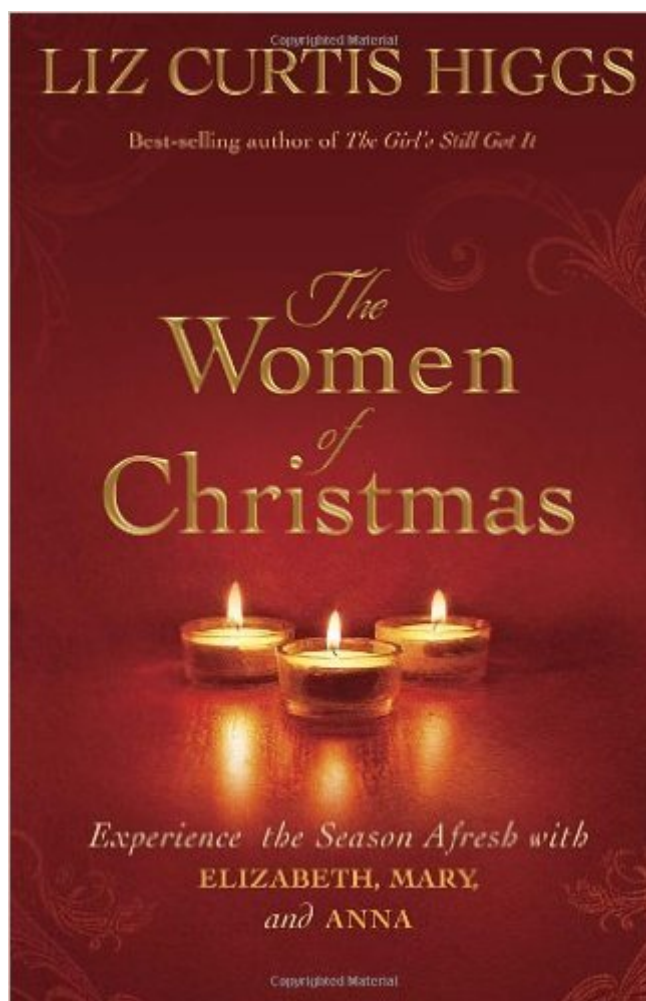


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# The Women Of Christmas: Experience The Season Afresh With Elizabeth, Mary, And Anna



## Synopsis

God Reached Down from Heaven with the Best Gift of All — A sacred season is about to unfold for three women whose hearts belong to God. Elizabeth is barren, yet her trust in God remains fertile. Mary is betrothed in marriage, yet she is willing to bear God's Son. Anna is a widow full of years, yet she waits patiently, prayerfully for the Messiah to appear in the temple courts. Following in their footsteps, you too can prepare for the Savior to enter your heart, your mind, and your life in a vibrant, new way. Best-selling author Liz Curtis Higgs explores the biblical stories of Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna, unwrapping each verse with tender care and introducing you afresh to The Women of Christmas.

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## Customer Reviews

It's a quick read, only took me a couple evenings. I love her conversational style of writing. It's like she's just telling me a story. I want to curl up on her sofa with some tea or coffee and just chat. This is not the typical advent study. It does discuss Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna, but it's so refreshing to hear this spin on it. These women are brought alive in the books as we ponder each verse, each event, the omissions as well as the details. Even though I've read the verses in the Bible numerous times and taught them to my children each holiday during our advent studies, I learned so much and prayed through this book that it would touch my girls' hearts this season. I plan to read a chapter or so each day for my girls. I just know they'll love it! Each chapter opens with a beloved Christmas carol or hymn and those set the themes for the chapters. Love this! I'm also fascinated by the description

of the angels and the important they play in the Christmas story. Interspersed are encouraging and enlightening quotes from women from Liz's online Bible study. Women just like you! Silence is just as important as shouting in the Christmas story and in our Christian lives. The ultimate theme in the book for me was the difference in voices, all important to God in their own way: struck silent, singing, praising, shouting, praying, pondering, worshipping. I love how God uses the ordinary in extraordinary ways. We idolize people in the Bible stories, imagining they were so different and we could never do that, but oh, yes we can! These women were faithful. Elizabeth's husband questioned. Mary's betrothed worried. Despite it all, they were obedient. I pray that I could be obedient and faithful too. God can use anyone for His purposes. Eight wondrous chapters tell the tales of these three ordinary women surrounding the coming of Christ as a babe. A study guide helps us on the journey to celebrate this event with joy.

My ladies are doing this for our Bible study. We all think it is one of her best books yet. This book will make you think of Christmas in a whole new way. It is truly a book to be read, pondered, and treasured.

This book examines the lives of Elizabeth, Mary and Anna and their relationship to the birth of Christ. Liz Curtis Higgs does a wonderful job of digging deep into the Scriptures and the cultural background of the times, to give us glimpses into these women's lives. This book is a great way for women to prepare their own hearts for the Christmas season. There is a study guide in the back that makes it useful for individual or group study. I received this book for free from Blogging for Books for this review.

As usual, Liz delivers. I would have liked it to be more like her other stories, like her novels, but it was still good. It will make a good study group for a short time, especially the holidays. Liz offers tips for that too.

I led my small group in this excellent study over the holiday season. I feel I can share on all of our behalf's and say that this was a very meaningful study. Liz Higgs takes a close look at the lives of the three women of the Christmas story, Elizabeth, Mary and Anna. I loved the thought provoking insights that Ms Higgs had for each of the women, but I felt I could relate more with her in sights on Elizabeth. I recommend this study for small groups especially during the holiday season.

I led my Life Group (8 women) through this study for four (4) weeks, two chapters each week. We were all awestruck with Mary ... a baby herself, giving birth to the Lord of lords and King of kings. The discussion about her and how she felt when she held Him in her arms for the first time, parenting Him, raising and training Him, only to let Him go and do what God had sent Him to earth to do. Knowing your child's fate and not being able to control it. Powerful teaching. The question came up "Mary, did she know?" I believe she did .. because the Angel told her she found favor from God to be the Mother of our Savior .. so how could she not know His fate? This little book is full of wonderful insights into the three women .. Elizabeth, Mary and Anna. It amazes me what insight Liz Curtis Higgs brings to the table .. the in depth study she has done on these women. We can learn so much from young Mary. So much wisdom from a 12-1/2 year old. So much faith and immediate obedience. Oh wouldn't life be so much simpler if I were like Mary? Or Anna...who prayed continuously? Or Elizabeth who never gave up on her dream and prayed without ceasing and God honored her in her old ago (what was old back then anyway)? Beautifully written. Inspiring. Must read for all.

I received the book in no time. But really haven't had a chance to read it yet. I started and with the busy Christmas season picked it up once and just couldn't concentrate. I gave it a 4 star only because had it been an exciting pull you in kind of book I probably would have stuck with it and wanted to pick it up again. But I'm a book worm. So now that the Christmas season and New Years is past I will pick it back up again! It must be a good book cause read all the reviews on it before I bought it. And this author is great!

Mrs. Higgs kept me reading as she made the women and the men of Christmas real. She helps the reader see the reality of each situation rather than the sweet sterile nativity scene we are so used to. Her questions at the end help the reader look for the strong Elizabeths, Marys and Annas in our own lives. She knows how to challenge us to live strong Godly lives in the face of all the adversity life and the devil can throw at us.

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