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Everyone missed the most significant news of the year, except for a few shepherds, a couple of elderly folks in Jerusalem, and several political leaders from the Far East. The news? A Jewish girl had given birth to a baby boy... Hardly headline news—except for the fact that this baby boy would change the course of human history. Except for the fact that the birth of this child would signal world redemption. Except for the fact that this birth...would become the moment by which all other events in time would be measured.

Those 1st century shepherds...were a simple and lowly folk. ...To these shepherds, the revelation of the babe came and the glory of God was revealed. Perhaps their willingness to let the truth be the truth and to respond without rationalization made them the most likely candidates to hear from God. ...If we want to be among those who recognize His hand in history, ...it's necessary to resist cynical tendencies in ourselves and in our society. It is necessary to prefer simple truth...and view the trends of ...culture through the lens and light of God's revelation. In this way we can quiet the din of worldly clamor and listen for the voices of angels.

...Something within those Wise Men led them from the comfort and safety of their prominent positions to make the long journey to a foreign land. ...They worshiped Him and gave gifts. And they were able to partake in God's messianic promise, though they were outsiders.

The third group able to recognize what God was doing in their time were saintly sages, two elderly Jewish folk whose hearts were attuned to the promises of the Scriptures. Anna and Simeon---Together they represented those who studied the Bible and believed it to be absolutely true and trustworthy. They knew that human destiny was not dependent on the power of the sword or political manipulation but on the sovereign plan of God. Thus Simeon and Anna held in their very arms the One who would redeem Israel and be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" as well.