

# *Revival For Our Day*

January 2001

Dear ones who are trusting Jesus and walking with God, greetings. We are thankful for the Lord's mercy and His helping us to endure. The word says, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." (Matthew 10:22) In this journey of enduring we think of the scripture in Philippians that tells us, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Phil 4:8) Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you. (I Peter 5:7)

We just want to give God praise and glory, honor and thanksgiving for how He has been so merciful to us. Many of you have been so faithful to pray for us and to cry out for mercy on our behalf. Some of you have carried the burden for us because we are old and most people of my age do not lead services. He has been merciful to us in taking care, in opening doors for us even in these times when we are so up in years. Thank you for your prayers, supplications, petitions and intercession on our behalf. Praise the Lord.

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The message I want to share with you is found in Mark 11:11-13. "And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when He had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, He went out unto Bethany with the twelve. And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, He was hungry." (I want you to notice that Jesus was hungry. What does that say to you? Jesus is the divine Son of God and He was hungry. That tells me that He was human. He was made of clay and came forth from the womb of Mary, and yet, He was divine.) "And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, He came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet." (God is teaching us several lessons in these few verses: on faith, hunger, appetite, desire and power.) Once He spotted the fig tree, He began walking to it. Jesus had to approach the tree and get close enough to it before He could see whether or not it had fruit. How close do you have to get to someone to see if there are fruits of the Spirit in his or her life? Fruit is hidden in the foliage, isn't it? When I was in California many years ago there was a beautiful vineyard across from where I was. I asked the man with me where the fruit was because I could not see any. He said, "My brother, if you want to see the fruit that is in that vineyard, you will have to go over there and get down on your knees and look up and the fruit will be underneath the leaves." So if we are going to see fruit, we have got to become lowly. Jesus was hungry

so he walked to the fig tree, if haply He might find some fruit.

How hungry have you been for fellowship? Have you been picking fruit off the limbs of fellowship and joy lately? Has your soul been satisfied and blessed? If so, it is because you have gotten hold of some wonderful fruit: the fruit of love, inspiration and joy. When Jesus got to the fig tree, He discovered no fruit on it, only leaves. He investigated and looked at it. He was seeking fruit. Are you seeking worldly pleasure or are you seeking the fruit of the Spirit? Are you seeking the fruit of your own desires, or are you seeking the fruit of what He has prepared for you and for me?

When Jesus got to the tree and investigated it, do you know what He discovered? The tree in its beauty had no fruit at all. Did you know that some people along life's way look like they are going to be a great help to you, but when you get in the tests and trials with them, they don't have any fruit. They look good, sound good, seem good, but you find no fruit of gentleness or kindness, no sweet fruit of appreciation and gratitude in their heart and life, no fruit of sweetness, care or tenderness.

So when Jesus investigated the tree, the fruit was not there. Are you going to produce fruit, so that when Jesus looks for you to obey Him you are going to have the fruit, the willingness to obey? Are you going to overcome your timidity, your backwardness, or your self-assertiveness, so that you will be obedient to God, so that He will be able to enjoy the fruit that is within you? "And there was no fruit on the tree." It says, "Seeing the fig tree afar off He came, if haply He might find anything thereon: and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves." Notice that is says "if haply He might find..." He already knew all things and yet, He still looked for fruit on this tree that had none.

What do we look for sometimes? Many times we pursue and nothing is there. Are you going to be discouraged or are you going to have faith? Here Jesus found nothing but leaves, for the time of figs was not yet. The tree had not yet completed the process so that there would be fruit on it, so Jesus was still hungry. Are we abiding in the season of His grace so He can produce the fruit in our lives so that, when He comes, we will have what He needs? That is message enough for us right there. Are we going to live faithfully and obediently so that when He comes there will be fruit in our lives which will be pleasing in His sight? Is He going to find on the tree of your life the branches of care, the very thing that will nourish and sustain your neighbor, your loved one, your enemy or your

questionable friend? Are individuals going to find in the limbs of your life the fellowship that will give them the strength to climb the hill of misunderstanding and the cliff of difficulty? Are they going to find in the limbs of your trust and submission that which will feed them in their weakness and in their struggle? "And He was hungry."

Be encouraged. Do not look at the barrenness. Look at the possibility in Him as He bears through you through prayer and obedience – that which brings refreshment to your tired friend or the weary pilgrim that you meet on the trail of time. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thank you again and may you have a real experience with God. We want to thank Jesus and give God all the glory for what He has done and what He will do.

In Jesus' Name

*Loran W. Helm*

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Rev. Helm desired that the following letters be included for your encouragement. He wanted to remind us to be sure to give God all the praise and glory for everything that has been accomplished through the help of the Holy Spirit.

This first letter is from Rev. Robert Morey and was his reaction to two songs Rev. Michael Douglas sang at the RFOD Board of Directors meeting.

Dear friends who love, support and pray for Rev. Helm,

The day before the annual Board of Directors meeting for Revival For Our Day I was privileged to attend services at Parker City Christ Fellowship. And what meetings we had! It seemed revival was in the air. Common everyday people like you and me were obeying the Lord on their own and the Holy Spirit quickened and renewed not only us but Rev. Helm who remained strong throughout the entire five and one-half hour meeting. During that evening service Michael Douglas sang "New Lives For Old," among others. I saw more clearly than ever how Rev. Helm is like "the old man on the corner" crying out the "new lives for old" message. Through this ministry God has pled with us in the church to lose our old carnal lives of self-assertion and find the new life of renewal in Jesus Christ.

Michael sang this song again the next day at the Board Meeting and he also sang "Angels Watching Over Me." And it is in response to that song that I am writing you today.

The song recalls how an angel miraculously delivered the Apostle Peter out of prison in answer to the "endless prayer" (a phrase in the song) made by the church on his behalf.

I want to thank the Board of Directors, all previous Directors, all the fellowships and all others who are associated with this ministry for the prayers that have gone up for Rev. Helm. Prayer is the reason he has made it thus far. He has had angels watching over him only because of endless prayers by the church. Brother Richey told me prayer is made every day for Rev. Helm at Christ Fellowship of Indianapolis. I know frequent prayer is made at Kokomo Christian Fellowship, at our Fellowship in Fayetteville, and many other fellowships as well as by individuals across the United States. Because of this endless prayer, the angels have helped Rev. Helm this far and will continue to help him and see him through. Praise the Lord.

I also want to express my deepest thanks to the Fellowships and individuals who have responded financially to this ministry. But even more so for the prayer support that has undergirded Rev. Helm through the years. This is why he has made it. I wonder how many times an angel has come in answer to prayer and delivered Rev. Helm. In the story in Acts the people could hardly believe the answer when it came, but the answer came nevertheless. The angels have come and strengthened Rev. Helm so he could get back on the corner and tell us God has a deal for us today if only we will step right this way and get new lives for old, warm hearts for cold.

Thank you for your prayers,  
Rev. Robert Morey

Dear Brother Helm:

I shall give you a short summary of the book that, next to the Bible, has impacted me more than any other, and it is A Voice in the Wilderness.

Let me begin with my own testimony. During the first 22 years of my Christian life after my conversion, I experienced very little spiritual growth. I was going in circles in a wilderness of religious thought and practice. In these years, I averaged about two hours of prayer per day. Practically all of my reading consisted of Bible reading and reading after great men of God. I was president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Wisconsin. I taught several Bible studies and had led a few souls to Christ. For nine years out of the 22 years I pastored, I normally devoted all of my mornings alone with God.

With all this effort, I gained much religious knowledge, yet I experienced no spiritual vitality. I

thought I could teach and preach on any religious subject, yet, I had helped very few people. My attitude and disposition remained the same all these years.

Then in 1974, I came across your book, A Voice in the Wilderness. Upon the first reading, the wickedness, the naughtiness and the spiritual poverty of my heart was revealed. I found out that my life was that of sounding brass and tinkling cymbal, and not of love. I found out that my life was one of analyzation and not of trust. I found out that I had a form of godliness, but was denying the power thereof. I found out that I knew nothing about being led of the Holy Spirit. I learned that the missing link to the victorious life is continuous self-denial, and I had never heard of it until then.

Immediately, I went to God's operating table to have Him work on me for five plus hours a day – five days a week. The Lord showed me that I was the biggest problem in my church. I believe that during those three years of letting God work with me, He removed most of the briars in my heart, and I began to have genuine Holy Ghost fellowship with God. I found myself in the Kingdom of God, which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Obviously, God is still continuing to refine me. And I am still reading in your book each week.

Now, to my observations about A Voice in the Wilderness. If I were to summarize the theology of Paul in one phrase, I would say it is: "In Christ." That expression, "In Christ," is used 74 times by this great apostle in his epistles. If I were to summarize your book, A Voice in the Wilderness, in one phrase, it would be: "ONLY BY ME, THE HOLY GHOST, CAN THEY BE FED." You will notice immediately that there is a divine, historical, and theological sequence in this matter going from Paul to your writings. Paul developed a perfect Christology for the church. You, by the Holy Spirit, have given us a complete, practical theology of the Holy Spirit. In your book, the Holy Spirit is mentioned 362 times! There, you share how the Holy Spirit works: first, in bringing conviction, how He next works in the salvation and sanctification of souls, how He then works through love abounding, and, finally, how He works in bringing worldwide revival if we let Him have His way. Over and over again, you stress that the missing link in Christianity that connects us to vitality in the Spirit is self-denial. I believe A Voice in the Wilderness is a work of the Holy Spirit, and I would recommend that everyone read it frequently.

"BY ME, THE HOLY GHOST, THEY WILL BE FED. ONLY BY ME, THE HOLY GHOST, CAN THEY BE FED."

Yours truly in Christ,  
Rev. Reimar Schultze

Dear Rev. Helm,

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

I still cannot get over that I saw your book in light sitting there on the shelf while I was in Robert Hill's home. Although I was amazed then, I think I am more amazed now as I look back on this. Not only was that such a great manifestation, that book was the very thing that I needed and had longed for for some time. I had no idea that my life would be so changed, by God's grace, because of what is in this book.

I am sure to this day that my friend Robert Hill did not know where that book came from. But I am grateful God knew about it and helped a little pilgrim like me to find it in a home in Arizona to get me to your ministry.

How can God be so good?!? He just is good. Praise the Lord!

Richard Sanchez

### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Rev. Helm will be celebrating his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are all very thankful for the mercy of God that has brought him this far.

For those of you who wish to send birthday cards and remembrances, please send them to:

Rev. Loran W. Helm  
P.O. Box 311  
Parker City, IN 47368

For those wanting to send flowers, you may contact Normandy's Florist in Muncie Indiana at (765) 282-2263. Just tell them they are for Rev. Helm in Parker City and they will know where to deliver them. Thank you for all your faithfulness and prayers and for every remembrance.

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March 2001

Dear ones in the Lord Jesus, followers of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, greetings in His precious name. We thank each one of you who have prayed and we are grateful for your supplications and petitions to the throne of God on behalf of our need in the areas of the soul, mind, body, finances, healing and deliverance. Praise the Lord. We are in debt to God for your prayers and sacrifice. Thank each of you for all of the birthday cards, gifts and remembrances. We appreciate each one and are grateful. God has been so merciful to us these many years.

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In the twenty-fourth chapter of Luke we read, "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulcher, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them." They had come to the sepulcher to prepare the body of Jesus. Why did they bring spices? They loved Him so much that they wanted to get the best of earth's spices and do for Him what they could. The crucifixion had just happened three days before. They knew He had been killed and been laid in the tomb and that they believed it was over. They thought He was gone forever. If not, they would never have prepared these spices. What does that tell you about their faith? He had told them a few times that He was going to come forth from the grave, but they did not hear Him. They loved Him, but they had not been able to hear Him. Jesus cried over and over, "He that hath ears, let him hear."

"And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: and as they were afraid..." They have been perplexed, and now they are afraid at the sight of the two angels. O, what a wonder. Look at the bewilderment they were in and now look at the glory they are experiencing. Look at the darkness of death and look at the light. The angels have come! Their garments are shining. Why are they here? They have a message. And the message they have is of a greater light than their shining garments. Where will their perplexity go now?

"And as they were afraid..." Here they are in an empty sepulcher. They have come with spices to put on a dead body because they thought it was going to stay there forever, and they found the body gone and have now encountered two shining angels! And as soon as they saw the angels they bowed down their faces to the earth. They are no longer looking at the angels, but have their faces to the earth because they are filled with great Godly fear.

When God comes with power, great fear fills the heart of a man or a woman.

And the angels said unto them, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" That sepulcher was a place for a dead man. But He who was dead is no longer here. He has just left here. Glory! "Why are you seeking the dead here when He is already alive? He is not here, but is risen." The disciples had spices for the dead. But the angels had a message for the living. ***Remember how He spoke unto you when He was yet in Galilee?*** Do you imagine any one of them had remembered before they were told? Do you know of any scripture that indicates that any of them remembered what Jesus had told them about His resurrection? He had been with them for three years and they had seen miracles of all kinds. He told them what would take place, and yet, they were coming to a sepulcher to prepare a dead body because they thought He would be dead forever. They did not hear what He had said.

It is only by the mercies of God and the help of the Holy Spirit that we hear when God speaks and remember it. When God is speaking through someone, it is likely that we will not hear it, or if we do, that we will forget it, unless God helps us. We all need to be careful about who and what we listen to. The only way you can discern whether someone is of God or not is by the way they live at home (the way they treat their companion, their children, their enemies) and by the witness of the Holy Spirit. That is the only way you can tell anyone is of God. Because a person can be an orator, can be fluent and sound great and know all scriptures and still not be of the Lord. He or she can do great works and even miracles and not be of the Lord. Do you know you can do great miracles and never be of Jesus? That is in the seventh chapter of Matthew and Jesus said it.

Jesus told about what would take place. "Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name?" These people are ministers and church leaders. "And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Jesus said this group does miracles, they work in the church, they preach and do all kinds of healings and they do all kinds of great things, but they are not of Him. Unless they live a holy life at home, they are not of Him. If they are grouchy at home, scold, find fault and criticize, Jesus does not live there. He is squeezed and pressed out of there. It is not true Christianity. ***There are only two spirits.*** Jesus told me this at the baptism of the Holy Ghost on April 14, 1942. He told me that I could never again talk about anybody;

that I could never again find fault with anybody or criticize anyone. If I were to do that, I would be led not by Jesus, but by another spirit. A lot of people think if you see signs of prophecy, miracles and great works that these are the evidence, but those signs are not the evidence. The evidence is Jesus living in you at home with your companion and children and how you live over the supper table and when everything goes bad. That is where you really find out whether you are a Christian or not. Are you with me?

Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7:20) You see, a lot of people in the church don't live it at home. They find fault with people and criticize them. Jesus said, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." (Matthew 7:1) If we have the tendency to do that, it means it is in the heart, for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Only what is in your heart comes out of your mouth. If you have love in your heart, you will not criticize or find fault. It does not matter that a person has faults or shortcomings. We all have them. We are not to find fault or criticize. That is not the way of Jesus. It is a human tendency to find fault and see weakness and mention it to somebody. But through Jesus, we are not to do that. Only the Lord can help us to be faithful in this area. We need to be positive and uplifting. If we are not careful, we will get into negative areas before we know it.

So the miracles, you see, are not the evidence. The evidence is that you love everyone as Jesus loves you. You love your enemies, your persecutors. That can only be by Jesus' indwelling, because man is not able to do this. In self there is criticism, faultfinding, pride, thinking we are somebody when we are nothing. When we know we are nothing and Jesus is everything, we owe it all to Christ and not to any person. It is Christ in you, the hope of glory, that gives you the strength to be an overcomer and not be deceptive, prideful, critical or any of the earthly evils that can so easily beset us. Jesus must be first.

Now back to the sermon on Jesus' resurrection. "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spoke unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, The son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered His words." Had they heard Him before He was crucified, they would have known He was going to rise from the dead. They would have anticipated it. But they forgot. And now, as the angels reminded them of the Jesus' words, they remember.

Are you and I going to remember what Jesus has told us? The disciples forgot what Jesus told them. They had forgotten while He was in Gethsemane.

They had forgotten while He was on the cross. They had forgotten the first day in the tomb and the second day in the tomb and the third day when He arose. They had forgotten until the angels told them. It says, "And then they remembered." They did not remember until the angels from heaven told them. Isn't this simple. We owe this all to God in every area of the soul because we are nothing and He is everything.

***"And they remembered Jesus' words."*** What has Jesus said to you in the last few days, weeks, months and years that you may have forgotten? What has He shown you and what has He dealt with you about that may have slipped into the recesses of your memory? What is it He has said to us that we need to remember so that we will know where to seek and to find the risen Savior? They did not know where Jesus was or where to find Him because they forgot what He had told them. Are we going to remember His words?

Be encouraged. We have to do what God says. We need to go where God says go and follow His leading. Be faithful. Be obedient, because when you are obedient, then the Lord will do marvels. He will do wonders when you are obedient. There isn't anything like obedience. God gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him. For us to try to have the Holy Spirit when we don't obey Him is not wise.

A number of years ago I was going to the store to get my wife a quart of milk, a loaf of bread and some meat. On the way, Jesus spoke to me and said, "You go back home and get ready. I want you to take the bus to Parker, Indiana and go to see T.L. Smith. When I got there that morning and walked in, his wife said, "Praise the Lord, Brother Helm. Thomas has been praying all morning that you would come. He is so sick. He is swollen and has a fever." I went in where he was in the bedroom, knelt down and began to pray to ask God in Jesus' name to come. And God came and healed him and took the swelling and infection out. He got up and got dressed and went to church that night.

God wants us to obey. Without obedience in the heart we will not hold on to or remember what the Lord has told us. It is the only way we can follow the Lord. When we walk with God, and keep His sayings, there is glory on the soul and victory on the countenance and we will walk in step with the risen and soon coming Savior, Jesus, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' name,

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May 2001

Dear followers of the Lamb of God, greetings in Jesus' name. We want to be grateful to all of you who have been faithful to pray for us. We want all of you to know that we are thankful for the earnest prayer, the sacrifice and the vision. Thank you for your faithfulness, love, care, and concern. We are grateful and want to give God the glory and the praise for all that He has provided and for making a way. I trust that this newsletter will be an encouragement to you and that you will encourage one another along the way and love everyone as He loves us.

I want to talk to you a little about remembering God and doing His will.

In the second chapter of Jeremiah, verse thirty-two we read these words spoken by the Lord to the prophet Jeremiah, *"Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number."* If God's people have forgotten Him days without number, and I am weaker than they were, then I need God's help. I need His help so that I won't wander. The scriptures tell us that David was a man after God's own heart, but he numbered the troops and forgot God's will, for the Lord had told him not to number the troops. David looked over the wall and saw a beautiful woman. David said, "I want this beautiful woman." He had Uriah put in the heat of the battle so he could have his wife, [yet, the Bible says he was a man after God's own heart.] So this tells us that we are weaker than we think we are. You see, we are awfully weak and the Lord has been forgotten days without number.

We only need one wife. That is all God ever intended us to have. It grieves God because so many of our people don't realize it and that is one reason the power does not fall in the sanctuaries. There is too much uncleanness and secret sin and the power does not fall. The power could come in a sanctuary and be so great to the point that no one would want to go home. You would never want to leave. The power that could come would save all atheists and infidels within thirty to forty seconds. I have been privileged to stand in that power. His kingdom will come in any place where He is absolutely in preeminence. So many of us in the church have talked about people and we have grieved the Holy Spirit. Or we have spiritual pride and think we can do something. Without Him, we can't do anything but fail. It is only by His Holy Spirit. "For it is not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

***We need to remember that we must constantly be on our guard.*** There is an old hymn that says, "My soul, be on thy guard. Ten thousand foes arise. The hosts of sin are pressing hard to draw thee from the

skies." All around us are principalities and powers of darkness. We cannot see them, but this earth is covered with demons just like a beehive is covered with bees. That is why we have to resist them. They get in our thoughts and cause us to have any number of spirits that are not of God, such as a spirit of luke-warmness, coldness, murmuring, anger, wrath, love of the world and many others.

***Remember to follow Jesus, do God's will and love everyone in the world as He loves us.*** We cannot love everyone in the world as He loves us unless our hearts are cleansed from the carnal nature second by second. If we are not cleansed second by second we cannot love our neighbor as ourselves or love our enemies as I love my friends. All Christians love their enemies as their friends. If you are with a Christian and all of his friends and enemies are there, you can't tell one from the other because he is the same with all of them. It takes Jesus to do that because we can't do it.

Someone may say, "Brother Helm, that is too straight." No it is not because that is exactly what Jesus was like. He prayed for and loved His enemies just like He loved His apostles. And as He is, so are we in this world. (I John 4:17) He wants us in the center of His will. He doesn't want us to become fanatical or radical. He wants us to live faithfully, joyfully, with peace, loving everyone in the world. We are to help this one and help that one as we go along.

One of the primary requirements for anyone who is going with Jesus is that they become like a little child. We are to be like little children. Jesus said we are to *become* that way. It is not natural. I was in a restaurant and the people next to us had a small child with them and that little child had such a time with us. He did not know we were strangers. He loved us like he had always known us. The carnal nature is not child-like. It is childish. It is our nature to be childish rather than child-like. Childlikeness comes by inner death and following Christ in obedience.

***"Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number."*** Did you know that a woman loves little trinkets? They like them today and can look at them tomorrow and still like them. "Can a maid forget her ornaments?" No. They don't forget them. Very few women ever get to the place where their ornaments don't mean anything to them. My wife can tell you to this day all about her wedding dress from years ago. Women don't forget their wedding gowns. They don't forget their rings and bracelets. They remember them because it is in their nature to do so. But it is not in the nature of you or me to remember God. It is not natural.

We are to listen to the voice of Jesus, not to the voice of self-want or self-desire. Since the Fall of man in the Garden of Eden, it is the tendency of man to listen to the voice of self-desire and we cannot do this without grieving the Holy Spirit. Just about everyone listens to self and when we do, we step off of the narrow way. The narrow way is where Jesus is leading, His voice is guiding, the Holy Spirit is directing and God is first. Jesus said that only a few would find this life. The few that do find it will do so because they are willing to wait on God and follow Jesus, giving him all the glory for all that is accomplished.

***“Can a maid forget her ornaments?”*** No, she remembers. She remembers day after day her bracelets, little pins and beads. But it says, “My people have forgotten me days without number.” How many days is that? God is saying here, “I am forgotten by my own people.” Therefore, it is a constant reminder to me that I must be aware of God’s will, His plan and Jesus’ voice, so that I will not wander or waiver. If I am not aware of God’s will and His purpose for my life, I will become worldly and have either a murmuring spirit, or a prideful spirit, or a prayerless spirit, or a haughty or contentious spirit or a thorn-like spirit. A thorn-like spirit is something that is born in our nature and we just like to say little things to people that will stick them. This tendency is in the nature and it grieves the Holy Spirit very much. He doesn’t want us to ever do these things. He wants us to be gentle, tender, kind and helpful, thoughtful, sharing and caring. It is wonderful to let Jesus have His way and follow His voice, doing exactly what Jesus says to do.

As we hear the voice of Jesus and we follow [on and on] after Him, we don’t know it, but what is happening is we are becoming like Him. When you follow Him and do His will, you become like Him. When He was here He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He was spat upon and they wanted to kill Him after His first sermon in the synagogue in Nazareth. He was a perfect person, and yet they wanted to destroy Him. If anyone walks with Jesus in this world, they will be tested and tried and they will be rejected. All who follow Jesus will have tests and trials here. The people that do not follow Jesus will begin to experience their tests and trials at the moment of death. But all true followers of Jesus are having their battles now. Everyone who follows Jesus will be despised in this world. The Bible says that. So don’t be discouraged. Be encouraged. You don’t seek to have trials, but when you follow Him, this is what occurs. So don’t get upset. Simply press on and say, “Jesus, it is wonderful. I am going to press upward so that I will be faithful and true.” Because when we are tested and not loved, we are not to be discouraged about that, because He can give us all the love we need inside of us.

***We are to remember that God wants us to go by faith, not by feeling or circumstance. He wants us trusting Jesus, resisting the devil and the carnality that is in us.*** The carnal spirit must be cleansed out of us by the Holy Spirit through the blood of Jesus Christ. This is what the church needs today, to be inwardly cleansed of this carnal nature. The church will never become one as God and Jesus are one until we follow Jesus and keep following Him until He can get us to the place where He and His mighty power will bring us into this holiness and oneness. “This is the will of God, even your sanctification.” (I Thessalonians 4:3)

***Remember that God wants a sanctified people.*** Not a “holier than thou” people, but as a servant unto all, preferring one another. Not lining people up, but loving people along the journey and helping them to know that He is a holy God and we are to be holy in all manner of conversation. Because the heart speaks what is in it. Someone said, “Oh, well I didn’t mean that.” Well, yes they did because it had to be in the heart to come out. Whatever is in the heart comes out and it always comes out when we least expect it.

When we become like a little child, whatever God tells us, we believe it and we follow it without variation. God has been seeking a people that would do His will rather than their own. It is important to do God’s will in earth as it is in heaven. It is precious to just let the Holy Spirit lead and direct because as we do Jesus’ will, there is a rest, a peace, a love, a great joy, quietness and delight.

Hebrews 12:1,2 tell us, “Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Jesus is at the throne praying for us, His servants, that we will be submissive to God’s will. Not to do as Israel did, or as David did. David numbered the troops and Moses forgot at the waters of Meribah. Solomon forgot. ***How long are you and I going to remember to do God’s will first? How long will we really remember? Will we vary? Will we be a certain way on one day and a different way another?*** I see people and they are happy one day and I come back later and I can see they are troubled. There is no joy and they do not have the oil in their lamp. I’ll be at a place and people are way up high in joy. I come back in a few months and where are they? There is no power in their life. I trust we will stay full of joy and have the victory and great assurance that “Jesus is mine. O, what a foretaste of glory divine.” I trust that He can count

on you and me to do His will regardless of the weather, circumstances, conditions, situations, heartaches and troubles – that we will do what God wants us to do.

***Remember that husbands and wives are to have family prayer and read the Bible together. If you are not reading the scriptures together, start today.*** And after you read the scripture, let God have His way with you and do exactly what God tells you to do. Just talk to the Lord and let Him lead you. Let the children pray. It is a wonderful thing when they do. Start family prayer right away. You will have to press to do it. Because there are pressures in the world that hold us back from praying and reading the Word together. It will not always be easy, but sometimes it will be. If you will do this, it will save a lot of family arguments and conflicts, trials, troubles and upheavals. This is important. Pray, read the Word, and witness. Witness to one another in family prayer. There may be something on a family member's heart and they need to share how the Lord has blessed them or lifted them up. God would have us to be faithful in having family prayer because it is easy to let it slip. Very few people have family prayer regularly. I have had to battle with the devil for fifty years to do it consistently. I have had to press and press and press. We all do or else we will just give way to weakness. Be sure to have your family prayer as well as your own personal meditation and waiting before God. Be courageous to do what Jesus would have you to do. Praise the Lord.

I have been trying to find men and women who would press through to do God's will. Not just for a week, a day, a month or a year but always. I have been looking for people who would do His will constantly and continuously all over the world.

When I left all to go with God, the message He gave me was, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:1-2) God wants us in the ***perfect*** will of God. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your heavenly Father which is in heaven is perfect." Jesus said that to them, but a lot of Biblical scholars and Sunday school teachers say that it can't be done. That grieves God right away so we have no more revelation from God, because Christian perfection is central. That is what God brought Jesus into the world to do, to bring us to salvation and to perfection. This is the word of God. Almost all theologians do not believe that we can become one as God and Jesus are one. We are to be perfect in oneness and be wholly sanctified. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. We cannot do this. But

God will do it if we will follow Jesus and be faithful and not think we are somebody. Whenever any group of people thinks that they have the truth and that they are it, they have missed it. God wants to bring us into oneness, but the powers of hell are raging to draw us from the skies, to keep a body from being pure in heart and holy unto Him. It is great joy to do this. Hallelujah!

God wants us to be spontaneous. He wants us to be like lights. Not like dying lamps, but blazing torches. As long as we will follow and obey, we will be like a blazing torch. Be encouraged. It is wonderful how the Lord leads, guides, blesses, directs and helps. He wants us faithful and true. He is trying to find men and women who will be all for Him completely, a people He can count on. This has been the cry of my heart now for years and years, to be true and faithful and to be what God would have me to be. We have to resist the devil and go right on. Don't listen to all the things that you hear. Just keep going on. God wants us to be in this wonderful way of faith in the midst of the battle with all of our soul. The Lord wants to cleanse the carnal nature out of us, but very few people have ever been willing to submit to the operation and to be crucified. From the time this carnal nature is cleansed out of us we have to die to self every second to keep it out. That means I have to obey every leading of the Holy Spirit, because if I intentionally fail one leading, carnality comes right back in. That is how narrow the way is. The spiritual nature wants to always be obedient. The nature of the carnal nature is to be disobedient and the spiritual nature is to do always the will of the Father. Jesus said, "I do always the will of my Father." I have prayed and prayed, "Jesus, help me to always do your will and not mine." Just obey the Lord and put Christ first so that He can bring us into oneness with one another and with the Father and the Son, so that His kingdom may come in earth as it is in Heaven. The carnal nature is greater than you have ever thought. Sometime you will get a vision when you are near death and you will say, "Oh, if I could have heard this servant, I would give a thousand worlds to get back to that moment and heed what he told me."

***Let us remember to carry our basket of provisions and have it stocked full. It won't matter how humble it is, if God is in it people will be blessed.*** When you go into a store you will share with this one and speak with that one. In the dry cleaners and at the gas station you will have with you your basket of love, peace and joy. And you don't coerce them, you simply care for them with wisdom and with tenderness. Will you take your provisions to your brothers and sisters in order to encourage them? Don't get discouraged when you are rejected. Just rejoice. If you can rejoice, then God may reveal something to you that will save a nation. If you are faithful long enough and truly endure,

then you don't know what all will occur because of your faithfulness. You don't know what homes will be spared and lives touched because of your faithfulness. You see, some ministers think they have to have a church. Well, wherever you have two persons that will obey God, that is His church. Be faithful to His two. God revealed to me when I was very young to be as faithful to one man or one woman as if I were with a great multitude. He taught me this when I was in my twenties. Now I am eighty-five and I have had a wonderful time. I have had as great a time with one person as if I was with a great host of people. It is for you, it is for me.

It is God's will to obey what He tells us to do, not what we think or what we want. If He tells us to not go over there, then we don't go. If the Holy Spirit says stop, we stop right here. It is God's will that we take time to be holy and spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. It is God's will that I witness humbly wherever I go when I am supposed to. "And ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." That means we are to witness where we live, to our family, our neighbors and those around us. We are to witness where we are misunderstood, hated and resented and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. That is God's will. It is not my will, but it is God's will for us to witness. This takes self-denial, and Jesus said that if any man would come after Him that he must deny himself.

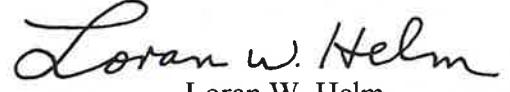
Well there is no end to talking about God's will and remembering to do it. *Remember that Israel forgot days without number. How many times a day will you review that Israel forgot? Then what are we to remember? To hear the voice of Jesus – not the audible voice, but the inner operation. What are we going to remember? We are to remember to do God's will and not our own. To let God make the choice and not go by our own decision, our own choice or our own likes. It is great joy to do God's will every second of every day – yes, even every breath.*

Don't get discouraged. Keep praying. Keep pressing upward. Wait upon God and He will reveal to you in time what His will is for you. It will come in due season. We will reap if we faint not. The Lord revealed to me many years ago that most people have fallen in the fainting lines never to endure to reach the reaping fields. Persevere through the loneliness, the darkness, and the powers of the world that rage and try to stop you and discourage you. Don't look at the problems, but keep your eyes upon the promise. Don't look at the waves, look at the Son. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were more prone to have faith than doubt? The reason we are more prone to doubt is because of the carnal nature. Don't make any decisions until you know what God's will is. Let me tell you, if you do

God's will it is not all going to be roses and apple pie. A lot of people think He will open up the door and that it is going to be wonderful. No, no, no. That is where you will have some test and trials, but He will take you through them because He is refining you so that when someone has a vision or a dream that needs interpreting, God will give you the revelation, like He did for Joseph. If you will die sufficiently and obey faithfully, then the Lord is able to help you with your children, your neighbors, your friends and your enemies. (He touches my heart on your enemies.) He will even make your enemies be at peace with you.

Thank you for your help, kindness, sharing, provisions and all the various wonderful things that each of you have done for us. Thank you for your prayers and your sacrifice. May you be encouraged to press on to the perfect will of God and may you be strengthened and lifted as you seek to do, not your will, but God's will alone. We love each of you very much and pray that your burdens will be lifted and your cares relieved for He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

  
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### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On May 27, 2001, Rev. and Mrs. Helm will be celebrating their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. I know it would be a tremendous encouragement to them to hear from all of us on their special day. I am sure each of us is very thankful for what Rev. and Mrs. Helm have meant to us through the years and it would be a wonderful time to show them our love and appreciation. Cards and remembrances can be sent to:

Rev. and Mrs. Loran W. Helm  
P.O. Box 311  
Parker City, Indiana 47368

If you wish to send flowers, you may contact Normandy's Florist located in Muncie at 1-765-282-2263. Just tell them the flowers are for Rev. and Mrs. Loran Helm in Parker City and they will know where to take them.

Thank you and may the Lord bless each one of you!

# *Revival For Our Day*

June 2001

Dear ones who are following the Lord Jesus, greetings in His holy name. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness and for seeing us through every trial, situation and test. We are nothing and needy, but He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Praise the Lord. We thank each of you for your prayers, sacrifices, helps, petitions and thoughtfulness on our behalf through these recent years. We are unworthy, but grateful and give God all the glory, praise and honor.

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The message I want to share with you is found in Matthew 8:1, which says, "When He (Jesus) was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him." The question we need to ponder about this verse is, "How far did they follow?" What distance did they actually go with Him? How far did they go in their inner life to follow His teaching? It says that they followed Him. But how far did they actually go after Jesus and His will within the inner life? Did they follow Him as far as the city of conviction?

Have you ever lived in the city of conviction? I want to tell you that when I was in the city of conviction, it was a miserable place. Nobody could get along with me and I could hardly get along with myself. I lived in the city of conviction. The city of conviction is a place where you find out you are a sinner, lost and undone. You are so miserable and rebellious that you don't know what to do about it. You feel like you don't have any friends and that you are desolate. The city of conviction is where the Holy Spirit reveals we are lost. When I lived in the city of conviction, I was not a very good person to know.

What is the distance from the city of conviction to the place of Calvary? How far is it? (It said that the multitude followed Him.) How many miles would it be or how many steps or how many breaths would you have to take to get from the city of conviction to the place of repentance? How far is it to repentance? What kind of place is it? Well, it is a glorious place.

When we finally arrive at the place called conversion, and Jesus comes into our heart and makes us to become a new creature, the old things pass away and all things become new, and we see a new perspective. Our eyes are opened at the place of conversion. The scales fall off and we begin to see the wonders of the glory of the abiding Jesus. Here we are in the midst of this wonderful experience of transformation and the glories of God are coming down and then all at once I am not able to follow Him any longer until I testify. What does

it take in the city of conversion to get us to deny self and to witness when people are there who are saying, "He is a fanatic and a crank."

Sometimes you will be in a place where there are a lot of people and the Holy Spirit will say, "Witness for me." How far do we have to walk in the inner life after the place of conversion in order to come to the place of witnessing? What is the distance to follow Jesus there, to be willing to become a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ, to stand and say to unbelievers, "The Lord has changed my life. He took my burdens away." There are people living in the carnal mind who don't know what this means. We have to follow a ways to ever find the place of conversion and witnessing. But if you ever follow that far, you know what it means. A great joy comes into your heart like a fountain leaping up when you witness for Jesus and tell what the Christ, the risen Lord has done for your own soul in transforming it! Hallelujah!

I prayed with a man that was sixty-three years of age and who was a promoter of his community. He had not been in church for years and he didn't know anything about salvation. I stayed in his home for three weeks and then they asked me to leave because he was going to be doing some construction on the home and it would be noisy, so I left there to go to another home and stay. I learned years later that during the three weeks I was in his home with him and his wife, Ida, he would get out of bed at two in the morning and say, "Get this preacher out of this house. I can't stand it! He is driving me crazy!" I never said a word to him, but he was in the city of conviction, it was all around him and he wanted to get me out of there. He thought if he could get me out of the house that he could get out of the city of conviction. I hadn't said a word.

When I walked through his door years later, the Lord told me to only talk about the things he liked. His heart began to throb one night and at about midnight he said, "Lord, if you will take this throbbing out of my heart I will go to church tomorrow night", and the throbbing stopped just like that. He was in the city of conviction. He did come to church. We were in a series of meetings at the time. I went home with him the next day for supper and that night he was converted. When he came to the altar that night and God saved him I had to tell him (even though he was shy and backward) that unless we witness we can't keep the victory. I had to tell this backward, shy man that unless we witness for Jesus we don't keep the victory, we lose it. There are very few people in church who have the victory, because they don't obey God at home so when they get to church they don't have anything to talk about. They don't have any joy, victory or word from God. They don't have anything in

prayer because they have not obeyed God the past six days. But I had to tell Orville Williams (this sixty-three year old man who was shy) that unless he witnessed he would backslide. How far do we have to follow Jesus to do this?

The scripture says that a large multitude followed Jesus. What was the distance from the time Orville asked Jesus to forgive him of his sins right there with me to the place that he was willing to witness when he can't even talk to his neighbors or his relatives? (He would go to the woods and stay until they went home whenever they would come to visit.) How far does that man have to go with Jesus to witness? What distance is that? Did I have to have courage to tell him that? I really did, because I knew he was backward and shy. I said, "Brother Williams you just gave your heart to Jesus and He has forgiven you, but now the next step to follow Jesus is to witness." He said, "Brother Helm, I can't talk." I said, "I know you can't, but we've got to." I told him we have to witness or we cease following. Many people have never followed Jesus after conversion because they did not deny self and witness about what Jesus did for them.

Brother Orville stood up and testified. His words were, "I thank the Lord for this wonderful day," and he sat down. His family marveled that he would open his mouth to say even that. His daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Keith and his wife Ida all thought it was great. Well, I did too. He followed from the city of conviction to conversion and then he followed from conversion to witnessing. What is the distance? How far is it? Is it as far as our willingness to go? The next night he came to service and I wish you could have heard his testimony then. How much did he grow from that night to the next night? I wish I had written down what he said the next night. And then the night after that I wish you could see how far he had followed Jesus from the night before. This backward, shy, timid man that couldn't talk much and stayed in the woods all day until his relatives left to go home, began to write poetry. This man that was all bound up for sixty-three years in a captive spirit was liberated because he was willing to do what Jesus told me to tell him to do.

In 1946 I prayed with two girls who were sisters. I prayed with them at an altar in front of my father's pulpit. I prayed with one and then with the other. When I got home I said to my mother and father, "Lillian got through, but the other one didn't get through at all." I never saw the other one the rest of the years I was there and Lillian is still faithful to that church to this day. How far was one willing to go and at what point did the other one decide not to go?

It said that great multitudes followed Him. How far is it to the place of witnessing? What is required to

follow Jesus? What is the spiritual law of following Jesus? For Jesus said, "Follow me." If I could get written down what is required in the following of Jesus it would be a wonderful thing. People talk about following Jesus, but they just talk it and don't actually do it because they do not obey Him. The only way I can follow Jesus is to trust Him with all of my heart and lean not to my own understanding. That is the first step to follow. Most all men and women lean to their own understanding. If we lean to our own understanding we do not follow Jesus, we follow self when we do that.

It is a battle! This is why lots of people who have been in the church for thirty, forty or fifty years have never followed Jesus at all. They can pray and read the Bible, but they have not followed Jesus in their spirit, in their inner life. It is so important to follow the spiritual law required to follow. We can know all theology, all the Bible, exegesis, sermonizing, we can know all about religions of the world and actually not take one step in following Christ.

Orville had to have a lot of courage to believe me that night. If he had not believed, he would not have taken one step after Jesus. I told him, "Brother Orville, in my experience in walking with Jesus since 1933, unless I witness I do not follow and I don't have the victory. There is not any joy." So I have got to trust the Lord with all my heart and lean not to my own understanding in order to take one step after I am converted toward the city of victory. I have to do that by the grace of God. When I take that first step of trusting, then I must take the next step of obedience. If I don't, then I do not follow Jesus any further than that. I stop right there until I repent and am willing to take that step. We need to be obedient to what the Holy Spirit tells us in our heart. Brother Williams was willing to do what the Lord told him in his heart, and then he went on and on and became a precious follower of Jesus.

"And great multitudes followed Jesus." How far did they go? Many people do not follow after Jesus because they fail to pray. We must pray in order to follow and we must read the Word in order to follow. Prayer, scripture, witnessing and obedience are essential in following. We must die out to ourselves and to the things of the world in order to follow Him at any point that He so designs and desires for us to follow. For He said, "My sheep hear my voice, my sheep know my voice and they follow me." When I got to thinking about this sermon, I thought that the multitudes in this scripture followed Him as far as the loaves and the fishes. They followed as far as they were blessed with signs and miracles. But He has been trying to find a people who would follow Him to death, inner death. I don't know whether very many in the whole church have this vision or not, but I am grateful for everyone who has it.

In order to follow we have to have the inner revelation of the inner death. That is why Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." That means the inner self of us be crucified! I can't follow Jesus at all until the self in me is crucified and it has got to be done second by second. It is a moment by moment death from morning to night every day. I have got to die from morning to night to follow Jesus or else I will follow self. I will follow a religious pattern, which many of us have followed through the years, a pattern of reading, praying, singing and so on.

How many would dare follow Jesus to the place of forsaking all? How many in the entire church would follow Jesus as far as forsaking all? What does that mean? It means all. If we are willing to forsake all, then we are ready to really put it in low gear. It is low gear, not high gear. Self will be in low gear, but the Lord will be in high gear. If we have forsaken all then we are just ready to put it in low gear. If we are willing. Jesus said, "Unless you forsake all, you cannot be my disciple." That is after conversion. Forsake our ideas, our opinions, opinions of others, our desires, our anticipations, our plans, our all. He said we are to forsake it all. Unless we forsake all, we cannot follow Jesus. Very few people have forsaken all, and yet Jesus said that we are to do it.

If we will do this from morning to night then God will help us to climb up Jacob's ladder. He will help us to be in low gear so we don't miss anything and the clutch won't slip. The clutch slips if we look around at circumstances. We are in low gear, but if we look around at other things the clutch slips and we are not getting anywhere, only standing still. We have to keep our eyes upon Jesus all the time (Not upon the circumstances or the problems.) If we get our eyes off of the faith and the Christ, then we get our mind upon the circumstances and problems and then we stop following. We just lay around in the place called neglect. You know that city is awfully crowded. Everyone takes up residence there. How far is neglect from the place of victory?

This is just simple, but Jesus preached in simplicity, not complexity. How far is the place of willing service? How far is it to the place called yieldedness? How far is it to the place of entire sanctification? It is a little ways, but it can be taken in a breath, just in one act of obedience in following Him.

I am so thankful that Jesus never fails. He has wanted us to follow Him for all these years. He died with a broken heart because He could see that not very many people knew what He was talking about, doing His will in the earth as it is in Heaven. This encourages us doesn't it? Just say, "Lord, not

my will, but your will be done." How far is it from my will to His will? What is the distance from the will of man to the will of God, the place of sacrifice?

It says that great multitudes followed Him, yet Jesus was often lonely. If we are really with Him, then we have communion with Him and fellowship. And when we have fellowship with God, then we have fellowship with all the peoples that follow Jesus.

Praise Him for the work of the Holy Spirit. Just let the Lord lead and guide. He will lead us if we will follow. Most people want to follow on their own terms. Most people want to follow when it is easy or when they are happy or when it looks pleasing to people. That is not truly following Jesus. May the Lord encourage us, give us strength, and give us a determination within us so that our heart can actually follow what Jesus says – and not get into fanaticism because many people start out but they get off the track. They get into some idea and they are sidetracked. Do you know how you can tell when people are on the side? Do you know the difference between a person that is on the way and one that has gotten off on the side? Anyone off on the side sees the same thing all the time – the same old barn, same old cow, same old tree. They are off on the side and they don't have anything to talk about. They have no victory, no power because they haven't followed. But if you take someone that is following Jesus they will be saying, "O, I have had a great time, God just helped me in prayer! Here is an answer to prayer over here. Look at all the wonderful things over here." When you are following Jesus you almost never see the same thing twice. And if you do, you see it in a different perspective. My burden has been that great numbers in the church are on the side. Some people say that they are just hardly making it. Well bless your heart, if you are following Jesus you have to pray for grace to keep quiet. You will want to share what is in your heart because it will be so great.

May you be encouraged and strengthened in the inner life to come after Jesus wholeheartedly in submission, obedience and surrender. May your burdens be lifted and your heart lightened as you dwell upon the love of God, the promise of God and the faithfulness of Him who calls us unto Himself in righteousness, purity and holiness. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf, for your faithfulness to follow Jesus and for all that each of you have done for us. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*  
Loran W. Helm

Rev. Helm wanted the following letters included for your encouragement. He requested that each of us be sure to give God all the glory, all the praise and all the honor for all that He has done.

Dear Rev. Helm,

Once again the Lord came into the place and we were blessed. Friday's meal at the restaurant with you, your wife and the Schultzes was a feast not only of culinary but spiritual delights.

Let me review how the Lord got me to my Easter message. I had been sick for two weeks and now it was the night before Easter. I had a scripture on my heart from Romans 6. "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead, through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." But I was unclear how to develop or where to go with it. I looked on my table and saw an RFOD newsletter. I don't know how many times in the past the Lord has given me what I needed for devotionals, messages or lessons by reading something in "A Voice in the Wilderness" or a newsletter or by listening to a taped message. So I decided to reread this one. To my surprise it was from 1999 and it was the review of the Easter message the Lord gave you for Parker City Christ Fellowship. And what a message it was!

The 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke told of some post-resurrection encounters Jesus had. The three women came to the tomb (on the third day) to anoint Jesus' body. They did not expect to find Him alive. They did not even remember that He had told them He would rise on the third day until the angels told them. When they told the apostles it seemed to those men that the women were telling "idle tales". Then on the road to Emmaus the disciples' hearts burned within them as they talked with Him but they still did not recognize Him until the breaking of the bread. I knew the Lord had helped me with my Easter message. When I read the text the next morning, about the new life Jesus offers (Romans 6) and the picture of the old life that we so urgently need to abandon (Luke 24) the Holy Spirit dealt with me on the passage about the road to Emmaus. I knew I would spend some time on that.

I asked a nurse what she would recommend if I came to her and showed her an irregular spot on my skin with certain colors in it. She said, "get it checked." Because she would be concerned lest it be melanoma or something like that. The spot of cancer like that may seem small and insignificant but it is a symptom of a terrible disease within that will consume me if untreated. In the same way, if I find fault, murmur, or complain about people to my wife it may seem small, but it is a symptom of a gross wickedness within that will consume me. Again, the symptom itself may seem insignificant

but what is it signaling about my interior life? There could be jealousy, anger, bitterness, greed, lust or other spiritual cancers just eating me up.

This old life is so corrupt that the disciples on the Emmaus road could feel their hearts burn within yet now know who they were talking to or believe that Christ could be risen from the dead. The Holy Spirit Himself can talk to us in our hearts and yet we neither believe the message nor even understand it. It was only as they continued to spend time with Jesus that finally their eyes were opened. How much time do we need to spend with Jesus waiting on God in the Word and prayers with rejoicing and obeying what He shows us before our eyes will be opened to this new life He wants to give us? You said in your book that after we wait upon the Lord a while, spending time with Jesus, we experience spiritual observation. He's waiting to show us the new life.

I reviewed how on a visit with you and the Schultzes in Florida years ago we would be visiting and how many times you would have to pause to pray about an earthquake, or a storm, or some other situation the Lord burdened you about. There was no big scene or demonstration but yet earthquakes were being subdued and storms stilled and whatever else the Lord was doing that day in answer to prayer.

That was wonderful how God worked through you. But what would He do if He could work through a body of believers like that? It would be far greater. If a body could live the new life Jesus had for them by virtue of the resurrection power then that body would begin to subdue the earth (as God commanded Adam and Eve) by the power of the Holy Spirit under the authority of the Lord Jesus. Multitudes could be saved, the course of nations altered, the weather changed, and agriculture transformed to name a few things.

We are cheating ourselves by ignoring the symptoms that signal us of the monstrous wickedness lying within us. We don't run to Jesus to be cleansed and to learn of Him. He is waiting to give us the Kingdom of God but so many are content to live without it. He's still waiting. He loves us so much and wants to help us right where we are.

I don't know how many times the Lord has opened my understanding in some measure when I have gone back and read in your book, listened to a tape of some earlier meeting with you, or reviewed a newsletter. I am so grateful God is able to take the dimness from my soul by His grace through a clear winning word of love. Praise the Lord.

Robert Morey

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

It's been so long since I've seen or heard from you – I miss you. I wish you a happy Easter.

The last three times I have visited the inmates in jail I have been privileged to go to the women's side. The first two or these visits were wonderful indeed, but I felt a little constrained by my fellow worker. She was in charge, for one thing, and another, I was a little on edge about saying something that would cross her doctrine. I mentioned to Brenda that I would welcome a chance to talk to them by myself sometime. Last Thursday, I got my wish. (Because of duties at home and work Brenda and I must alternate now.) When I entered the waiting area of the jail entrance Jack and Thomas were the only two there. They informed me that because we were so short-handed it would be necessary for me to go to the men's side and leave the women without visitation. At the last minute, however, enough men showed up allowing me to return to the women's side alone.

The female officer in charge led me in while announcing "man on the floor", giving the girls time to make sure they are "decent". I felt like God would have me do some listening instead of so much talking. Carla began with a question about how God would judge suicide. I told her that judgment was God's business and I must not tread there. I did tell her that I believed that suicide was not an act or a choice but a spirit. She cried and cried and told me of her despondency and how she wished she was dead. I instructed her in resisting the devil and getting her eyes on heaven. I asked all the other girls to join me in praying for Carla. After praying most of the girls were weeping....for joy I think. Carla smiled, wiped her eyes and sat down and began sucking her thumb like a little girl.

One of the girls asked that we sing Amazing Grace. I wanted the girls to appreciate the text of the song so I told them the story of John Newton's conversion. Rev. Helm, it really had an effect on them to realize that God had shown mercy to such a horrible sinner. There was a newfound hope inside those jail cells. The devil succeeds so easily in convincing lambs that God saves only "good" people and that it's not for them. They can recall a time when they accepted Jesus but because they were weak to certain vices they "blew it" and now all hope is gone. I relished the chance to tell them that it was a lie of the devil and Jesus' blood can cover our weakness.

In our second service on the other side one girl would chatter about how her saintly grandmother had instructed her but she had disappointed her so, all hope was gone for her. She seemed so matter-of-fact about it she had accepted it as her fate. The Lord helped me to pierce that façade and bring her

the good news about God's longsuffering. She was very emotional about it. She turned to her cellmate and asked "did you get a touch of what I just felt?"

I visited Carla again on Thursday with my fellow-worker who was absent the week before, Grady. Grady asked three times during his presentation, "Carla, what has happened to you? I have never seen you this happy. I can hear it in your voice." Praise the Lord for that.

One inmate told me of her 18 year old son who was at home, paying the bills, feeding and clothing his 12 and 13 year old siblings and getting them to school and back while both parents are in jail. God bless that young man. It was greater than I can tell! What a privilege I have in seeing God work in such a manner.

Love you both!

Sincerely, Jerry Ward

Dear Brother Helm,

I don't write many letters, but felt I just had to write a little more, telling you how your newsletter helped our church family and us.

There are times I will read them in service or in classes. The last May letter lifted me up so much I read most of it to our people before our Friday night prayer meeting. I noticed that the same comments that lifted me up in the letter also lifted them so much. I read most of it to our pastor's class. It meets on Saturday morning and they commented on how it helped them so wonderfully. It is hard to explain the wonderful uplift in my heart after I read this letter for the first time. I have read some excellent materials on revival, the carnal mind and things of the Kingdom and they have been helpful. But there seems to be a different anointing on the words God gives you. There are times when in the words of truth you proclaim I experience such joy, uplift, victory and understanding in the midst of knowing how needy I really am. Only the love of God can explain this paradox. My words of gratitude are so feeble. I hesitate to even write them, but felt compelled to try. Thank you so very much for all your words of loving concern and instruction. Because of Jesus, they are building up the church. Praise the Lord.

Gary Mann

#### THANK YOU NOTE

We want to thank everyone who contributes financially to Revival For Our Day, Inc. – either from time to time or on a regular basis. Your

sacrifice and giving are appreciated and we thank God for His faithfulness and provision. Thank you for prayerful consideration and continued giving to this ministry. We trust that the Lord will bless you and return it to you several fold for His glory and honor.

# Revival For Our Day

July 2001

Dear ones in the Lord Jesus our Savior, we thank you for your prayers and supplications. We praise God for all who are striving to follow Jesus by denying self. As we die to self and obey the Holy Spirit, He is able to crucify us of the carnal nature that we may become one as God and Jesus are one. Praise God that Jesus is able to transform souls into His likeness, able to keep them in every circumstance, able to bless, able to sanctify. It is by His continuing grace and mercy that we are able to experience His peace and joy in our hearts and love each other as He loves us.

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In the ninth chapter of Zechariah in the ninth verse we read a Messianic prophecy, a prophecy concerning Jesus. It reads, "Rejoice greatly." Hallelujah! What is it to rejoice greatly? What is the difference between greatly and somewhat? He didn't say to rejoice somewhat or a little. He said to rejoice greatly. Not a little bit but greatly. "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; (the children of God, the followers of the Lamb) shout O daughter of Jerusalem: Behold, thy King cometh unto thee: (that's the Savior of men, the Christ, the Son of the Most High God. How is he going to come? Is He going to come like one of the great Monarchs of the world? No.) Behold, thy King cometh unto thee; He is just and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

Here is the King of glory who is just and has great salvation. He is the only way to God, the only way to victory and eternal life and how is He coming into the city? He comes lowly, riding upon the foal of an ass. This is a prophecy that tells us how Jesus was going to come into the city of Jerusalem.

Mark 11 tells us about the fulfillment of what Zechariah prophesied. "And when they came nigh unto Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of His disciples, and saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him." Think of all the hundreds of years from the time this prophecy was given until Jesus told His disciples to go and get this colt. It had been a long, long time before this particular moment when Jesus sent for the colt, but it had already been seen by the prophet Zechariah and revealed by God long ago. "And if any man say unto you, 'Why do ye this?' say ye that the **Lord hath need of him**; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, 'What do ye, loosing the colt?' And they said unto

them even as Jesus had commanded; and they let them go."

Now look at the prophecy. Long before this colt was ever born it was ordained for a mighty entrance. This great Savior of men would be coming into Jerusalem on a little colt. Here is the mighty upon the least. He is introduced into the city of Jerusalem upon the least of the beasts. The mighty one that has all power in heaven and earth had chosen what seemed to be nearly nothing. He made His great triumphantly entry into Jerusalem on a colt.

Jesus has all power in heaven and on earth. Seldom in the scriptures do we read of Him sending someone to get something for Him. He told them to go and get the least they could find, a colt. Not an elephant or a horse, but He wanted them to bring Him a little colt. He was going to ride into the holy city on the least of all beasts. Think about this for a moment. Here is the mighty conqueror coming in on this little insignificant animal.

"And they brought the colt to Jesus." What are you bringing to Jesus? They could have brought Him a strong and stately animal, but they brought Him the least. Are you bringing Him your heart so that He can dwell in you? Are you going to bring Him all that you have; your potential, your abilities, and say, "Here they are. Just take them and use them." What have you brought? What does Jesus want you to bring?

The scripture goes on to say that after they brought the colt to Him that they "cast their garments on him; and He sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way: and others cut down branches off the trees, and strawed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord: Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest."

They brought the colt to Jesus and He took the colt and rode it into the eastern gate. **What are we going to bring to Jesus that He will be able to use in order to bring us into the place where people will find rest, where persons will find light, will find the new beginning?** He said to His disciples regarding the colt and its owner, "Tell them the Lord hath need of him." The Lord hath need of what? He needs men and women who are actually willing to come. The only way I can actually come to Him is by denying the carnal human in me in order that He can indwell me. The carnal self must be crucified. Now, Jesus had multitudes coming to Him, but when they came, were they really with Him? How many of all who came were actually a

part of Him and gave themselves to Him for service and possession.

Of course, if we are going to come we must hear. The Lord has need of not only people who will come, but who will also hear after they come. (You can listen to someone and not really hear what they are saying.) He not only needs persons who will come and hear what He says, but He needs everyone to heed what they hear. He said that only a few are able to hear what He says. (Matthew 7:13,14)

He needs persons that will heed. And He needs persons that will submit. It is one thing to hear and heed, but submission is something else. Commitment. Now what He really needs is men and women that will forsake all they have and are in order to become what He wills. That is what He needs. He is able to create all things. He needs persons that will forsake all, leave all and follow Him. He needs persons that will become like little children once they heed. He needs persons that will surrender and leave all their plans to Him. There is an inclination in the human heart to kind of want to have control. We are born with that. He needs persons that will allow Him to make the plans.

My son-in-law Jack was unsaved for years. I never once said to him that he ought to be saved. I did not tell him he should not do this or that and to do this or that. Not one time. I just shared with him how God was leading and how the Lord was helping, how this one was saved and this one was healed. I didn't tell him what he ought to do, I just told him what God was doing. After twenty-one and a half years he said, "I am here to find what you have." If we had coerced him he would have never come. God did not call us to coerce. He called us to love and to dream. Dreaming is thinking about what God can do if only we will submit. We are not to do anything until He works it through us. God has need of people like that.

"And they brought the colt to Him." What are we going to bring and surrender to Jesus? The Lord hath need – of what? **The Lord hath need of you.** He has need of us to obey Him. What God has been looking for is men and women who will obey His voice, obey His will, obey His word. He has need of men and women like that. If He can just get a handful of persons in any community, He will change the community because He will be lifted up and draw all men unto Him. **If He can just find a handful of men and women who will actually be what He needs, He will draw all men to Him in that area.** That is a body of believers who are willing to submit, be cleansed of the carnal nature, be filled with the Holy Ghost and follow His voice. Now people will say, "Folks need to be saved right away." No, it may take twenty-one and a half years. We are not to press for this. We are just to

come and hear, heed and die and follow. Glory to God! That will wake us up! Glory! Glory! Glory! Just think – He calls us to die in order to follow! Just like He died on the cross, He needs men and women that will die out to themselves and only a few have ever been willing since creation. He said a few would be willing to press their way to this place.

"The Lord hath need of him." What have you brought? Are you actually going in the will of God? Is my going in the will of God, in Christ's will so that He can come into our lives and be exalted as He was at the Triumphant Entry?

"And they brought the colt to Jesus." I want you to know that what they brought they borrowed. What we must bring is what we don't possess, but here it is. What they brought was obedience and it was in the form of a colt. If you get a hold of this it will last you a while. Hallelujah! Glory to God!

They had to have faith to go down to where two ways met and get that colt. How much faith did it take to untie that rope? It wasn't their colt and the owner was standing there and asked them why they were untying it. "Well, we are taking him because the Lord needs him." I tell you, if you get a hold of something that the Lord needs they will let you untie it.

Well, all things are yours. Delight yourself in the Lord, build yourself up and bring to Jesus what you have. You may have to borrow to do it, but bring it like a child, in lowliness and humility, because here we have seen the Great One riding in the least of humility, the very bottom, but they brought it and gave it over to the Savior. He took and used it and made His entry and hardly anyone knew Him. Only a few seemed to realize the wonder of the fulfillment of this Messianic prophecy. "Tell them that the Lord hath need of him. And they brought the colt to Jesus." In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Father we thank you for helping us in this scripture and for the work of the Holy Spirit. We give you the praise Jesus for all of these many benefits you have blessed us with. We pray that you will get us ready to dream, ready to obey and follow and to bring to pass what you reveal to us. We know that in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Amen.

Fifty-eight years ago we were waiting every night for the Holy Ghost Revival. I missed maybe only three nights in five or six months of waiting for the mighty Awakening to come, the work of the Holy Spirit. Be encouraged, be lifted and be strengthened for He is able to make a way where there seems to be none.

# Revival For Our Day

September 2001

Dear ones in Christ Jesus, greetings in His holy name. We press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The battle has been severe and the enemy has fought, but we know that "God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us." (Ephesians 3:20)

Mrs. Helm wishes to express her heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to each of you for the birthday cards, flowers and gifts and for all of the remembrances that she received for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. She enjoyed them all and appreciated each one so much. We are thankful that the Lord has enabled us to make it this far. Praise the Lord.

We are in debt to God for all of His love and care and for each of you who have prayed earnestly for our needs, for our anointing, healing and deliverance. We want to thank you for the burden that you have carried for us in the soul, the mind and the body. We are thankful for how the Lord has heard your prayers and trust that He will help as you pray for our finances. Please continue to pray for us in this specific area.

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In Matthew 12:48,49 we read that those who do the will of God are the brothers, sisters and mothers of Jesus. It says, "But He (Jesus) answered and said unto him that told him, 'Who is my mother? And who are my brethren?' And He stretched forth His hand toward His disciples, and said, 'Behold my mother and my brethren! **For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.**'"

I want to share with you about doing God's will. God spoke to me in the prayer room years ago and said, "There is no end to anything that God begins." Whatever God, our heavenly Father, starts, is alive forever. Everything that we in the church start is dead and has no power in it. But what God leads, you just trust and He keeps it going. It may look like it is dormant for ten years and suddenly there is a sprout that comes right out of the edge of it.

The way we know God's will is by the Holy Spirit within us. Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you." We need the Holy Spirit constantly and continuously to know God's will. Not our will, not the will of good people, but the will of God.

Years ago the Lord revealed to me that my wife and I were to leave Parker City to travel to California on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December. The trip was going to cost around six hundred dollars. The day before we were to leave I did not have enough money to buy even one court of oil. And I was sick. God had told

me weeks and weeks before that I would leave with Florence on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

Well, we left that day. God brought in hundreds of dollars to us and we left that morning and I was sick. My body would get wet and perspire. As I drove, my body would be hot and as a result my clothing would become wet, but I drove all day. We stopped at a hotel and I bathed and changed clothes and was wet again from being ill. We went the next day and the next day and the next day like that. But we did not stop because it was God's will. You see, in order to do what God has told me to do for these many years I have had to press to do it. We did not talk about how bad I felt. My wife didn't mention it and neither did I. We just kept going. We just praised the Lord. When you walk with Him that is what you do.

When we got to California we had such a time in that place. The pastor of that church had many friends, (Florence and I were fortunate to be there). We were not there long before the pastor wanted to come home and live with us, as well as the head usher. It is a wonderful thing when you get through with a meeting and those there want to go home and live with you. There was another man there and as I left the church one night I was walking with him and all of a sudden the Lord revealed to me that He was healing him of an infection that he had had in his body for twelve years. The next night he came back and was so excited. He said, "I went home last night so puzzled wondering what infection was in my body. Then I realized that the boots I had worn in the army twelve years earlier had caused a fungus all over my feet and up my legs where those boots were." God healed him of the infection.

Jesus said whoever does the will of God is his brother, sister and mother. It is important to do God's will. God has had me timed in barbershops, airports, depots, trains, grocery stores, drugstores, banks, wheat fields, cowsheds, milking barns and an icehouse. One time my wife wanted some ice while we were traveling and finally after two days I came upon an icehouse in Chattanooga, Tennessee. I went in and there was a man (about sixty-five) down on his knees chipping ice. He looked up and I said, "You look like you *really* enjoy chipping ice." He said, "I dearly love it." I said, "Glory!" He said, "Hallelujah!" We got our arms around one another and loved each other right there. I stayed for an hour and a half. It was an icehouse but God warmed us up. He that will do God's will, Jesus said, is like my brother, my sister and my mother. Very few people are willing to do God's will.

Everyone that is doing God's will is in a battle. They are in warfare. But you know you are in God's will by the love you have for everyone in the

world. You will know it in your heart. He wants us on the firing line. When you do God's will you have something everyone needs and most people want and the price is right. It is sweet as honey, rich as cream, good as gold, fine as silver, refreshing as a stream, never tiring, never disappointing, always better than we had ever dreamed, beyond words to say, colors to paint, languages of men to declare, the Pearl of great price. When God's will is in your life you have this. Hallelujah!

We don't have much of anything, but when we have Him we feel like we have everything. That will give you something to shout about. We are unworthy of the crumbs that fall from His table, but instead of crumbs, He sets a banquet place with the finest of the wheat and the best of the meat to those who are faithful, to those who love their enemies, their neighbors and everyone. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." That is the evidence of the Holy Ghost abiding, the love that you have for your enemies, your persecutors, your revilers, your neighbors, your spouse. Love never fails.

I have had my wife with me for many, many years now. I prayed from 1922 through 1924 that I would have a wife that could play the piano and sing like my mother, and it came to pass in 1933. "He will withhold no good thing from them that walk uprightly." If we do God's will, we will have all that is ours. We won't need to seek what we want. He will just give us the best as we travel with Him. This is a fact and hardly anyone in the world knows it. There are only a few on earth that really know this in their heart because we work so hard to do what we want to do and therefore, we lose that which will satisfy, bless and help us. Very few people have ever known this in a lifetime. It is a remarkable thing, and it is within and without.

My mother taught me from the age of twelve and on how to treat my wife when the time would come for me to marry. I always wanted to listen and hear what my mother and father had to say. Now, if you want to hear your earthly parents, then you may be able to hear His voice. Because if we do not hear our earthly parents and respect and honor them, then we will have to go through an awful lot of dying out to be able to hear His voice. We have got to get all this carnality out of us or we will not hear His voice and we will miss what we are here for. Most people on earth do not know what they are here for.

When you obey God, you are getting ready for the next revelation. When we obey, it blesses all the saints and it touches all the sinners. Everyone that does God's will is very loving, gentle and tender. They are interested in and love children. When you love people you don't abuse them. You chasten

them, but you don't abuse them. Everyone that does God's will looks after older people. They help the handicapped, the blind and the deaf. Those that do God's will are known as helpers. Everyone that does God's will is full of mercy that is far-sighted and near-sighted, but never self-sighted. Everyone that does God's will is looking to see what can be done. All that do God's will are peacemakers. They look like and act like Jesus. They become like Him – tender, gentle, sweet, helpful, always trying to help someone else. We are related to Jesus when we do God's will. That is what Jesus said. When we walk in Him, He comes within us and He travails within us to bring forth other sons and daughters in the kingdom. You see when we walk with Him the power of God will work in us and we travail to bring forth spiritual children. "For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." (Isaiah 66:8) Each one that follows Jesus, doing God's will, the Holy Spirit will come within them bringing them to Soul Travail with the burden for souls, the burden for the church and they will travail until they bring forth within the soul.

It is God's will that we follow Him. Not that we do what we think or what the church plans or what someone comes up with out of theology, but just to follow God and do His will. You have to die from morning to night to do it. Praise the Lord.

Thank you again. We give God the praise for the work of the Holy Spirit, the precious blood of Jesus that delivers from the snare of Satan and gives us the victory at all times and peace and rest in the Holy Ghost. May you be encouraged, healed, helped and lifted. May your burdens, pressures, hurts and woes, through the precious blood of Jesus and the person of Jesus, be healed and delivered for the glory of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*

Loran W. Helm

Dear loved ones of Revival For Our Day,

As I meditate about how to begin this note, the hymn "How Firm A Foundation" comes to me. "...what more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?" The rest of the hymn answers this question. You know the reality of the meaning of these words. You also know that we followers of Jesus need each other.

Revival For Our Day, Inc. was started because Rev. and Mrs. Helm need you. Of course not all of you

have been receiving these newsletters since November 1962. As I review these nearly 40 years, it seems to me that Rev. and Mrs. Helm need you now more than any other time. To put it as the Apostle Paul did, "...what I want is not your possessions but you." II Cor. 12:14 NIV

It simply, humbly follows that if we are given to the Lord and the work He leads; our possessions will automatically be included.

About 70 of you who read this letter have been consistently faithful in sending an offering every month. A few of you send more than once each month. A total of about 125 individuals sent an offering these first six months of this year. We are deeply grateful for each of you who have not lost the vision of the need of Rev. and Mrs. Helm through Revival For Our Day.

These last six months have been the "leanest" months, financially, that we have seen in a long time. I appeal to all of you who read this to pray with us that God will meet our financial needs. If you can send an offering, we would be most grateful.

Sometimes the "clouds" are thick but I still believe the revelation, "The best is still ahead for those who trust and obey God!"

Love in Jesus' Name,

Emory Reece

# Revival For Our Day

October 2001

Dear ones who are striving to walk with God and obey the Holy Spirit, greetings in Jesus holy name. We are thankful for the steadfast love of the Lord and for his mercies that never come to an end. They are new every morning. Great is His faithfulness. We are grateful for all of your prayers, petitions and supplications on our behalf. We give God the praise and Jesus all the glory for everything He has done and for what He will do. We pray for our country during this time, that souls will be encouraged, hearts will be comforted and that people will be drawn to the Savior during this time of darkness and uncertainty. We pray for our leaders to have wisdom from God and for protection for our service men and women who will be engaged in this conflict, that they will be protected and delivered.

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The message I want to share with you is found in Romans 12:1,2. Paul wrote, "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*" We are besought by the mercies of God. The mercies of God are everywhere. They are with us every breath. The mercies of God come to us in our breathing, our walking, seeing, hearing. Therefore in His mercies we are being sought to present our bodies as a living sacrifice.

We have the precious opportunity to become a living sacrifice. Of course, whenever you have a sacrifice you usually have an altar. Where the will of God is there is an altar and on that altar we become a living, submitted life, completely void of any jurisdiction of our own, but His entirely and thoroughly. We are being sought by the mercies of God to present our bodies a living sacrifice. When a person becomes a living sacrifice, he forfeits his right to his life and it is in the hands of God.

We are to *present* our *bodies* a living sacrifice, but within our body is the soul and the soul contains the mind and the will. We are to be His and not ours. We are not to be in control; He is. A living sacrifice has forfeited its control to the leading of the Holy Spirit. But we are to be a *living* sacrifice. As we submit our will, our carnal nature is in the dying process, but we are far from dead – we are a living sacrifice and very much spiritually alive. Anything that is living is moving. In living there is progress. We are to be living and moving, walking in the light as He is in the light. There are all kinds of things all around us that try to pull us and keep us from becoming a living sacrifice. There are

weaknesses of the flesh but we are to press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

A sacrifice must be slain on the altar and that often involves fire. A living sacrifice gives over to the fire and the love of God that consumes self – in order to be brought into His likeness. All those that are a living sacrifice are very gentle, tender and pure. It is a constant dying and obeying to remain there and to hear His voice in the inner heart. The carnal nature is never willing to present itself as a living sacrifice. How are we going to arrive, therefore, to this place? It will be by the grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and by persevering and saying, "Get behind me Satan." "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto death." (Rev. 12:11) This is the way we overcome so that we may present our body a living sacrifice. Because all hell, the weakness of the flesh and all the ideas of man will oppose and try to prevent us from arriving at and remaining in this sacred territory of holy existence.

As we present our bodies, the fire is burning. We are ever dying. Paul said, "I die daily." That means from when I awake until I sleep, I die to all fleshly lusts and ideas. There are so many things that are trying to get into the life and mind to prevent us and bring us into captivity away from the will of God and the spirit of Christ. Be encouraged to look away from that which will prevent us, and take hold of that which will assist us to become a living sacrifice.

We are to be a *living* sacrifice – in the midst of the fire and in the midst of dying. This is a paradox. In this dying there is a fellowship divine that helps us in the struggle. The struggle is ever near you and me to prevent us from becoming a living sacrifice. The struggle is in the flesh and carnal mind to prevent us from persevering on to the good, acceptable and perfect will of God. Let's let the Holy Spirit work things out. It may be much different than we had thought. It may be that He has a plan that is altogether different than what we have arranged, known or thought about. "In due season we will reap if we faint not." The Lord revealed to me many years ago that most have fallen in the fainting lines never to endure to reach the reaping fields. As I meditated on this, the Holy Spirit revealed to me that many have fallen because of disobedience or lack of faith. We faint because we get our eyes off the goal or because we pray to little and we doubt. We faint because we get too close to the world or the world to us. We faint because we do not hide His Word in our heart. We faint because we have our own ideas. We faint because we look at the discouraging things rather

than at that which lifts us. We faint because we look at the dark, the storm and the waves instead of the Son. We faint because we give way to reason. But by His blood and the word of our testimony we are able to overcome and arrive at the place of death.

We are to be holy. That means without contamination, without involvements with the flesh and the world, with things that would draw us away from the will of God. Jesus wants us to be like this. You see, our manners, behavior and actions are to be full of compassion and the perfume of His presence as we go forth to win the world and bring them from the darkness into the marvelous light.

How do we persevere to this place? By having courage and determination, as we cry out for mercy, grace, strength, wisdom and knowledge to be able to persevere in this holy, yielded life. It seems as though the church is living a thousand miles beneath her privilege. He wants us to be obedient. If we are obedient, then we are living where God answers prayer. If we live in our own arrangements, in a life of coldness and disobedience, which most people have done since the fall of Adam, then we live in suffering. We have to persevere to become a living sacrifice so that we are lifted out of this place of darkness up into the light and into love, compassion and victory.

This scripture says that our **reasonable service** is to be a living sacrifice, given over to God entirely. It is not unreasonable for God to request this of us. It would be wonderful if we could perceive this.

**And be not conformed to this world.** That is one of the spiritual rules to which we must conform before we can be a living sacrifice. The world is trying to get us conformed over to its patterns, to its ideas and ways of thinking. This is what has kept many people of the church from becoming a living sacrifice. This is more exciting than all the pleasures the world has to offer. To become a living sacrifice and walk with God is more exciting than all the fairs, movies, drugs, alcohol, sexual things and such. To walk with God is far greater than all of these pleasures – there is no comparison. The pleasures of the flesh will take us away from that for which we were really born.

It is rare for very many people to perceive this, but if individuals will say, "Lord, please help my heart to be willing to yield to you to become a living sacrifice", then they will receive some help to be delivered from conformity to this world. It is a continual battle, from the time we awake in the morning, to rise above the earthly realm that pulls us downward to conform into a mold that draws us from the will of God.

**We are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind.** This all comes by obedience. Just follow as He leads. How am I going to present my body as a living sacrifice? By doing exactly what He tells you to do as soon as you are converted. Only as self is denied can we become a living sacrifice. If you are obeying, there is a light, there is peace, there is joy and victory. But if you are not obeying there is darkness, questions, wondering and bewilderment. There is no power or glory. There isn't any victory or witness. But when you obey you are so filled with witness that you have to pray for grace to keep quiet. I see people get saved and before I know it they don't have the victory at all. They don't even know whether they are going to go to church or not, whether they are going to witness or not. This is really something. He wants us to be a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is our reasonable service – to be transformed by the renewing of our mind – by prayer and obedience as we yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

A number of years ago the Holy Spirit revealed to me to call a certain family at five o'clock in the morning and all the phones in our home were dead. I had to get up and go across the street to our daughter's home to make the call. I had to persevere because our phone was dead and I did not feel like walking across the street. I had to get dressed but I had to obey. **Do you really know what obedience is? Do you really know about the guidance of the Holy Spirit from conversion?** We are to obey what the Holy Spirit leads us to do no matter how inconvenient it may be.

People need to be taught what obedience is. The self in us prevents us from being a living sacrifice, but if we will obey it opens the way. It is by His grace we can obey Him. But if I do not obey each time He leads me, then I am pulled back into darkness and I do not become a living sacrifice. To not be a living sacrifice, therefore, would be living for self. We must become a living sacrifice where we are and where God leads us, not where we plan or where we want. Our wants and our desires can prevent obedience from being experienced if we let them.

This scripture says we are to renew our mind, in order that we may **prove** what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. There are many people trying to prove this or that. Did you know that, at the time Mr. Bell was inventing the telephone, he had to prove to the people it would work. Most everyone thought he was crazy and that it would not work. He had to persevere and to believe. He had to prove it. We work so hard to prove things. Well, we have to persevere to prove the will of God. It will work. But are we on the proving ground? Are we in the area of proving it? How do we get there? We get there by following

Jesus, denying self and not allowing self to make any of the arrangements.

I trust that every heart will be encouraged and that individuals will repent of their sins and ask the Lord to forgive them for their self-assertiveness and for not becoming a living sacrifice. It is through the great love of God that we can, by the mercies of God, prepare our hearts to begin to follow. We pray for souls to yield. Lots of people pray, but they don't yield themselves and repent in order to follow. Today could be the day that Jesus comes in to rule and reign in your heart.

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Thank you for praying for us and for each of you who sacrifice in order to help us. We truly are thankful and trust the Lord will meet your needs in the soul, mind and body, that your burdens will be lifted and that the balm of Gilead will grant you help, healing, encouragement and strength to press the battle on. Be encouraged because He died for you and for me and underneath are the everlasting arms. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*  
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# Revival For Our Day

November 2001

Dear precious followers of Jesus, we greet you in His matchless name! We are grateful for the Lord's mercy to us these many years. We want to thank you for your prayers, petitions, faithfulness, love and care to my wife and I. We are very thankful to those on our staff who help with the typing and editing of this letter, and also to those at Harmony Press for their time and willingness to print and distribute it. We are unworthy, but grateful and give God all of the glory, praise and honor for what He has done and for what He will do. Praise the Lord.

I want to speak to you about sanctification. The scripture I want to bring to your attention is in John 17:17. "**Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth.**" I have been in the church for eighty-five years, but I don't know if I have ever found very many that are truly sanctified.

On September 22, 1935 I had been listening to a series of sermons on sanctification for several days by Rev. Paul Rees, one of the great holiness preachers of all time. However, as he preached on sanctification, I resented it. I did not want to be sanctified. I was **against** it. That tells you that I didn't know anything about it at all. I was **far** from it. Now I had been preaching and testifying and having wonderful times, but yet my heart was unsanctified. (You see, an unsanctified person can go right along but, in the test, they "fly the coop" or "kick the traces" by being impatient or jealous.) Well, we got in a meeting and Dr. Rees prayed about us being sanctified and began preaching on it. I just didn't care about his preaching on sanctification. I have to confess that. I didn't believe in it because people that owed my father for kerosene bills said they had experienced it, so I resented it a little bit. When it came to the altar call that night (after I had already heard six or seven messages that week) the Holy Spirit said to me, "What are you going to do about your sanctification?" I said, "Not a thing." When I said that, the Holy Spirit came on me to the point that I thought I was turning to stone. Just think, I had been preaching and I had a testimony and I had joy, but I was unsanctified. When God struck me with power and it seemed I was turning to stone, I leaped into the aisle and I thought I yelled as loudly as I could, but my wife said she could not hear me and she was seated right next to me. I cried, "O God, sanctify me." And the instant I said that it worked in my heart. I was on the way to the altar when it began.

An unsanctified person is impatient and jealous. An unsanctified person is resentful and gets angry. A sanctified person does not become angry. God cleanses the spirit of anger out in the work of entire sanctification. It is when we drift and we lose our

experience that we become angry and justify it. The unsanctified person has an analytical heart and wants to know why this and why that and how come. That is the natural man. So even though our sins are forgiven (s-i-n-s), the sin principle is still in there (S-I-N). It is right in the heart – anger, wrath, analyzing, faultfinding, criticism, and impatience – these are all natural tendencies for us. If things don't go our way we kind of get upset about it. That is the unsanctified heart. An unsanctified person wants to dominate and control, to make the plans and to push. The sanctified heart lets the Lord lead. The unsanctified heart finds fault with and sees the weaknesses of other people. These dark things in our life we wish weren't there are only cleansed out by the truth of Jesus and His blood. We can't get them out ourselves – we can't take them out, nor can we cleanse them out. Only Jesus can do it.

The unsanctified are divided. The sanctified are one. They are one in harmony, in fellowship and in love. When you get a few people that are truly sanctified, there is harmony and joy, without resentment. There is such victory. They want everyone to have what they have. An unsanctified person picks at people. If you ever take a brood of chickens and put a black spot on the comb of one of them, all the other chickens will come and take a pick at the one that is a little different. The unsanctified heart is a picker, a faultfinder. We all have it. We are born with the carnal nature. The unsanctified person doesn't really realize it.

It takes a spiritual hunger for righteousness in order to be sanctified. "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness," Jesus said. **We must really have a hunger in our heart in order to persevere to the work of entire sanctification. One reason we don't achieve entire sanctification is we come to the altar and pray a little bit, but don't pray long enough.** Can you hear me? Many people come and get blessed and they think they are sanctified, but they are not yet. They'll think, "I've surely got the victory now." Church people come to the altar and pray until there is a blessing, but they don't pray until they are sanctified.

This is illustrated by the experience of the great preacher of righteousness, John T. Hatfield. His book is entitled Thirty-three Years A Live Wire. If you can find that book in a spiritual library somewhere it will help you if you read it. You will get under conviction. Hatfield had been a preacher of the gospel for years and found out that he was not sanctified. He was high-strung and he would get aggravated at his wife. He would get aggravated because she was slow and wasn't ready for church, so he would just go on without her. Here she would come smiling and slip in beside him

in twenty minutes or so. He would let her walk all the way. She couldn't ride in the rig with him because he was unsanctified. He would get upset with her. The unsanctified person gets upset with their companion. He knew he wasn't sanctified because he would get upset with his wife. You take a man or a woman who is unsanctified, I tell you, it is something to live with. He was a preacher, but he knew he was unsanctified. So he went to the altar. He asked Jesus to sanctify him and the Lord blessed him. So he said, "I think I am sanctified." They had an old setting hen that wanted to set on eggs. He decided if she wanted to set that he would give her some eggs to set on. So he fixed the nest and put the eggs on it and put her on that nest and said, "Now hen, you've wanted all this time to set on some eggs so you can set on these." So he put her on the nest and she came up and he put her back down. He said, "Sit on these eggs now until they are hatched." Well, she sprang up and he pushed her down until he broke all the eggs and pulled part of the feathers out and he found out he wasn't sanctified. He thought he was, but an old hen with some eggs taught him he wasn't sanctified.

Well, he went back to the altar and said, "O God, I got so upset with this old hen. I tried to get her to set on some eggs and I got angry with her and I would like to be sanctified and get this out of me. I thought I had the blessing, the real work of sanctification in my heart but I can see that I don't have it. Lord, I am in awful bad shape. Please sanctify me." So he prayed and right then he got a blessing and thought he was surely sanctified because he had great blessing in his heart. And of course he got along pretty good for a few weeks. But he had a calf he wanted to wean from the mother's utters to drink out of a bucket. So, he got some milk in a bucket and straddled that calf and began to push that calf's head down in that bucket and said, "Drink this milk." By the time he got through the calf had him laid over in the corner of the stall and he found out he was not sanctified. He thought he was! You take an unsanctified person – they get stirred up and get awfully upset. They kick the traces and fly the coop. He flew the coop with the hen and was still doing it with the calf. He didn't have the victory. He thought he had it before the hen taught him he didn't. He thought he had it before the calf taught him he didn't. He would go to the altar and plead to be cleansed of this old ugly nature, this old evil that we are born with.

The unsanctified heart is unpredictable. A person with an unsanctified heart can go along pretty good until something goes wrong with your thoughts and bang! You kick. An unsanctified heart is a kicker. You never know when they are going to kick you with their tongue. You never know when they are going to kick you with their opinions or with their

reactions. An unsanctified person is a kicker. You can't depend on them. You think you can, but in the hard place they kick the traces and fly the coop.

Well, after so long a time of John Hatfield going to the altar and praying and having the glory fall on him, he went to the altar and said, "I am not going to get up from here until I get the fire, until I really get my heart sanctified and get all this ugliness out of me. He began to pray and a blessing fell on him, but he didn't stop. He just kept it up. Another blessing came and then another blessing came. He just kept on praying and then another one and then another one and another until after the glory had fallen on him for I don't know how long, the fire fell on him and sanctified him. Glory to God! It sanctified his carnal heart!

Before this experience, he would get upset with his wife, he'd get upset with the hen and he'd get upset with this and with that. John had a cow that would kick the milk pail when he would almost be finished with her and it would give him a bath in that warm sticky liquid. Now, when she had done that before he would get upset with her and kick her real hard. But that morning, after he had been sanctified, his wife lifted the kitchen curtain and saw him coming up the path rejoicing and shining like a light, covered with milk. And she knew he had been sanctified. He had the victory and the joy of the Lord. Hallelujah! He was truly sanctified because he had prayed until the fire had burnt the old wickedness out of him and given him joy and longsuffering.

The carnal nature is ugly. It is all covered up until we get in a test. And when that mask is lifted that's when the anger comes out, that's when the tongue flies with criticism and we find fault with this one and that one. The unsanctified heart lets the flesh hold them back from testimony. The unsanctified heart holds us back from obedience. That is why the church is dead just about everywhere. We can jump up and down and holler and yell and still have no power. It is just an emotion. Sanctification is more than emotion. It goes deep and goes into the interior life.

We see from Hatfield's example that we must persevere until the fire falls. If God could only get a few people that are willing to pay the price and truly be sanctified, there would be a Holy Ghost revival. We are seeking the blessings. People go to church to get blessed. We need to go to church to be slain of the carnal nature. When the Lord slays this carnal nature out of us, we don't fly the coop nor kick the traces. We stay put because you can depend on a sanctified heart (but you cannot depend on an unsanctified heart. They are unpredictable. You never know what they are going to do and they don't even know themselves.) Most all people are living in the unsanctified state and don't know it.

The unsanctified heart has darkness on their face. The sanctified heart is gloriously illuminated through the Holy Spirit as long as they are obedient. If a man or a woman is sanctified and they are disobedient, this causes them to go right back to the carnal state. The old-timers thought if you were once sanctified that you had it forever. But if we go back into disobedience we no longer have the light on our countenance, rather, we look dark and gloomy. Most men and women look dark because they are unsanctified. They haven't prayed until they have the fire in their soul and they live in picking and finding fault. They wonder why things are going wrong and why it is difficult. It takes God to straighten it up.

Oh, how we need men and women that will pray until they have the victory, until the gloom comes out of their heart and off of their face, until they shine like lights for Jesus. We need to be sanctified. We press until we get the blessing. We stop before we get through. God wants us to get through. We let the flesh guide us instead of the Holy Spirit. He wants to find men and women that will let the Holy Spirit guide them. God doesn't guide like man. God guides differently. He guides in a way we are not expecting. God guides in ways we are not anticipating. God works when we don't know what is going to happen next. People have their own programs, schedules and ideas. But you see, God is trying to find men and women who will just let Him lead them. They are the ones the devil fights the hardest. But He wants us to persevere until we are truly sanctified.

When we are truly sanctified, the Holy Ghost will come upon us. We need the Holy Spirit, but we need to have our hearts sanctified before we are empowered because the old man that is still in there will get upset. The old man will analyze and try to arrange things. As long as you have an arranging and planning heart the Holy Spirit can't lead. We have to have a heart that is surrendered and given over so when the Holy Ghost comes upon us we will do what He says to do instead of what we want to do. We will just hold back and won't listen. The unsanctified heart will not hear what I am saying unless God breaks through that barrier we are born with. We have to persevere and keep praising Him.

The sanctified heart has great compassion and tenderness at home and everywhere. The sanctified heart doesn't have to work it up or think it up. For a sanctified heart, it is already in there, by His mercies. This is by the mercies of God, not because we are worthy. We are not worthy and we do not merit this. It is His gift.

God wants His church to be a sanctified church. He wants all the ministers everywhere to be cleansed of the carnal nature and to be sanctified. He wants all the church leaders cleansed of the carnal nature, so

that He can live in the heart in light, in joy and in victory. It takes obedience. It takes the Holy Spirit to do this. We can't do it in ourselves. We have to persevere and persevere and persevere until He cleanses out of us all this wickedness, all this evil, all this iniquity that we are born with.

It takes the Holy Spirit to bring this to our mind. Wouldn't it be wonderful if men and women would be willing to seek the Lord until they are sanctified after they are saved? I tell you, the Holy Spirit fire would fall and people would be drawn into the kingdom of God. But God cannot draw men and women to salvation if we have an unsanctified church. If you have ministers and leaders that are unsanctified, they will gouge and pick and do this and that. He wants us full of the Holy Spirit, His compassion, His love, His grace, His Word, His truth and His wonderful works of love. He wants us to be truly sanctified, cleansed of all these awful things within us.

The flesh does not care for this. You take the born again Christian that is not sanctified, if they do not have an honest heart, they will resent this. They will think, "Well, I am good enough." And they will hold back from it. But God is seeking people to really surrender, to be truly sanctified. Really. Not just in a form but in actuality. If only people were willing to keep praying until they get all this ugliness out of them, all this evil and darkness out of them, it would be something. We have darkness in us that God wants to eradicate. He wants to totally eradicate out of us all of this carnal nature; all this meanness, wickedness and lukewarmness. If we are not sanctified, we are lukewarm. And Jesus said He would do what with us if we are lukewarm? He said He would spue us out of His mouth if we are not on fire for Him. We can only get on fire by the help of the Holy Spirit. We cannot do it on our own merit and our own gifts. It comes by the grace and mercy of God.

Carnality will not appreciate this. Carnality will find fault with it. God does not work with hearts like that. We are all born with it and *it will not come out unless we want it out of there. And we must be in earnest about it and not get discouraged.* A carnal person gets discouraged. They will say, "Oh, I can't make it. I can't do anything." A sanctified person says, "*By God's grace, I can. By the help of the Holy Ghost I can get the victory. By the help of the Holy Ghost I can pray through and get the fire on my soul!*" Hallelujah! That spirit of optimism is in the sanctified heart. "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) The unsanctified don't think you can do anything. But see, if we can get the light of conviction on our soul and pray until we get through, I tell you, God will do something with you. He will set you at liberty. We are captives. We are bound and are not free

unless God sets us free. The unsanctified person is bound down with all kinds of carnal things and that holds us back from doing God's will. Some have lived in it all their life and knew they needed it, but never pursued it enough. They would pursue until they got blessed or got a broken spirit. There is a brokenness that you approach before you get the victory of entire sanctification and we need to press beyond that to get the fire. You'll want it forever.

He wants us to come back to the cross and persevere in prayer until we get the victory and the old man is completely and entirely cleansed out of us so we can be free. Some men and women are born into this world and they never get free their whole lives. They are still bound and captive of the carnal flesh and yet they are wonderful people. They are honest, sharing and caring. But God wants us a holy people. He doesn't want us to be resentful, but prayerful and obedient in praising Him in balance. The sanctified person works to be in balance. The unsanctified person gets out of balance, out of kilter. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit to cleanse out of us all this carnality and evil we are born with. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Psalm 51:5) He wants to cleanse it out of us.

He wants to get in our hearts so that we don't have all these ugly things in us. He wants to really purge us. You see, lots of fine men and women who are good and fine people have not been willing to die. We don't get sanctified until we are willing to deny self. If we don't deny self constantly and continuously, we will never pursue sanctification in its entirety. We will only pursue it just to "almost". Just like John Hatfield. He prayed, but was still upset with many things. It took God to get down into the interior life and the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn out all of those wicked things, those evil things, those easily hurt things. Someone who is unsanctified is easily hurt and offended. They get offended over various things, or maybe just one thing. Therefore, it takes the Holy Spirit to cleanse these things from us and then we have got to deny self and obey all the time or we will go right back into the unsanctified state again. It takes a lot of power in prayer and pressing and rejoicing and doing everything God wants us to do to persevere into entire sanctification. The flesh controls us and holds us captive. We have got to break through that.

There is a barrier we must break through, because the offer is there, but we tend to hold back. Be encouraged. Don't be discouraged. I tell you, if you get one or two sanctified, you will have some fire going. It takes the Holy Spirit to do this, but *it takes the willingness of heart in order for the Holy Spirit to do it. There has to be a determination in our heart to really persevere and you will never be sanctified unless you have the determination and*

*the persistence.* God wants Christian people sanctified. But we look down – we look back. He wants us to look upward and onward. He wants us to say, "Jesus, you are able to sanctify my heart. Take this out of me so that I will be pure in heart and sanctified."

*Be encouraged to ask Jesus, "Help me to pursue and to be able by your grace to say 'yes Lord, I want and am going to persevere with your help.'"* We know that He is able to do it. The Lord is patient with us, and when He works with us then we are patient, thoughtful and think about how we can help. Jesus is able to lead the sanctified heart. God is seeking for men and women that will actually do what God wants them to do. He is trying to find them. You can be one of them.

Remember, it takes a persevering in prayer. So be encouraged. Keep pressing on. Don't give up. When you are sanctified, you are reliable. You are helpful, obedient and you love everyone in the entire world. When you are truly sanctified, you love everybody. Hallelujah! We don't talk about anyone, because if we do, we are disobedient and grieve God, and He wants us to be faithful, to be compassionate and long-suffering. The unsanctified are short-tempered. They become upset and get angry. But the truly sanctified have compassion, patience, sweetness and brokenness. We must pursue until God gives us the victory and not be discouraged. Don't say, "I can't do it." That is the carnal nature within that says that. By the grace of God we can. God can cleanse it out of us if we will keep praying and keep going and obey every leading of the Holy Spirit as we are really going after this experience of entire sanctification.

This comes by the grace of God. This must be in the ministry, in the laity and in the church. Because if it isn't, are we the church? The nature in us will draw back, but we can't let ourselves do that. We have got to persevere and step out on the promises. God can help us to pursue the life of entire sanctification. Because I *know* this is the victory. I just don't think it is – I *know* it is. If we will truly persevere until we are sanctified, the light of Christ will be in us along with His wisdom. Wisdom from above just pours right into the sanctified man or woman. It comes by His grace as a gift. It is natural for us in the church to seek the power, but we need to seek the death – the death of the self in us, the death of the carnal nature so that the Holy Spirit can infill us and we can walk in the light. God has open arms for all of us. He loves us all the same. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*

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Rev. Helm wanted the following letters to be included for the glory of God. He is very thankful for how the Lord has helped, especially in recent times, and desires that Jesus be given all the glory, honor and praise for any good that has come to pass in their lives.

Dear Brother and Sister Helm,

Since this is Pastor Appreciation Month, this note is for both of you today. You have been a true pastor to all of Revival For Our Day pastors. Your life has been a beacon light to every pastor that has been hungering and thirsting after righteousness. You have preached the truth. Your life experiences you have shared have helped us to make right decisions as we have pastured our own people.

Thank you for sharing the nuggets of truth that God has revealed to you. "What God begins never ends." "Treat everyone like they are in victory." "Leave the restroom cleaner than you found it." "If I have talked about anyone to my wife, the Lord couldn't lead me." "Self-denial always precedes the cross - God's will." "Unless we follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we are just going around in circles."

You have taught us by your example to keep a loose end on our wallets and to treat experiences even as little children, as if they were of great importance. Florence, you have shown us wives how to love our husbands, to hold them in high esteem and to put their calling above our own personal desires. You truly laid down your ambitions and lost yourself in your husband's calling! What an example! Thanks for sharing and showing us the way of rest, contentment and security.

Carl and I are on our way home from Covington, Kentucky where we were in a revival meeting with Lowell and Jane MacIntosh. There was great victory on Friday night. Annie, a lady they had prayed for so long, came to the altar and got saved! Her little nine year old granddaughter had asked her two or three times to get saved. It was a great privilege to be with Lowell and Jane and their two daughters Deborah and Elizabeth and Mrs. Wilson, Jane's mother, who lives with them.

Love and appreciation,  
Blanche Rouintree (for Carl also)

This next letter is from a very dear daughter in the Lord of Rev. and Mrs. Helm, Karen Westfall. Some years ago Rev. Helm went to Utah for meetings. Karen came from Nevada to attend the meetings, though she had never heard or met Rev. Helm. She had left her husband and was determined never to go back to him. Rev. Helm knew nothing of it, but the Lord helped him to

preach that night as if he knew the situation. She gave her heart to Jesus that night, and when the meeting was over she went to the telephone and called her husband Carter and said, "I will be coming home."

Dear Dad and Mother,

Jesus did it again. He made a way for us to see you on your anniversary. I believe the Lord takes pleasure in giving us blessings and gifts. It was so good to see you and Dad and a desire was met in my heart when you held Carter in your arms. This has been a longing of mine for fourteen years, since the last time you two were together in Israel.

Edgar preached tonight on the desire in God's heart for us to have a walk with Him now as it was in the Garden. I believe God opened heaven tonight. Carter and I opened our hearts to what God wanted to give us. Carter was stirred and loved Edgar after the meeting. We are a blessed people. You gave to us a great heritage. Some of us came by troubled families, difficult upbringings, but when you brought Jesus our way, all of that was changed. Over the years, the Lord has healed and released us to love and follow Him. God had given us the best. We never would have known this if you had not come our way by the witness of the Holy Spirit.

I wanted to die when Justin died (her son who was seven years of age when he died suddenly), but look at all I would have missed. I am so thankful to Jesus for talking to you and telling you to go to Salt Lake City, Utah July of 1980. (He sent Rev. Helm to Salt Lake City nine different times. This was one of them.) In the years after that you looked after us, prayed for us, counseled with us and loved us. I have a blessed heritage from God.

May the Lord show you in your heart the work that He is doing in all of our hearts. May you be encouraged that revival is on its way - that we are beginning to put the message that God gave you into shoe leather. We are beginning to enter in. We are starting to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul and mind. We are losing self and gaining life. Your tree is bearing fruit for the Lord. Your walk, your sufferings and waiting has not been for naught. The dry bones are coming to life. The dessert is beginning to bloom. The river is beginning to flow. You have been our watchman on the wall. You have been our father, our brother, our friend. You taught us to praise through the difficult times, to love the unlovely, to be happy for others when our prayers are not being answered. You taught us to look to Jesus, not to the difficulties. You taught us that a critical, judgmental, complaining spirit would keep us from God's kingdom. You taught us gentleness, carefulness and watchfulness. You gave us the example of just brushing the ants away so that no one would be hurt. To this day I cannot go

into a public restroom without doing some cleaning. You taught us to be generous and considerate and to put each other first. You taught us to pray for each other. You taught us that the desire of God's heart is to have the kingdom here on earth, not just in heaven. You taught us the meaning of self-denial and how to put it into practice. You taught us to trust for all things. You taught us to wait for all things and that God only wants the best for us. You have always wanted the best for us. You have taught men how to love their wives. Mother taught us how to submit and respect our husbands. You taught us to review and review and review. Jesus put you ever before us giving us His very best. You have given us your all and soon you will see the results.

God bless and heal and strengthen you.

Love, Karen Westfall

Dear Rev. Helm,

I received something this week that is worth more than all the world has to offer. It is an antique, but yet it is brand new. To some it may seem dead, but it is alive with power. It is fresh as morning. It is loaded with calories and nutrition. This that I review is not of the world. It did not originate in this world nor with man. It came into being by revelation to a servant in a small town in Indiana. It was received by an humble servant who knows he is nothing. To measure the greatness of it would be impossible, but yet, it is so simple, it would fit right into the human heart and change it for eternity through Christ our Lord. The value of the power in it can change the world, but yet, very few people will meet the requirements to get it. It is another "great giant truth" from the servant of the Lord! It is more exciting than all the ball games, concerts or anything that man on earth can produce. It is the smell of death to nominal Christianity, but yet it brings life to all those who receive it. It is a fountain of truth. It is the key to unlock every prison door of carnality. A taste of it is so strong that when you finally take a bite you want to spit it out, but the longer you chew, the sweeter it gets. It is so good that you will want everyone else to taste it. I have difficulty in trying to describe how precious and good it is. It was sent to earth on September 21, 2001 in Parker City, Indiana. It is for all the world. It is the greatest message that I have ever heard on sanctification! (This is all to Jesus' glory.)

Rev. Helm, I could never get close to thank you enough for dying to the measures that, by God's grace, you have. I am so excited about this message that I want everyone at Fayetteville Christ Fellowship to have a copy of it. I received it from Pastor Robert Morey on Tuesday morning and I

have listened to it three times already and it is so convicting, but yet, there is so much freedom in it. You, by God's grace, have given us the key to the freedom from our carnal prisons through this message. As you said in your message, it is for the learned and the unlearned. Brother Helm, I am so excited about the message. My words and expressions are much too feeble in expressing what this message is. How can I say thank you? What can I say? What can I do to express my gratitude? I know one way is to grab this message and stuff it into my heart and chew it and hold onto it and plead with God until it becomes a part of me and changes me for eternity. When I look at you and hear you preach I can tell you are by God's mercies, sanctified and filled with the Holy Spirit. That is how I want people to see me. (Rev. Helm inserted here that it is only by God's grace that he could write that and we want to be sure to give God all the glory for that.)

I know I must stop now, but I had to try to express my thankfulness for this message. I am so sorry that I have come so very far short and feel so inadequate in doing it. I miss you much, deeply, and long to see you again. Please give my love and appreciation to Mrs. Helm. I still believe that the best is yet to come.

Jesus, I pray that you will help heal, protect, keep and deliver Brother and Sister Helm in every area of their lives. Please take care of every physical and material need. You are able according to your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Every time you have used them to bring encouragement, healing strength, refreshment and deliverance to others in this area that we don't know about or can't remember, I pray that you will multiply it back to them in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

In His deep love,

David Sorrell