\_\_

How far is Jerusalem from Bethlehem? \_\_\_\_\_ Miles

**THE S**\_\_\_\_\_

*“These are the regulations for the woman who gives birth to a boy or a girl. 8 But if she cannot afford a lamb, she is to bring two doves or two young pigeons, one for a burnt offering and the other for a sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for her, and she will be clean.”* Leviticus 12:7-8 NIV

It tells us that Mary and Joseph were likely among the p\_\_\_\_\_.

**THE S**\_\_\_\_\_

*36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. 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. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.* Luke 2:36-38 NIV

The amazing thing about Anna is that she r\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

What did Anna have that no others had?

**H**\_\_\_\_\_

*...of the tribe of Asher.* Luke 2:36b NIV

*Nevertheless, some from Asher, Manasseh and Zebulun humbled themselves and went to Jerusalem. 2 Chronicles 30:11 NIV (Near 722 BC)*

H \_\_\_\_\_ is not an entitlement nor a guarantee, but it is a blessed o \_\_\_\_\_.

P \_\_\_\_\_

*she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. Luke 2:36b-37 NIV*

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P \_\_\_\_\_ and Worship

*She never left the temple but worshiped night and day,. Luke 2:37b NIV*

Prayer and F \_\_\_\_\_

*fasting and praying Luke 2:37c NIV*

**CONCLUSION: Finish Strong by S \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_ with Others**

*she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. Luke 2:38b NIV*

For the Christian, the best is always \_\_\_\_\_.

*Hope means to keep living amid desperation and to keep humming in the darkness. Hope is knowing that there is love; it is trust in tomorrow; As long as there is still hope, there will also be prayer. And God will be holding you in His hands. – Henri Nouwen, With Open Hand, 85*

