Daily Devotion #193

**The Miraculous and the Mundane**

**Luke 2:6 (NASB)** *“While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.”*

Some of the most profound events that take place often go unnoticed. For my wife and me, the birth of our children was noticed by the family and extended family, but for the most part their entrance into this world was not publicized by the media or written about in the national news. For that matter, unless my wife can remind me, their births were not recognized even in the local papers. But for us, those days live in our minds very clearly as some of the most significant days in our lives.

In fact, there are many other days in the lives of children that have gone unnoticed by the world. Their first days in kindergarten, their first bike rides, their first trips to the dentist, their first days behind the wheel of an automobile and even their graduations from various schools. Not that the families were unaware of these very significant events, but the world did not take notice of them at all.

Yet, to many, their children have grown up to be people who they are very excited about and encouraged by all they have done and are doing. They have and are making their mark in society and in history as there are grandchildren who will bring more children into the world and so on. And if it is not children, they are making their mark by loving people and helping to make society a better place for everyone. The world doesn’t know them, but they are there, doing their part.

When our Lord was born in Bethleham, interestingly, Luke doesn’t mention many of the things that took place. For example, he never tells us how long Joseph and Mary had been in Bethleham. He doesn’t tell us if they were still waiting to register. He tells us nothing about where Jesus was born, except to say that it was not in the inn. He just says that Mary gave birth to her firstborn son. We don’t have record of angels appearing as they would later do in the presence of the shepherds. He mentions no trumpets and no heavenly choir to announce the Savior’s birth. The only thing Luke mentions is that Joseph and Mary were alone. No family or friends. No media. No television. Only a young mom and dad in very primitive conditions.

Yet this was the most profound event that has ever happened in the world. The Lord took His step from His home in eternity and came to a sinful world that was consumed by evil. Why doesn’t Luke mention these other things? The answer is that this was not his point in writing his message. His point would be revealed in the person of Jesus as He lived on the earth.

So, what do you and I understand from this simple introduction of our Lord’s entrance into the world? It tells us that God’s work needs no great introduction. All that He does fulfills His own purposes, and we get to be a part of that. We often look for great announcements that He has done something miraculous, but everyday is a miracle. Every event, every breath, for that matter, is a miracle of God.

Perhaps we should stop and acknowledge the miracle of breath, life, and the seemingly ordinary events of life. Maybe we should pause and acknowledge that God doesn’t announce Himself because He doesn’t need to. He doesn’t need to because He is in everything. God is not absent from any events or circumstances. We are often absent, though, of thanking Him and praising Him for His presence – in the mundane and in the miraculous. Won’t you stop for a minute and acknowledge Him? Thank Him and Praise Him for His presence.