

# Revival For Our Day

January 2002

Dear Ones in the Lord Jesus Christ,

We trust that each of you had a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year celebration. Thank you for all the cards, gifts and remembrances that you sent to Florence and me. We are most appreciative of each of them and want to praise God for your love, care and friendship.

The message I want to share with you is found in Ephesians 6:10-18, which begins with, **“Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”** Finally. It’s time. It has been long enough. We have passed through. We have met up with situations. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord. Our strength in the Lord is as we obey Him, as we mind Him and as we are submissive to Him. We are to let Him lead and guide us. We must put aside all of the weights and troubles and obey the Holy Spirit and walk with Him by faith. Pressing on for the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Looking unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith! He said we are to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. I know so little about the power of God, but He is mighty; more than we have ever dreamed and He is mighty to deliver out of temptation, out of troubles and buffetings through the power of *His* might. Not through our ability, but *His*. He is the one. Praise the Lord.

Verse eleven says, **“Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”** It is up to us to put it on and to be willing to put it on as He tells us. We are to put on the *whole* armor. Not a part of it, not some of it. Not most of it, but all of it, the *whole* armor of God upon us. Hallelujah!

This is in order that we might be able to stand against all the wiles of the devil, which are more than we can imagine. We learn, by the grace of God, to stand and to press on and to have faith, knowing that in due season we will reap if we faint not. He is able. We are not, but He is, for His praise, glory and honor! He is able in the midst of our nothingness, weakness and faltering. He takes care and makes a way where there isn’t any way.

Verse twelve says, **“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”** These are not of this world. We are so thankful that He is able in His precious might, power, wisdom and knowledge to deliver out of all these evils that assail us.

Verse thirteen says, **“Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to**

**withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand.”** We stand by the grace of God. It is by the mercy of God that we are delivered. His mercies are new every morning and His compassions fail not. Hallelujah! We know that He is always ready to help us as we cry to Him in the hard and desperate places. We stand by the grace of God in prayer and in witnessing, in carefulness and in going forth in humility. Letting Him lead us and guide us. We need it continuously.

Verse fourteen says, **“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.”** We must get our loins girt about with truth, by the marvelous grace of God and the ways of Jesus, who is the truth. He is the way, the truth and the life, and we are to gird ourselves about with the truth, Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. We are to have on the breastplate of righteousness, and true holiness. In His righteousness all things are found.

Verse fifteen says, **“And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.”** We are to have our spiritual feet shod and we need to be sure that we have the right size. We first get them on by vision. We also get them on by applying our hearts in humility. (We cannot get these shoes on without humility.) It requires the work of the Holy Spirit to get the precious gospel shoes on. The only way we can get them on is by His truth and love. What’s in our heart helps us to get them onto our feet. When these shoes are placed onto our feet, they will take all the bunions off, as well as the corns and the hurts, aches and pains. When your feet hurt, it is quite something, isn’t it? Well, when you get the gospel shoes on, your feet won’t hurt anymore.

With these shoes, you will also have a melody and a song. You have a witness and a testimony. It puts a spring in your heel and a song on your heart. It lifts us up and gives us what we need – and that is a lot for me. Hallelujah! When you get your gospel shoes on, be sure to tie them. They’ll slip off if you don’t. We need to be careful. They won’t slip off as long as we are trusting, obeying, persevering and yielding. That’s what keeps them on. Keep them tied so that we may go forth in the roadway of the straight and the narrow, yielding and submitting as we say, “Not my will, but thy will be done.”

Notice that these are the shoes of the gospel of *peace*. When you have these shoes on you are a peacemaker. You are careful about what you say. You are careful about where you go. “Little feet be careful, where you take me to. Anything for Jesus only let me do.” Wherever you go, you are a peacemaker. You don’t find fault, criticize or scold anyone. You simply love them and let the Holy Spirit give them what they need at the time

appointed. Go in His peace and in His rest constantly.

The gospel shoes are always sufficient, when God is in them through us, to climb the steepest hills of difficulty and the mountains of terrible struggle. The marvelous thing about these shoes is that they never wear out and they never have to be half-soled. The heels dig in and the soles grip the rock so that we will not falter and fail, which otherwise we so easily do. It seems like the longer you go, the better they feel and the higher you climb the more you enjoy the shoes. These shoes are on the spiritual feet of the pilgrim who walks in the light as *He* is in the light.

The Bible tells us that when the children of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years that their shoes never wore out. That is a marvel. The materials wore on and wore well. The gospel shoes are the same way. They wear on, keeping us from all the briars and cutting things that might occur in our pressing on. The whole body rests on the feet, and our shoes are very important.

Verse sixteen goes on to say, **“Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”** When we take it, we have to put forth an effort and reach for it. We have to die and resist the devil. He is a liar and the father of it. This is how we take the shield of faith, by the grace of God. There aren’t any darts that can pierce through this shield. There is not a bullet in hell that can get through it. Hallelujah!

Verse seventeen says, **“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”** Where are the helmets stored? Do we have a reservation for the right one that fits us? One thing about putting on your own hat is that no one can put it on for you the way you need it. It doesn’t feel quite right. You have to move it a little bit. We are to take the helmet of His great and unending salvation. How much pressing does it require to take it, to possess it, to know that it is yours? How can you tell when you get your gospel helmet? Are you able to discern concerning your spiritual heritage? This shelters us from the thoughts of evil and darkness and we must take it. This is the victory.

**“And the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”** We are to take this and cherish it. I am so far behind in reading it. We are to assimilate and embrace it – knowing it brings us to the way, the truth and the life.

Verse eighteen says, **“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”** I come so far short of

praying like this. He says here that we have to do some pressing. Only God really knows how much we need prayer, petition and supplication in God. He didn’t say we were to pray for the sinners. It is the saints who are really in great need of prayer. I know I am. It is the children of the Lord that we need to persevere and press upward in prayer for. Giving Him all the glory and the praise, because He is the one who will take us through, as we yield and as we hold fast in Him, the Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

In Jesus’ precious name and for His glory, thank you again, for your prayers. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

In Jesus’ Name,

*Loran W. Helm*  
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Rev. Helm wanted the following letter included for your encouragement. He asks that you be sure to give God all the glory, praise and honor for everything that has been accomplished.

Brother Helm,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and soon coming Savior, Jesus the Christ, son of the living God and the only mediator between God and man.

Two and a half weeks ago I hurt my lower back. I worked the rest of the week in pain and discomfort. I’ve been reviewing the Waiting Upon God videos from 1994 in Chicago. While eating breakfast on Saturday morning, I was watching one of those videos. In the midst of you standing and sharing with a brother in a service, you stopped and put your hand on your lower back and prayed for healing in that area. By God’s grace and mercy, I claimed that healing. That Saturday I went on to work and used my back more than I have in the last two or three years, with no ill effects to my lower back. To God be all the glory – that what He is in never ends and how God helps when we take time to review the things of the Kingdom. Thanks for your faithfulness. Be not weary – reaping time is near.

Brother Marion Pruitt

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Helm’s birthday is on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. For those who wish to send a card, you may mail it to: RFOD, P.O. Box 468, Parker City, IN 47368. Flowers may be ordered from Normandy’s Florist in Muncie at (765) 282-2263. They will know where Rev. Helm lives. Thank you.

# Revival For Our Day

March 2002

Dear beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, greetings in His holy name. For it is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. (Zechariah 4:6) We are grateful to God that as we trust in Him, He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, as we trust Him with all of our heart and lean not to our own understanding, but in all of our ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct our paths. We are thankful for your prayers, supplications, petitions and intercessions on our behalf. Thank all of you for your faithfulness to God, for your sacrifices for us and your support of this ministry. We are in debt to you and we thank God for each and every one of you who have prayed, fasted and held us to the throne. Praise the Lord. We also want to express appreciation to all of our staff, to those who help to look after us and for those who assist in getting out our newsletter. We are especially thankful to Harmony Press for all of their labor and help in printing and distributing the letter.

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The message I want to share with you is a simple phrase found in the second chapter of Acts, verse one, which simply states, ***“They were all with one accord.”*** As we read the Old Testament, and study the life of Joseph, there seemed to be a lack of “one-accordness” among the sons of Jacob. They seemed to be against Joseph rather than for him, and were jealous of him. So there was not very much unity in the life of this family. They did not quite understand how God was working with their brother Joseph.

Joseph was a person that was pure in heart and righteous in mind, so much so that when it came to the crucial test, he was able to absolutely pass it, by God’s grace. We find in the life of Joseph steadfastness, purity, holiness and high honor for God. You could depend on him. He was not wavering, but true blue. Yet his brothers did not seem to be in one accord with him. But he didn’t let that bother him. He did not let them keep him from being all that God wanted him to be. He was destined for a sacred assignment and he held on to the promises of God. He was in unity with God. And if he had any weaknesses, they were cleansed out. His stability, reliability, faithfulness, childlikeness and utter dependence on God were so obvious that he was absolutely a true warrior of righteousness. Joseph was so instructed and directed of God that God used and blessed him and was able to trust him. Joseph was able to withstand the temptation of women – a lot of men cannot do that, but he had strength and was so in accord with God that he could resist these evil temptations and abound in holiness.

When I think of this, I think of Noah. The scriptures say he was a preacher of righteousness and perfect in his generation. And it is written of him that Noah walked with God. We find in Noah a heart that wanted to do God’s will. And God made a covenant with him and Noah worked hard to keep his part of the covenant. He and his family were in a wonderful spirit of one accord. His family worked together to build the ark. They are an example of being in one accord. If there had been any discord among them it would have been awfully hard to build a ship that size. It would have been hard to live and work together because if all those involved are not in one accord in their heart, it is difficult to operate and go forth, to bring forth and to do what we are called to do. So we see in the life of Noah that his family was truly together. They hung together, worked together and lived together. Imagine living in an ark for all that time, helping one another and not having much complaint. You don’t read about complaining in that scripture. They are tolerant and all in the ark to hold together in one accord. Being in one accord is being of one mind and vision, all having one and the same goal.

Now let us look at the life of Job. Remember in the book of Job where God said of him, “There is no one like Job. He is upright and eschews evil.” Job had such strength because he was in one accord with God. God loved him and recommended him. Not many times does God recommend someone, but He recommended him to the devil that he would be a straight and upright man in righteousness and truth.

Now Job had friends and they came to help him out. They wanted to assist him. But were they in one accord with God? No they were not. And yet they were called his friends. They had formerly been his friends. Sometimes you have friends as long as everything goes well. But, if you have trials come along a lot of doubts and analization get in the heart and we wonder. Job endured such trials and he did not really have any in his family to help him out much. Then when his friends came he was kind of looking forward to them being some consolation and perhaps understanding him. Usually your friends work to understand you in the weaknesses you have. But there wasn’t a spirit of unity in the friends of Job. Why was that? How come Job’s friends were not in one accord with him? Because of the carnal nature. Because of wrong motives or wrong attitudes. They were friends but their attitude was not what it should have been. I wonder about our attitude towards others. How would your attitude and my attitude hold up when we think about someone that has erred in their life, or has done the wrong thing? Are we compassionate or are we judgmental? Just ask yourself right now regarding a person who has done wrong in your



opinion, is your attitude toward that person judgmental or compassionate. Which is the first to appear in your heart. How compassionate are we supposed to be? How much tolerance is in "one-accordness"? How much compassion? How much vision plays a part in unity? Can we really be in one accord without a vision? For where there is no vision the people perish.

Jacob's sons were not always together in their thinking. They were a little jealous of Joseph. There were things in their lives that averted the spirit of being in one accord. But in the life of Job we see that Job endured the difficulties of his friends. He endured the comments of his friends. He walked through the midst of the storm that the friends were stirring up. You see, the friends stirred up an awful storm. It was terrible. It was far worse than I could imagine or comprehend. But Job was so steadfast and so together in one accord with God that he walked through the storm of misunderstanding with his friends. They did not really know who he was. They thought they did, but they really didn't. If you read that you will find out that what they had to say was far from understanding. What they had to say was far from compassion. But he was in one accord with God. How precious it is when God finds a Job or a Joseph. Praise the Lord. In the life of Joseph, he is so with God he doesn't give an inch to the devil, darkness or sin. He is upright, a righteousness man by God's grace, and he is in one accord with God.

We have to have a cleansed heart to walk together in one accord. Be faithful to Him. Be true to Him. Can you think of anyone you are not in one accord with? Can you think of someone you are in one accord with and are truly in harmony with and there is no discord at all? Go through your mind and search among your acquaintances. How many of them are you in harmony and unity with and you help each other in a precious brotherly way?

"And they were all with one accord." What do you think is the first attribute or characteristic of being in one accord? As I was meditating about this, I believe it could be humility. It seems like one-accordness could not occur without humility. In humility there are no pressures against anyone to do something. Isn't that wonderful to think? That is worth the whole letter. How much dictation do you think there is in humility? Only in the righteous way.

Another characteristic of being in one accord is love. Can one-accordness stand without love? No. Unity cannot exist without love. To be found in one accord is precious and wonderful. How much brokenness is in one-accordness? Much. A yieldedness together is in one-accordness. And prayer. They prayed for ten days in Acts before they were all with one accord. Prayer is the

backbone of being in one accord. One-accordness climbs, moves, lives and exists in hearts of purity, because one of the attributes of one-accordness is holiness of heart. Also stability, honor and praise. In order to be in one accord, there has to be a spirit of praise and adoration. In the spirit of one-accordness there must be a spirit of child-likeness.

When a group of people are in one accord there is not any conflict. Nor is there any criticism or faultfinding. They have no part with unity. Because the spirit of one-accordness is full of tenderness, gentleness and compassion, it doesn't have any room for tantrums or anger. There is no anger or wrath in one-accordness. No love for the world is found in God's children who are truly in one accord.

So as we review the lives of Joseph, Noah and Job we see that it is imperative to seek a heart of holy unity with God and with the church. "And they were all with one accord." In the life of the apostles when they reasoned among themselves about who was the greatest, that gives us a picture of what we are like. One time they found someone that did not go along with them so they wanted to pull fire down. That is a long way from one-accordness, isn't it? It is a long way from that spirit.

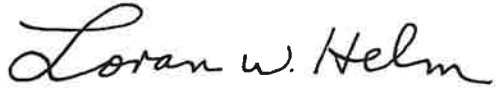
In order to qualify as the church of Jesus Christ I believe we must strive to be in one accord. It requires prayer and obedience. If we are not obedient to God, then we cannot come into one accord. God wants us to be together so that there are not any conflicts in the body. Rather, there is a sweet humbleness, a togetherness, a unity, a love, a purity, a righteousness. Are we a peacemaker or are we someone that causes problems. We are either a peacemaker or we have a tendency to create a little friction or problem. We are thankful for Jesus to cleanse our hearts so that we are not a problem maker but a peacemaker, for they are called the children of God. Hallelujah, isn't that precious?

The spirit of one-accordness is full of surrender to God's will. How surrendered is your heart and mine to the will of God? What kind of a vision do we have? Is it one that is far reaching or is it nearby? "They were all with one accord." It says all of them were. There were not any of them that were not in one accord. They all became in full unity together. I believe that is a true picture of the church of Jesus. He wants us in one accord.

Now I can see that the enemy of one-accordness is carnality, the spirit of fleshly desire. It creates different upheavals. But in the spirit of one-accord there is no upheaval, but quietness. Where there is carnal outbursts there is bruising and it is not too pleasant. But where there is the spirit of surrender there is healing, restoration, recovery and understanding. "And they were all with one

accord.” Praise the Lord. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus’ Name



Loran W. Helm

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Rev. Helm wanted the following letters to be included for your encouragement. Please be sure to give God all of the praise for everything that has been accomplished.

Dear Rev. and Mrs. Helm,

Hope all is well with you. Just wanted to praise the Lord and thank you for your recent newsletter on Ephesians 6. It was very good and helpful. I remember once a couple of years ago you wrote on this same subject and I had been in a battle. But, when I read your letter all the warfare just lifted off of me and I was delivered. To God be all the praise. We thank Him for our salvation and His continued mercy. Thankful for all we have learned from you in how to follow and walk with God. As I am around some other Christians and see certain things in their behavior it makes me so appreciative of what we’ve been taught in this ministry. I don’t say this in a haughty manner but, just an appreciative one, for the call to holiness and the crucifixion of the old self life, that is so ugly and unChristlike. May this revelation get into all the church. The need is so great. I know I need so much more of Jesus and it will be by His mercy that I can be faithful. May God bless and help you, meeting all of your need by His riches in glory,

Steven Smith, Kokomo

Dear Rev. Helm,

I wanted to let you know how thankful we are for the book *A Voice in the Wilderness*. It has been a help and encouragement to Denny and I over the years. The message is still as anointed, vibrant and alive today as it was the day it was written.

Our 28-year-old son, Dennis, has recently become engaged to a young lady named Holly. She is very sweet and we love her. Holly’s mother believes in God but her dad claims to be an agnostic. Therefore, Holly has not gone to church or been taught much at all about a relationship with Jesus. A few months ago she gave her heart to Jesus and has been very interested in reading her Bible and learning all she can about this newfound faith.

I gave her a copy of *A Voice in the Wilderness* to read. She called me last night to thank me for giving her the book. She has only had the book for a few days, but is already on chapter ten and very excited. She said, “After asking Jesus into my heart and life I knew there must be more I needed to do but I didn’t know what. This book makes it so clear. It teaches you the next step!”

I wish I could remember all the things she related in regard to how much she has been enjoying the book and how wonderful she thinks it is that God would teach you in such a special way. She was amazed to learn that we had actually met the man who wrote this book. We could tell her that the life backs up what is written in the book. That is the best part.

How do we thank Jesus for what He has done and given to us through your ministry and life? Words just can’t express it enough. Only Jesus knows how much hurt and frustration may be avoided because Holly has been able to read about the importance of self-denial, waiting on God and obedience to the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, Rev. Helm and Florence, for your lives of obedience to God. We love you!

Nancy Patterson

FLORENCE SPENCE HELM

June 27, 1911 to March 5, 2002

As many of you know, Florence Helm went to be with the Lord on March 5, 2002 at 6:00 a.m. She had suffered from pneumonia for several days and eventually her body was not able to hold up under the stress and strain of the illness.

Please join the Board of Directors of Revival for Our Day, Inc. in expressing our Condolences to the Helm family at her passing.

Many of our readers will have been able to attend the memorial service. We honor the life of one uniquely committed to the cause of Christ and who has ministered in music to most of us for the last few decades.

# *Revival For Our Day*

May 2002

Dear ones of Revival For Our Day, I want to express thanksgiving to all of you who prayed for me at the passing of my wife several weeks ago. How we truly needed your prayers. Please don't let up on them because it is harder now in a way than it was then. I want to express appreciation for all of the cards of condolences and comfort and for the memorials and flower arrangements. We want you to know that my family and I were very appreciative for them all. There are times when I think of my companion being gone and it is hard, difficult and lonely. So we are trusting Jesus and want you to know we are grateful for all of your care, concern, help and prayer. Praise the Lord.

My message is found in Luke 4:13, "**And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from Jesus for a season.**" The Devil departed and left Jesus. How is it that the devil departs? He departed from Jesus "for a season." We are familiar with earthly seasons – spring, summer, fall and winter – but what is a season as to temptation?

Earthly seasons last several weeks, but how long is a spiritual season? Is it for a day or two, or a week, or perhaps a longer while? Satan tempts us by seasons. We must endure these seasons of trial. Have you remembered your experience of being tempted, when the enemy would tempt, try, accuse and buffet you? You felt pretty pressed and lonely during this time, but Jesus came and His Holy Spirit comforted you in the season of temptation.

It seems that temptations come more than they go. I don't believe that we ever want temptation – we want an escape. What is the escape from temptation? There is deliverance in the blood of Jesus. **Our deliverance in the season of temptation is by the blood of Jesus and the Word of God through the work of the Holy Spirit.**

So he departed from Jesus and he left Him for a season. What is the most serious temptation that you have been in since you were converted? Or what is the most serious temptation you had before conversion? And how long did that temptation last and much did you endure it? What is it that we have to have in order to endure temptation? **We need God's all abounding grace, His all-sufficient grace, His grace that is for whosoever will.** I am thankful that His grace is for whosoever will – God does not have any respect of persons and we are all given the opportunity to be victorious in temptation.

Temptation is not enjoyable. It is hurtful. Temptation can be crushing and devastating. "And the devil departed from Jesus for a season." That meant he was coming back. We don't know exactly how long a spiritual season is, but it is a period of

time. How do we persevere in the Word, in prayer or in obedience? How much does obedience play a part in our overcoming temptation? If we are more obedient, is our temptation more likely, or less likely? Do you know very many people that obey God consistently, or continually, or occasionally? How much do we know about obedience? And when we are obedient, is the season of temptation more frequent? The severity of temptation also varies. There is light temptation and there is medium temptation and there is severe temptation. It could be that the tempter assails more furiously the person who obeys the Lord continually without intermission. Sometimes the temptations are furious – and we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

**Our victory in the season of temptation depends on our brokenness.** If we are broken sufficiently, how many times are we delivered from temptation? What is the price of being spiritually broken? If we are humble and broken enough, does that prolong the temptation coming? What is spiritual brokenness? What is it in relationship to humility?

A past president of Taylor University shared that when he was a very young man he told his mother and father that he was called to the ministry. And his mother and father told him that it was not news to them for they had known for a long time that he was called. His father told him, "You will never be able to preach, son, until you are broken." So he went into the ministry and served in one place and then another and another, until he came to one place where the experience broke him. And he realized that he was not able to truly preach the gospel until he was broken. How many ministers are preaching that have not been broken yet? He said years went by before this occurred, but when it did, he said he went to pieces in brokenness. He said he had never known what his father meant until he came to that place.

Do you know what brokenness is? Are we less likely to criticize if we are broken sufficiently? I think so. **The more broken we are, the more yielded and childlike we are and we become in His likeness, by His grace and by His Spirit.** That president of Taylor University said, "I never knew what my father meant by brokenness" and he had served in several pastorates until he finally knew what it was to be broken.

Isn't it wonderful to meet someone who is broken – who is a servant to all – no hindrance in them, no complaint in them, no argument in them, no analyzation in them? Brokenness. Isn't that a spiritual splendor? Can you see this picture? It is good to get this isn't it? It makes you hunger and thirst after righteousness. Isn't it wonderful, and



precious and sacred? It is a lift. It is such an experience to be spiritually broken. You want to stay within the venue of it and never leave it – because in spiritual brokenness there is rest and delight. It is marvelous to enter into the delight of His rest so that we can be yielded and be broken.

**We cannot become broken by self-will.** Neither can we be broken by our advantages nor can we be broken by something that we are able to do. How much obedience does it require to ever get to the place of brokenness? When I read Pilgrim's Progress the first time, I didn't know much of anything about the spiritual journey. After thirty or forty years I read it again and I said, "O, I have been there. I have been there and I have been here." When Christian was on his way to the City Celestial, he encountered so many things. Did you ever get in the Castle of Despair? Did you ever get down in the City of Carnality – and get all clamored up and tied up and chained up and muddled up?

When we come to spiritual brokenness we recognize our spiritual poverty. We see our neediness and nothingness as He works with us and brings us to the end of self and lets His presence come to lead us in paths of righteousness.

"And when all the temptations were ended, he left Him for a season." **We find deliverance in this season of temptation when, by the grace of God, His tenderness brings us to brokenness, as we yield in obedience.** "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

How far is inner brokenness from yieldedness? Do we experience this only by obedience? I think so. How apt is the normal man or woman to persevere to brokenness? I think we can be in a church for fifty years and never know what brokenness is. **Inner brokenness is revealed only by the Holy Spirit and only experienced by those who persevere in childlikeness, as we seek His face fervently, persistently and fully, without hesitancy.** Brokenness is a rest. It is a blessing. It is GREAT joy! This great joy that is in brokenness is such that there is no way to declare the wonder of this land. There is no way to clarify it to the carnal mind, because we are born in sin and in sin did our mothers conceive us. Only through the blood of Jesus and through the help of the Holy Spirit are we delivered.

So brokenness is that precious place to which we only arrive by His help and by His mercy altogether. We have to be willing to be nothing and be willing to be at His disposal, ready to do whatever He wants to do with us. Wouldn't it be wonderful to come to this? The leader of Taylor University many years ago said that he did not know what brokenness was. He said he preached for years and never knew what it was. He was

learned, he read, he knew many things, but he didn't know what brokenness was. How many things can we know and never know what brokenness is? How far are we from brokenness? What is the distance from where we are to the place of brokenness and the actuality of it? How much enjoyment is there in it and how much lack of joy is there without it? It is ever inviting, but seldom entered into, because the carnal part of us resists this and draws back from it. It is repugnant to us. But if we are willing to be slain, He is willing to slay out of us the things that prevent us from arriving at brokenness.

It is an open door. There are no exclusions. No one is prohibited from becoming broken in His service. As you look into your heart and I look into mine, how much desire is there within us to press into brokenness? How do we pursue it? How do we get there? We do not get there by our knowledge. He can take and mold us, but only if we are broken enough. If we are rigid then He can't mold us. Most of the flesh tends to be rigid rather than allowing Him to take us into His hands and make us into the vessels that He wants us to become.

So sometimes our trials and temptations are finding us out. We find out what we are in the midst of stress. We find out what we are like when we are tested, tempted and tried. He looks into our hearts and sees where we are. The president of Taylor University said, "I never knew what my father meant when he told me I would never be able to preach until I was broken." He prayed for years and didn't know what it was. He was a Bible scholar. He was a theologian. He knew a lot about churchism. He was an honest and upright man, but he didn't know what brokenness was.

What is it that brings us to brokenness? What brought him to brokenness was a church in a wrangle, not people. That does not have to be the case. He can bring us to brokenness another way. For He is the way, the truth and the life. As we follow Jesus He will bring us to brokenness. He will bring us to it. Praise the Lord! I believe when we get to brokenness, we are like a light in a dark place. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I believe we become like lights in the darkness. **When we are broken our lights shine forth and we go forth as little children, singing the songs of Zion.** We triumph in glorious things of Zion, city of our God. He lifts us up and places us upon a Rock that is higher than you or I. He gives us a song in the night and sends us out like little ones – not like we think we are somebody, but He sends us out and we find that we are just a little bit of nothing and that He is everything.

Praise the Lord. Isn't it wonderful to dwell in the place of brokenness? Isn't it great? It tastes and feels so good. It is delightful and is something that

everyone is trying to find. We don't get there by might or power or because we know so much or we can do so much. We get to brokenness by the grace of God. Isn't it wonderful to meet someone who is at this place?

Can it be said of you or me that we are on our way to brokenness? You see, if someone is really broken, they don't really know it very well. They seem to never find it out if they are fully broken and humble. Humility and brokenness are first cousins. You love to be with those that are broken because you have a certain warmth when you are with them. You have a certain help that you sense by the grace of God through the Holy Spirit. The saints are ever pursuing brokenness. They never claim to have arrived. They are always on their way. As E. Stanley Jones used to say, "I am a Christian in the making." Glory to God.

What is it that makes us become in His likeness? Carnal people can chew us to pieces or find fault with us. That is how carnality is. We are born with it. It is instilled in us and we can't help it. We can only be delivered by the mercies of God and the work of the Holy Spirit.

How much brokenness was in the life of Joseph? Did God use his brothers to bring him to brokenness? How lonely do you think he was in that prison? What does God use to bring us to brokenness? Brokenness – it is a fair land full of sunlight and orchards and vineyards that flourish and yield fruits of sweetness, not of bitterness. **Brokenness – coming to know Him in His light by His grace and His word, saying, "Not my will, but Thy will be done."** Knowing that in us dwells no good thing because we are just a sinner saved by the grace of God and the blood of the Lamb, to come to brokenness. What a picture, a wonder, a secret, forever open. The invitation to brokenness is never closed. How many go through and are privileged to be in this place of brokenness?

To think that men and women are born into this world and we go to seminaries and Bible schools and never learn about brokenness or following. Following has a lot to do with brokenness. How far do we have to follow to brokenness? The crowds followed Jesus, but were there very many that followed Him as far as brokenness or humility? How much desire does it take within the human heart to follow Jesus to brokenness. (That really gets in my heart.) As you read the scriptures, you can see that there were a few that followed. Jesus said few there would be that would find it.

In the place of brokenness there is no competition. Isn't that great? In the realm of spiritual brokenness there is a sign that says, "Welcome to all." Not to just some or a portion, but welcome to all.

How much do we long to be true, yielded servants of Jesus? How much do we truly want and desire to be broken in His Spirit and in His cross? There is no brokenness experienced except in the cross, by the cross, through the cross. That comes by self-denial. If we don't deny self, we will never come to brokenness. Most all of us are not willing to die very much.

I think Jesus is heart-broken with some of us most of the time, because we are so apt to turn to the flesh rather than unto the spiritual to seek His brokenness. The invitation is ever near us and always for us. Those of brokenness are dependable and reliable. They are as faithful as they know how to be. If there is any light shed on their pathway, they will try to take care of it the best they can. There is no pressure in His brokenness. There is a freedom in Him and whosoever will may come.

There is plenty of room in humility. It is a wonderful place where the rough edges are peeled off of us so we can be whatever He wants us to be. In the land of brokenness, there is such compassion. Hallelujah! Not a forced compassion, but a giving compassion. Isn't this precious? This is a lot to be giving God the glory for. **The further into brokenness we go, the less of self there is and the more of Him there is.** It is not because of anything in us, but always because of Him, from Him and for Him. This state of brokenness is a tremendous spiritual sphere. It is beyond words, giving all over to Him in His authority, purpose and will.

How much brokenness was in the life of Joseph? Why were his brothers so jealous of him and so upset with him? Joseph had purity. It takes sanctifying power to bring us to brokenness. Joseph was a beautiful picture of purity and brokenness.

So also was the life of Job. His friends didn't know who he was. He lost about everything, yet he did not complain. Even though he was utterly desolate, he maintained his integrity. Even though he lost everything. To him it was a long season of temptation, test, trial, battle and struggle. His friends didn't seem to help very much. What is it that helps us? The Holy Spirit within us helps us. We are not worthy of it, but we are very grateful for it. **Those who pursue the place of brokenness and truly arrive there have an opportunity to serve and to be happy, to be tried and to be tested for a season.** In pursuing brokenness, there are many severe temptations. Job and Joseph are examples of the glorious faith of God's people and His servants. Hallelujah!

I am thankful that the place of brokenness can be somewhat unveiled. We cannot convey it, it can only be given to those that are willing to be obedient and to be broken – ever pursuing His will and not their own. I believe those that have



experienced brokenness are full of encouragement. They want to encourage the saints, the newly saved and all of the children of the Lord. They are a grateful, appreciative people and are filled with His holiness and purity. Not because they are worthy, but it is His will to convey His wonderful love to those that are in brokenness. Those that live and dwell in brokenness are filled with love and compassion. Joseph was. Jesus was. In true brokenness there is always a looking out for and concern for others.

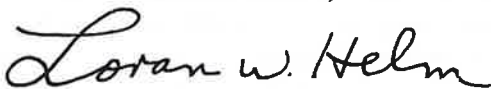
It encourages us to know that **we are all welcome in this place**. No one is prevented from coming to brokenness. The only thing that can prevent it is what is inside of us. If there is carnality or wrong reactions, these will prevent us from coming to brokenness. If you react carnally, then that keeps you from it. How much aggravation can be in a heart that is broken? I think none. Instead of aggravation, there is a giving over to the life of God and the mind of Christ. We don't pursue people to press them, but rather invite them. Jesus said in one place, "Compel them to come in." So in brokenness, there are so many different places, always new and never grinding, but giving and helpful. Praise the Lord.

When I was first converted, I wanted everybody saved. I just couldn't help it. It was such great joy inside of me that I wanted everyone to get it and not miss it. That's the way it was. But the Lord taught me that I couldn't get anybody saved. All I could do was follow, and serve, yield and give. **Brokenness comes step by step, never a great leap, but just little steps.** So we don't need to get discouraged or think that we are not doing anything. We can say by God's grace that we are striving. Jesus said, "**Strive ye to enter in at the straight gate**, for many shall seek to enter in and shall not be able."

So this is to encourage us. O to be loosed to abound in Him. Is it your desire to live in His brokenness? It is my desire. This is a true picture of the church – to live in His brokenness, His will and His purpose. Praise the Lord. In Him there is great peace, happiness, excitement and rest.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

In Jesus' Name,



Loran W. Helm

# REVIVAL FOR OUR DAY

JULY 2002

Dear ones of Revival For Our Day, greetings in Jesus' precious, holy name. I want to thank the Lord for all of you who have been striving to walk with God and obey Him, who have been endeavoring to hear His voice and follow, for He said, "My sheep hear my voice." I am grateful for all of the prayers and cries to the throne that have been uttered in my behalf. I know that I am unworthy of it, but we give God thanksgiving and praise for the dear ones that have held me to the throne in prayer and petition these past few months, especially since the passing of my wife, Florence. I am most grateful and need it much. Praise the Lord. I trust that those who read this letter will be encouraged, challenged and lifted. We need it very much because the time is short.

The message I want to share with you is found in Luke 4:25-39. Jesus says here, 25 **"But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; 26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. 27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian."** Now you will notice in verses twenty-eight and twenty-nine, after Jesus finished His sayings, that His hearers were angry. 28 **And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, 29 and rose up, and thrust Him out of the city, and led Him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast Him down headlong."**

Everyone in the synagogue was filled with wrath, so much so that they rose up and were going to cast Him over headlong to His death. There was not recorded one person who was not upset at Him. Have you ever considered how they thrust Him out? They rose up and took hold of Him and thrust Him out of the synagogue. Not only was He removed from the synagogue, but they also thrust Him all the way down the street until they were out of the city - where they led Him to a hill in order to kill Him. They had it in their hearts to get rid of Him. This is a very sad story.

Now Jesus let them thrust Him out of the synagogue and also out of the city. He allowed them to take Him as far as the place where they were going to throw Him down headlong and kill Him. It seems they had their hands on Him for some distance from the synagogue to the hill.

30 **"But He passing through the midst of them went His way."** The thrusting ended at this point. Jesus went by His own power out of their hands. He was able, somehow, to pass through them and move on from their midst. How did He do that? He was

able to just go right through the middle of a crowd that wanted to kill Him and leave them.

31 **"And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the Sabbath days. 32 And they were astonished at His doctrine: for His word was with power. 33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, 34 Saying, 'Let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee who Thou art; the Holy One of God.'"**

How did these evil spirits know He was Jesus of Nazareth? They said it out loud. "Art Thou come to destroy us?" Now why would those devils think that Jesus had come to destroy them? He is in the synagogue teaching and the demons spoke through someone and wanted to know if Jesus was going to destroy them. This tells me that they were frightened. And the demons went on to say, "I know Thee who Thou art; the Holy One of God." This demon-possessed person knew who Jesus was, recognized Him and called Him Jesus the Christ. Demon-possessed people knew who Jesus was throughout the scriptures. "I know Thee who Thou art; the Holy One of God."

35 **"And Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Hold thy peace, and come out of him.'"** Jesus rebuked the foul spirit and took authority over it. **"And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not. 36 And they were all amazed and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! For with authority and power He commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out. 37 And the fame of Him went out into every place of the country round about."**

That meant people were witnessing and talking about Jesus - His great love and that He had cast these demons out. He was well known - even though the Sadducees and well learned men did not know who Jesus was, the devil knew. And His fame went into every place. There was no place left out. People were carrying the good news.

38 **And He arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought Him for her. 39 And He stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them."**

Have you ever had a high fever when you didn't know what you were going to do? It says that she had a great fever, not a slight one. Well, when Jesus entered the home they asked Him to help her. And He stood over her and rebuked the fever. He spoke

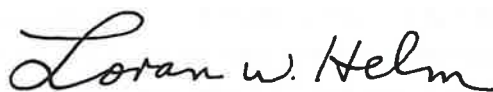
to it and the fever heard Him and left her. How did the fever hear Him? Diseases hear when Jesus speaks. When the fever left her she got up and stood. Until then, she was awfully sick and had to lie down, but when Jesus stood over her and rebuked the fever, the fever was gone and she was able to stand. Just the second that the fever left her she was no longer in the bed. Hallelujah! She is free from the fever, free from infection and free from all this terrible feeling.

And then a great thing happened. She ministered unto them. How do we minister? This is a lot to consider and give God the praise for, because Jesus makes her well and she is now able to minister to them. It would be interesting to know all that she did for them in her ministering. Do you suppose that Jesus was included in those to whom she ministered? It is wonderful that she was able to do that and is something to be thankful for. "It immediately left her, and she ministered unto them." Praise the Lord.

It is God's will for us to be delivered and set free from the bondage that holds us. Jesus is able to deliver. He can speak to the demons and they obey Him; even sickness is subject to his command. His power is greater than the evil that surrounds us and than the physical maladies that affect us. It is His desire that we allow Him to overcome them all and empower us to minister to others to build His kingdom.

May you be encouraged to keep pressing on in prayer and obedience, for the Word tells us not to become weary in well doing, for in due season we will reap, if we faint not. Praise the Lord for His mercy. Thank you again for praying for us, for we need it much. We thank the Lord for each of you and for your prayers of support.

In Jesus' Name,



Loran W. Helm

The following is a letter from Rev. Emory Reece, President of Revival For Our Day, Inc., regarding a financial report of the ministry.

Dear Family of RFOD,

It has been some time since I have shared a financial report with you. Our financial status is good, in view of the relatively small number of individual contributors and the limited resources of the contributing fellowship congregations.

By God's grace, the average monthly contribution for the months January through May is \$17,148.78. However, we are receiving almost \$2,000.00 below what is needed each month.

If more of you who receive this letter could send a gift each month, I am sure there would be enough to meet all the needs.

We are working on getting a video made of some of the messages Rev. Helm has given at Parker City Christ Fellowship in recent weeks. We will let you know the progress.

Thank you and God be with you,

Emory Reece, President of RFOD



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July 2002



# *Revival For Our Day*

August 2002

Dear ones of Revival For Our Day, greetings in the matchless name of Jesus, our soon coming Lord! Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. We give Him glory and honor and thanks, for He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, as we trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey. We pray that you will be encouraged to obey the Lord and to press into the Kingdom of God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength. For the first and great commandment is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind, and with all of our strength. The second is like it; we shall love our neighbor as ourselves. Thank you for your prayers, petitions, supplications and intercessions on my behalf. It seems that I am very needy, but the Lord has helped and is able to make a way. I appreciate all of your prayers and help. I want to express appreciation to Harmony Press for their help and assistance in printing this letter and also to Shepherd Services for the mailing of it. We are in debt to them for their labor of love and all that they and their staff have done to assist us these years with this letter. We are very grateful. Praise the Lord.

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The message I want to share with you consists of two words found in **Matthew 7:1**, "**Judge not.**" That is all I want us to consider. Let us look at the man of God, Moses. Moses was God's servant and spokesman. God worked through him marvelously and in miraculous ways. God did so many things through him, around him and for others, however, that his sister Miriam and his brother Aaron developed an attitude toward Moses that was not of God. In the twelfth chapter of Numbers we read what took place. "And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, 'Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? Hath He not spoken also by us?' And the Lord heard it. (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.) And the Lord spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, 'Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation.' And they three came out. And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. And he said, 'Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to

speak against my servant Moses?' And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and he departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous. And Aaron said unto Moses, 'Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned. Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.' And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, 'Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.' And the Lord said unto Moses, 'If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? Let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again.' And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again. And afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran."

We see that Miriam had rendered a judgment and this caused God to do as we just read about. As we go from Moses, Aaron and Miriam, we come to Noah. Noah was a preacher of righteousness. He was never known to cast a judgment on his family. There is no scripture that indicates that he ever rendered a judgment about his wife, his sons, or their wives. He preached eighty to one hundred and twenty years and cried aloud and spared not to lift up his voice like a trumpet to tell the people their transgressions and their sins. But he didn't render any judgment to those of his own household. It is easy to do that, but he didn't. I wanted us to see that he qualified for "judge not". He did not render a judgment.

Now let us consider Job. Job was a servant of God and lost all that he had. But he had not rendered a judgment against his people. He lived a noble and holy life. Now Job had three friends, and when he was smitten with boils all over the body and was in great suffering, his three friends came to him, and do you know what they did? They rendered a judgment. His friends, instead of consoling him, rendered a judgment against Job, a holy man. There was not anyone like him in the earth. He was upright and he feared God. But these three friends found fault with him and rendered a judgment. Why did they do that when he was a holy man? He was humble and childlike. God said to judge not. You would have thought the three of them would have been encouraging. But there is no encouragement from those rendering a judgment. None at all. Job's friends took him to task and told him why they thought he was in such great suffering. They said it was because he was not doing God's will, in essence. His wife had told him, "Just curse God and die." And Job's reply

was, “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.” He didn’t combat it, but rather submitted. Job was a servant of God. Job was upright in the face of suffering, turmoil and upheaval, yet he maintained his integrity in humility, faithfulness and obedience. Praise the Lord.

We have examined Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Noah and Job. Let’s leave them and look at Joseph. You find in Joseph a person very noble, pure and blessed of God. He was honored of God and received visions and dreams from the Lord. This precious man did not render a judgment against his brothers, even though his brothers had judged him. They put him in a pit and sold him into slavery. Consequently, the judgment of Joseph’s brothers put him in prison. Sometimes we are quick to say things, but by God’s grace, Joseph maintained his integrity. He didn’t render a judgment. He was faithful, pure, trusting and upright in heart. Jesus said, “Judge not”, and Joseph qualified. Joseph’s brothers were very afraid about what he was going to do with them. He told them, “What you did you meant for evil, but God meant it for good.” “God meant it for good.” O, what a spirit! – A spirit of humility, nobility and of servitude, giving over and saying “yes” to God.

God is to be praised. In the Old Testament there was a place where they were going to call fire down from heaven. In the New Testament there was one place where they said, “Lord, can we call fire down from heaven?” And Jesus said, “You don’t know what spirit you are of.” They had rendered a judgment, but Jesus said, “No”. When we are compassionate and filled with Jesus, we want to be cautious and careful of our attitude, motives, and behavior, so that we can be counted in Him as a childlike person. Jesus said unless we are converted and become as a little child.... You know, a little child doesn’t know anything about judging people. In fact, he doesn’t even know his ABC’s. He can’t count and he doesn’t judge people. He doesn’t find fault with anybody. A little child is so happy with nothing.

The Lord helping us, we can pray and pursue holiness of heart and obedience of life. In the obedient life, there is no rendering of judgments. An obedient heart doesn’t render judgment. Isn’t that precious? A little child doesn’t know much, but he knows enough not to judge people. And we are to become like that.

So Jesus said, “Judge not”. Therefore, we go slowly and we render love. Where judgment is, there isn’t any love. Think of that. Where love is there is no rendering of judgment. Hallelujah! That is a tremendous truth. If we really love God and love one another as He loves us, there is no rendering of judgment. Praise the Lord. This is a simple truth, but a world of love to consider. Love

doesn’t find fault, doesn’t criticize. But where love is not found faultfinding and criticism abound.

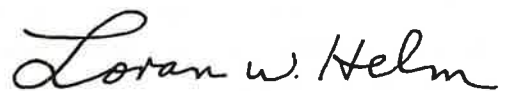
Jesus said that unless we are converted and become like a little child we will in no case enter the kingdom of Heaven. To be as a little child is utter dependence on God. So where there is utter dependence on God there is compassion and mercy. We must try to hold onto this and praise God for His grace, love and mercy. We are thankful for His Word that abides. Hallelujah! Praise God. Where His love is there is no rendering of judgment, and if there were any, it would be righteous judgment, with tenderness, compassion and a gentle spirit. Gentleness is very tender, cautious, and very loving.

I am thankful that in the lives of these biblical examples, they were able to surmount the obstacles and troubles and be victorious over them. Even though it was difficult, God was able to help them. And He will help us, even though we are very unworthy. I know I am. Judge not. This is true holiness, true purity, and true childlikeness. How wonderful it is for Jesus to help us, guide us and direct us. Praise the Lord.

Be thoughtful of others. Be pliable. Be childlike. Be like Job – just take it. In the final analysis, God will deliver. Be like Joseph – his brothers rendered judgment, but he didn’t. He was victorious. Since he did not render a judgment, God trusted him with revelation and revealed to him how to save all the house of Israel as well as all the Egyptians. He was a man that did not render judgment. What a message. What light. Praise the Lord. Though this is simple, yet God will lead us, as we trust Him. Hallelujah!

May the Lord strengthen and encourage each of you and may your burdens be lifted as you keep your eyes fixed upon Jesus. We are not to look at the problems, situations, or trials that surround us, but we are to look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Praise the Lord. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus’ Name,



Loran W. Helm



# Revival For Our Day

September 2002

Dear Pilgrims of Jesus, glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I am thankful for the Lord's mercy, for it is by the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed. Praise the Lord for all of His benefits. Do we remember them all, or have we forgotten one of them, some of them, or most of them? He has forgiven all our iniquities, healed us of all our diseases, redeemed our lives from destruction, crowned us with loving kindness and tender mercies, and satisfied our mouths with good things, so that our youth is renewed like the eagles. Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. I want to express thanks to each of you for your prayers, petitions and supplications to the throne of grace on my behalf. Thank you for praying and for being faithful to lift me to the throne. I am unworthy, but grateful and give God the praise for all that He has done, is doing and will do. Praise the Lord.

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The message I want to share with you is found in the book of Isaiah. In the sixth chapter of Isaiah, beginning with verse one we read, ***"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple."***

Isaiah's eyes were opened when king Uzziah departed from this life. Sometimes there has to be a death before the eyes are opened. He saw the Lord high and lifted up. This is a tremendous revelation.

***"Above it stood the seraphims; each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."*** Think of it! Right above the throne stood the seraphims and Isaiah saw them. What a gift! Hardly anyone has had that privilege. This vision was so grand and glorious. Isaiah could see this sight! That which was hindering him from seeing was taken away and he could see that the Lord was holy, holy, holy and his glory was throughout the whole earth.

***"And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke."*** Usually the posts of the door don't move much unless there is an earthquake. The smoke was holy smoke, pure smoke. It was not anything earthly. Praise the Lord.

Now, when Isaiah saw all of this that we have just read about, something happened to him. ***"Then said I, Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have***

***seen the King, the Lord of hosts."*** In other words, Isaiah was saying, "My, my I am needy. I am coming far short." This was Isaiah, the servant of the Lord, a precious man, a dedicated, consecrated servant. When he saw the Lord and all that surrounded His presence, Isaiah cried out and confessed that he was coming far short. He realized that he was not what he wanted to be, that he needed to be more of what the Lord wanted.

What has to happen in our lives before we know what is really going on? What has to occur with us before we are aware of these things? Isaiah was a man of God, but he could not see any of this until king Uzziah died. When king Uzziah died, Isaiah had glorious visions and revelations. He could suddenly see himself and confessed that he was a man of unclean lips. A lot of the time we don't see how unclean we are. We can be very, very talented or gifted or know quite a bit, but sometimes we don't realize how unclean we are until God gives us a vision of our need and of how far short we are from His will.

Many times we think it is somebody else who is falling short and is in need and we see their weaknesses, but not our own. Isaiah didn't know this until God showed him. He suddenly knew he was a man of unclean lips, that he talked too much and talked the wrong talk, that he said things he should not say. Isaiah did not know it until he had the vision and this wonderful experience. I am so thankful that He can reveal to us and help us to see our own personal need.

***"For mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."*** Praise the Lord his eyes were opened. Hallelujah! How much is there for us to see yet, that we haven't seen. We don't know, but He has a lot for us.

***"Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar."*** The seraphim did not fly to him until Isaiah saw that he was a needy person. And as soon as he saw that he was undone and of unclean lips, the seraphim flew to him with a live piece of fire. The seraphim brought it from the altar all the way to Isaiah, but the confession preceded the seraphim doing this. He said, ***"Woe is me, for I am undone. I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people with unclean lips."***

***"Then flew one of the seraphims unto me."*** Just think of this! He was flying to Isaiah, the precious prophet that was going to prophesy Jesus' coming. The seraphim came with a live coal from off of the altar of God. It was on fire! Praise the Lord. The angel had to have tongs to bring it to Isaiah.



***“And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged.”*** Hallelujah! He was purged! God took his sin away. Just think how wonderful it is that God would bring this message to our hearts and show us how needy we are. Oh, that we would want to be cleansed in our heart and in our lips, that we will be holy unto Him, that we will not be a discouragement or in the way of anyone, instead we will be lifting and edifying those around us. He took away his iniquity and his sin was purged.

Now, Isaiah also heard something. ***“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.”*** Isaiah said, “Here I am, send me.” He was blind and wasn’t ready to go until all this took place.

***“And God said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.”*** That is a big message for him to take. How much courage did it take for Isaiah to do that? He had to have strength that he had not had before. It was not an easy message to give. And that message was not just for then, but it is for now. This message that God gave Isaiah could be applied in about every church today.

And after the Lord told Isaiah to show them their need, He also had something else for him to do. ***“Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.”*** And Isaiah said, ***“Lord, how long do I have to do this? And the Lord answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate.”*** Isaiah had to preach until there was no hope left and that is also what we are to do. What a revelation and what a struggle. What a wonderful thing God gave him here and he had to persevere, humble himself, and really work hard to go forth to bring this to pass. He had to persevere.

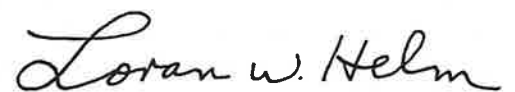
The scripture goes on to say, ***“And the Lord have removed men far away.”*** That would be a very difficult situation, to be moved far away from your homeland. God was going to do that to Israel. Sometimes we think, “Well, this is a hard situation.” But maybe God is in it. God moved these people far away because of their sin, and His hand was in it. Then it says, ***“And there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.”*** Just think, there is a great forsaking, but Isaiah had this mission and he had to persevere. God had to prepare him for this calling by touching his lips with the coal from the altar. Sometimes we don’t know how much iniquity we have in us, but God knows.

Isaiah wanted to know how long he was going to have to carry out his mission. It was a long time and the word of the Lord was not very promising. Yet in verse thirteen it says, ***“But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.”***

God gives gifts; He gives blessing and victories and what we need. All we need He gives and He cares about each one of us. He cares for everyone just like He cared for Isaiah when He was getting him ready for this mission. There is no respect of persons. Each one is as precious as anyone else. This is brought out here in this chapter. Praise the Lord! We can be partakers of the divine nature through the Holy Spirit, through obedience and through the work of God’s word in our heart. We can yield to Him and give God all the praise for what He has done, what He is doing and what He will do. This is continuous as we obey and do God’s will instead of our own. Remember, king Uzziah had to die before Isaiah could get started in this mission. The thing in our heart, the old man has to die, before we get the revelation of what God wants us to do and where God wants us to go, what He wants us to share and declare. Isaiah went forth in humility and in utter dependence on God.

So the Lord is to be praised for the victory and for giving us what is our own. Look to Jesus and just believe. It is by faith. “His power can make you what you ought to be! His blood can cleans your heart and make you free! His love can fill your soul and you will see, ‘twas best for Him to have His way with thee.” Be encouraged to press on through the Blood of the Lamb, the word of your testimony and by forsaking your own life to do His will. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus’ Name,



Loran W. Helm

# Revival For Our Day

October 2002

Dear ones of Revival For Our Day, greetings in Jesus' holy, precious name. Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We give you praise, blessed Jesus, for the blood that you shed on Calvary and for the work of the Holy Spirit in the Kingdom of God, which is "Christ in us, the hope of glory." Praise the Lord for the victory through the precious blood of Jesus, the sacred Word abiding. "For if ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." We are to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Thank you for your love and care these many years. Thank you for your prayers, sacrifice and help. May you be encouraged, lifted, sustained, guided and directed as you follow in the steps of Jesus. Praise the Lord.

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The message I want to share with you is found in the book of Acts the second chapter.

In Acts chapter two we read, ***"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."*** It says that when Pentecost had "fully" come. The word fully indicates that there is an appointed moment in time when God works and the Holy Spirit leads and directs. At this appointed time there were 120 persons waiting on the Lord for ten days. While they were waiting, God was refining them. God was refining their hearts, dealing within their souls and revealing the hearts of his people. (For the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately, who can know it? The heart is so deceitful that we do not recognize how much wickedness there is in the human heart unless the Holy Spirit shows us.) It would have been wonderful to be there as the Holy Spirit cleansed and sanctified them to prepare them for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them as a body. They waited before God – no plans were made, just waiting. This was a meeting without plans and arrangements. They were there for only one thing and that was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Verse two continues, ***"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."*** I have not heard of any group in the last 100 years where the Holy Spirit sat upon each person in cloven tongues of fire. But on this day of Pentecost there was a tongue of fire above each person's head. (We can talk about it, but if it were a reality in this place, we wouldn't be able to tell how we felt about the experience – it would be beyond explanation.) But it didn't come immediately, it came after they waited for ten days and nights, and then it came. O,

what a moment that was when the Holy Ghost came upon them!

When the Holy Spirit came they were in one accord, in harmony. Where there is harmony there is vision, and where there is no vision, the people perish. When you have people in one accord, it is because the mind of Christ is present in each of them. "Let this mind be in you and in me, which was also in Christ Jesus." It says let, I-e-t. We cannot force anyone to have the mind of Christ, for it comes by obedience and submission to the Holy Spirit. We have to commit ourselves over to the will of God. And on the day of Pentecost those waiting were like-minded and they shared the mind of Christ with such harmony, sweetness, joy and glory. Hallelujah!

They were together, not separate. There was an understanding in their hearts of each other. They saw one another as they had never seen one another before. Many times we don't see all that God has in store for us because of a certain blur of the spiritual eye. But when God comes in His Spirit, He removes the blur so that we can see more clearly. We are so grateful for the Holy Spirit to come and bring His people into one accord.

I wonder how many times there has been an occurrence of God's people all being in one accord since the day of Pentecost. What a gift that is. When people are in one accord, they all have the same goal. They are not different, but all the same, yet with their own distinct personalities as the Lord speaks through them His will and His word. Where people are in one accord, carnality is absent. Carnality is not there at all. Carnality is so evil, and we are born with it. When Jesus sanctifies us we are cleansed from the sin principle – the carnal nature. The Holy Ghost goes in and cleanses out the deception that is in the human heart. We cannot get it out ourselves – it comes by the Holy Spirit. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of hosts." Praise the Lord. We cannot come to one accord with the slightest tinge of any carnality. It has to all be cleansed out in order that we be pure and holy in him. We need heart purity.

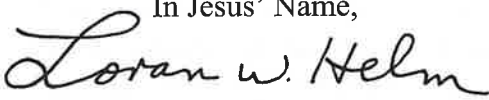
Another characteristic that is prominent in a group that is in one accord is love for one another. Everyone will love the other and it will be automatic when we are all for God. Without exception, we must love everyone. When you love everyone, you don't see the weaknesses of others. We only see the weaknesses of others if we have carnality in our heart. But when we are cleansed we don't look for the weaknesses in others, we look for the possibility of God working in every brother and sister. We look to see what God can do with each person, if they will only be obedient. So, in the

heart that is in one accord with others, love is the central song. The obedient person who follows Jesus and who surrenders to Him experiences it. They have a wonderful fellowship with God and with each other. There is something about the fellowship of the saints. It is joy and the joy of the Lord is our strength. We are not any stronger spiritually than our joy and our joy comes by obedience.

*“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.”* I was privileged to be in the presence of the Holy Spirit as a mighty rushing wind in August of 1942. I made a statement to a friend of mine and a mighty rushing wind came into the room. It filled every crack and crevice with such power everywhere. It was so powerful that if the Holy Spirit were to come again like that and linger for a few hours, I believe all men would be drawn to Jesus. When the Holy Spirit came upon my friend and me it was so tremendous we were not able to tell our wives how great it was. We tried, but we couldn’t.

I want to thank Jesus that He is able to save, able to cleanse, able to sanctify and able to give us victory in our hearts in the Holy Ghost. He is able to bring us to one accord. We serve a risen Savior. “Rejoice! Rejoice! O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ your King. The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, none other is so loving, so good and kind.” Praise the Lord.

Be encouraged to look to Jesus, to wait on Him and to follow Him in love. He will provide what we need when we need it as we trust and obey. May you be lifted, strengthened, comforted, healed and fortified in your heart through the precious abiding of the Holy Spirit. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus’ Name,  
  
 Loran W. Helm

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The following is a letter from Rev. Emory Reece.

Dear loved ones of Revival For Our Day,

On November 2, 2002, Revival For Our Day, Inc. will complete 40 years of its created purpose, which is stated in the Articles of Incorporation as follows: “(1) To conduct evangelistic services, (2) To reach men through Jesus Christ, (3) To assist Christians to a deeper experience of purity and power for service in the Kingdom of God, (4) To help, through prayer and faith, persons to be whole in Christ. This four-

fold purpose shall be accomplished by the exaltation of Jesus Christ as the risen Lord who is forever the same.”

Forty years ago now (August, September, and October, 1962) Rev. Robert Boggs, Rev. Dwight Stoner, Rev. Paul Hill and I were meeting every few days with Rev. Helm to create the Articles of Incorporation and the Code of By-Laws of what became Revival For Our Day, Inc. Line by line and word by word, we sought God’s guidance so that everything would be just as He wanted it to be in keeping with the governing laws of Indiana and the Internal Revenue Service. The four of us were the “Incorporators”, the beginning of the Board of Directors, and the officers of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary (in the order of our names above).

After almost 19 ½ years of Rev. Helm’s living by faith, Revival For Our Day, Inc. was dedicated in a special service in the church where Rev. Hill was pastor. There were 19 persons present. Rev. Boggs said that he felt as though there were many with us. This began to happen a few years later. The first letter was sent to a few dozen friends of Rev. and Mrs. Helm. (Now there are 1400 to 1500 people who may be reading this letter.)

Those of you who have experienced the fulfillment of any of the four-fold purposes, know that it has been through the loving, faithful, obedient life and ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Loran Helm, who represented Revival For Our Day, Inc.

During these 40 years God has given many revelations of His will, which He desired to fulfill in relation to R.F.O.D., Rev. and Mrs. Helm and you. Every miracle of physical and spiritual nature has occurred because of God’s guidance, touch, and intervention, because of His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, and for His honor and glory.

The first “evangelistic service”, after the organization of Revival For Our Day, Inc. was in a Methodist Church in Larwill, Indiana. From this humble, little-known beginning, God has led Rev. and Mrs. Helm to churches across the length and breadth of the U.S.A. and to several countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa. And their ministry through A Voice In The Wilderness has reached multitudes in many parts of the world. Revival For Our Day, Inc. has endeavored to be the “quiet” supporting organization administering the “business” details. Only God has the record of all the “men” who have been “reached”, individually and in groups throughout these 40 years.

Purposes 3 and 4 probably have been most evidently fulfilled in meetings which began in November 1966 known as a “Waiting On God”. Only God has the complete record of all who were



healed physically and spiritually in that first Waiting On God in Elkhart, Indiana. A few dozen one, two, three or four day Waiting On God meetings have occurred in the U.S.A. since 1966. A number of these meetings have had an attendance of over 1000 people at a time. Again, only God has the record (and be assured He does) of the hundreds of persons who have been healed, helped, encouraged, and blessed from November 1966 to October 2002.

Over 30 Waiting On God pilgrimages have been made to Europe, Asia and Africa; where only God knows how many "Pilgrims" and local citizens of these countries have been "reached" for Jesus Christ. Miracles have occurred (in persons, weather, travel, soil, and water) in these countries.

The "Staff" of Revival For Our Day, Inc. has included as many as 12 persons at one time in the 1970's, 1980's and early 1990's. Many persons have given volunteer help through these years. Thousands of dollars have been given to widows, orphans, needy persons and missionaries in the past 40 years.

It seems most significant to me that Mrs. Helm's home-going occurred about 60 years from the time of the first "Waiting On God" at Elkhart, Indiana. As I have prayed and meditated about this historical

review, it has come to my thoughts several times about how God led the children of Israel, through Moses, for 40 years from Kadesh Barnea to Mt. Nebo. Could there be any kind of a relationship between that and our last 40 years?

I believe that what God wants to do through Revival For Our Day in the future will depend on the willing obedience of all persons who are or will be related to it through their prayers, presence, and financial support. Please remember that God will keep His promises found in Genesis to Revelation, through or in spite of us human beings. By God's enabling grace, I want to be a part of His "Promise Keeping" and not a hindrance to it, by my trusting and obeying Him.

Most Sincerely Yours  
In God's Service,



Emory Reece, President  
Revival For Our Day, Inc.  
October 2002

# Revival For Our Day

November 2002

Dear ones of the Lord Jesus Christ, greetings in his holy name. We want to give God praise and thanksgiving for his presence, anointing, direction, revelation and help as he leads and guides his people. Thank you for your prayers, as well as your financial assistance and giving. We are in debt to the Lord and praise God for his faithfulness in providing. We have about fourteen-hundred on our mailing list, for which we are grateful to each one of you. About sixty individuals or families contribute regularly to this ministry, as well as several churches that have helped us on an ongoing basis. We are thankful for each gift given. We are also thankful for Stephen and Michelle Carpenter who assist us each month with this newsletter, and for Harmony Press and Shepherd Services who print the letter and mail it out for us. We are very thankful for their help and for everything that they do. Praise the Lord.

Before sharing a message, I want to encourage you to always take your Bible with you to church. It contains the mind of God, the state of man, the reward of the righteous, the doom of the wicked. It is the traveler's map, the Christian's charter, the soldier's sword; it is light to guide you, food to sustain you, comfort to cheer you, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure. You read it to be wise, believe it to be saved and practice it to be holy. The Bible is our square. (You never see a carpenter without his hammer and tools – and one thing he should never forget is the square. Every carpenter has to have a square, because if what he is building isn't square, it isn't going to work.)

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This message is primarily for married persons, but it is helpful for us all to review God's plan for the family. In Genesis 2:18-25 it says, ***“And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.’ And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: Whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, ‘This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”***

This passage tells us that a man shall *leave* his father and mother and shall *cleave* unto his wife. When we are married, we leave and we cleave. In a sense, this is a secret of revival in the church because the church is only as strong as the homes within it.

Now, when I married my wife many years ago, I left my father and mother. ***“A man shall leave his father and mother.”*** Many children love to leave home and go various places. I was not like that. I was never really contented without my parents *until* I was married. When I found my companion, that all changed. I had my home then and a new family had begun for me. But before that, it didn't make any difference where I was, if I was not with my mother and father, I did not feel right. I didn't want to go anywhere without my father and mother. There is a feeling in a home, in a family, that cannot be told by words. When I was about ten years old, my younger brothers liked to go out to Aunt Libb's and spend the night. Not me. I wanted to stay at home. But I want you to know that when I found my wife that changed everything. It was different.

Not only must the child leave, but the parent must let go. If any one of a couple's parents holds onto their married child, it will damage the marriage. If a parent comes in and gives suggestions, it is not always wise. I was a mother's boy. My mother and I spent a lot of time talking. If she had held onto me, it would have hurt our marriage. It would not have lasted. Similarly, if a father holds onto his daughter, it will damage her marriage. (The father needs to be concerned that she is getting the right husband, but he needs to let go of her.)

This scripture says that a man shall leave his father and his mother and cleave unto his wife. Now, there is a lot in the word "cleave." A couple must have understanding, closeness, and they should wait upon God together. That requires thoughtfulness and being helpful in different ways. The husband and the wife work together in this cleaving. It is urgent in the church to have families that are together. How a man treats his companion is so important in this. Too many men are not gentle and kind enough. They haven't been taught – or they have not prayed enough. If a man has prayed enough and truly been transformed, then he will know how to be more gracious, gentle and tender with his companion. A wife is to be treated gently. This makes a good relationship. (This is made light of in certain circles, but if it is not this way in a marriage, it is damaging and always subtracts from what God has planned.)

When I found my wife, what do you think would have happened to me if I would have been over with some other lady and talking to her for a while

without my wife? What do you think that would do to her? A lot of young men and women don't realize that if a young woman who is married spends too much time with another married man, she is injuring the marriage. Before I went with my wife, I was president of my high school class and I dated the third grade teacher. I would go to meet her various places, before my conversion. She was a beautiful woman. Then there was another beautiful blonde lady that I also dated. And then there was another beautiful blonde lady that I dated who was a music teacher.

When I fell in love with my wife, that all changed. I didn't spend any time with those other ladies any more. If I had, what would that have done? We were still friends, but our relationship changed. (In fact, when I left Florence's home one night while we were dating to walk home, these teachers decided that they were going to put me to the test. They said, "When he comes out of there we will come right up beside him and we will get him in the car to go around the block with us." What do you suppose happened? Of course, we had always been friends, but when I saw what they were doing, I said, "No." They said, "But we are friends." I said, "But I can't do that." What would it have done to my future wife to see me get into the car with two women I had previously dated?) **I am talking about the sacredness of the home, of the family and being balanced and in holy order so we won't bring injury to our home or marriage.** If I would have gotten in that car, I could have broken a very sacred thing.

We all have our tests. The husband and the wife have to be careful how they are with the opposite sex after marriage. If they aren't, it brings injury to their union. It is a hurt that will never be healed. It can be forgiven, but there is still a scar of disappointment there. For decades, I have admonished young ministers, "Never go calling in a home where the wife is there and the husband is not home, unless you have your wife with you or another brother." It will not work. We must know how to love one another within the family in a way that is helpful and conducive to understanding.

When a husband and wife are together in harmony, what joy there is. But if there is carnality there, or prayerlessness or disobedience, there is not quite the harmony. But if the husband and wife pray together, then they don't want to do anything that will hurt the other. They don't want to betray one another's trust.

When my wife and I got together I didn't kiss her until the third date. When I took her home that particular evening, I kissed her for the first time, and when I did, something happened. Now, as long as we prayed together and everything was clear, that same feeling would still be there. But if at times we

had a slight conflict, it would just not be the same. **You have to get on your knees together with your arms around each other and start praying and the Lord will come and take the controversy out.** He will take away the trouble if we will start praying. I was eighteen when we were first married, and we would have a test or a trial and I would say, "Honey, let's pray." So we would get down on our knees and I would get my arms around my wife and I would start praying and she would pray and in five to fifteen minutes, all of our troubles were gone. The Holy Ghost came and helped us in this "cleaving." The Holy Spirit had to help me, because I had never been taught that.

When you get into a test with your companion, carnality will not want you to follow this course of action. There will be such stubbornness in you that will say, "I am not going to do it." It takes both husband and wife to work together to keep the family in harmony. If the Holy Spirit is not there, the power and the sweetness and the glory is not there either. You falter and then, even though you are still together, because of misunderstandings or because we are not able to make that adjustment, you become emotionally distant and are apart from one another rather than united. Therefore, it is expedient that we put Christ first and that we pray together so that he can keep us together. Don't let little things get in your minds to bring hurt and conflict. We must cleave to one another in the family unit, so that God's will is first and we are like him. It is expedient that we put Christ first so that he can keep us together.

In **Mark 10:7** it says, "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, **and they twain shall be one flesh.** So then, they are no more twain but one flesh. Therefore, what God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." It is a wonderful thing to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. He wants unity in the family – and Jesus is telling us here that marriage is sacred and we are to have only one companion. In **Matthew 5:32** it says, "But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

We must leave and cleave. The cleaving is a togetherness through the work of the Holy Spirit to bring understanding, harmony and the sweetness of the moving of God within the soul and heart of the family. We need to be taught how to help one another. It is by prayer and thoughtfulness. Let God lead you. When you are obedient, he will teach you lessons that you cannot find in a book. The only true way of learning is by obeying and obeying is by following Jesus. This takes self-denial, but if we will do this, it will be wonderful. (If we don't the carnal nature will take over and it is