



Winter 2020–2021 Theme:
The Call of God in the New Testament
Unit II: Jesus and Calls in His Ministry

Lesson Titles:

Women Speak Out
(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)

Prophesying Daughters
(Townsend Press Sunday School Commentary)

LESSON 9— January 31, 2021

Devotional Reading:

Joel 2:28-32

Background Scriptures:

Luke 2:36-38; Acts 1:12-14; 2:16-21; 21:8-9

Print Passages:

Luke 2:36-38; Acts 2:16-21; 21:8-9

Key Verse(s):

It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. (Acts 2:17, KJV)

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► Questions to Consider:

1. What did Simeon and Anna both have in **common**?
2. What was included in Joel's **prophecy**?
3. What was significant about Peter mentioning Philip's **daughters**?

► Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, you should be able to do these things:

- Examine how God called and empowered women to proclaim His message.
- Arm the contributions of godly women to the church's mission.
- Advocate for greater recognition of God-called women in the church.

► Lesson Context:

- Luke introduced Anna the prophet, who was “righteous and devout and looking forward to the coming Messiah.
- The lesson also highlights the daughters of Phillip who were female prophets.

► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

- I. Anna **Serves** Prophetically (Luke 2:36-38)

Key Point 1: Anna was devoted to God and directed by the Holy Spirit of God.

Key Point 2: Not only had Anna served God by faith in praying and fasting, but also, once she encountered the Lord, she prophetically proclaimed Him with power and passion to all she encountered.

II. **All** Shall Prophesy (Acts 2:16-21)

Key Point 1: Peter stood in the midst of the crowd and made a bold proclamation concerning the life and ministry of Jesus and the arrival of the Holy Spirit, quoting Joel 2:28-32, which foretold the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Church Age.

Key Point 2: The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost ushered in God's salvation to Jews and Gentiles, allowing anyone who would call on the name of the Lord by faith to be saved.

III. And **More** Shall Prophesy (Acts 21:8-9)

Key Point 1: The daughters of Philip were prophesying. They went around their community speaking forth the things of God.

Key Point 2: Jesus demonstrated an openness to women in ministry.

► **Lesson Summary:**

- The presence of the Holy Spirit in Acts clearly shows that God is calling all categories of believers to proclaim the Good News of the plan of salvation to the world.

What Do You Think?

(These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. How do you react when you finally receive a long-awaited answer to prayer?
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2. Do you take advantage of opportunities to share your faith or experiences concerning Jesus to those you meet? Why or why not?

3. The world is in need of light. What are we doing wrong in sharing the light, and what can we do to better shine and intercede for others in this world?

As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:
