

# Episode 55

Welcome to Weekly Ecclesia Live Sunday!

Now restore us to your favor. *[HANNAH] under the banner "Happily Advancing Straight Ahead"*

**ANNA OF ASHER**

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READING: LUKE 2:36-52, PSALM 60:1-5

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**(One Year NLT Bible) LUKE 2:36-52**

**SIMEON & HANNAH - SIMPLISTIC DEVOTION PRODUCES WHAT IS NEEDED**

Anna *[to show favor, be gracious]*, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel *[face of God]*, of the tribe of Asher *[advancing straight ahead happy one]*, and was very old. She was a widow, for her husband had died when they had been married only seven years. 37 She was now eighty-four years old. *[70 years or so in the temple without leaving!]* She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. 38 She came along just as Simeon *[this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.]* was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about Jesus to everyone who had been waiting for the promised King to come and deliver Jerusalem. *[2 witnesses: Simeon & Anna]*

- **Favorable to others over self - extending grace**
- *Hannah was the fruit of "face to face" with God*
- *Hannah was part of a family tribe who's banner is: [Happily Advancing Straight Ahead]*
- *She never left the "house of prayer for all peoples"*
- *She was at the right place at the right time to receive for her own understanding and faith, but also so that she could be a bold witness of the Christ.*

**MI CASA ES SU CASA,**

**WHAT DOES JESUS CALL "HOME"? - HIS FATHER'S HOUSE/HOME**

39 When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, they returned home to Nazareth in Galilee. 40 There the child grew up healthy and strong.

He was filled with wisdom beyond his years, and God placed his special favor upon him. 41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. 42 When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. 43 After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, 44 because they assumed he was with friends among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. 46 Three days later they finally discovered him. He was in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, discussing deep questions with them. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 His parents didn't know what to think. " Son!" his mother said to him. " Why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere." 49 " But why did you need to search?" he asked. " You should have known that I would be in my Father's house." 50 But they didn't understand what he meant. 51 Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them; and his mother stored all these things in her heart. 52 So Jesus grew both in height and in wisdom, and he was loved by God and by all who knew him.

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**GRANT US YOUR FAVOR SO WE CAN ADVANCE STRAIGHT AHEAD IN JOY  
(One Year NLT Bible) PSALM 60:1-12**

For the choir director: A psalm of David useful for teaching, regarding the time David fought Aram-naharaim and Aram-zobah, and Joab returned and killed twelve thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt. To be sung to the tune " Lily of the Testimony."

1 You have rejected us, O God, and broken our defenses.

You have been angry with us; now restore us to your favor. *[HANNAH]*

2 You have shaken our land and split it open.

Seal the cracks before it completely collapses.

3 You have been very hard on us,  
making us drink wine that sent us reeling.

4 But you have raised a banner for those who honor you--  
a rallying point in the face of attack. *[Happily Advancing Straight Ahead]*

Interlude

5 Use your strong right arm to save us,  
and rescue your beloved people.

**ABOVE IS A PRAYER FOR OUR BORDERS**