

Revival For Our Day

January 2005

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

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Jesus said in John 18:37, ***"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice."*** Everyone who is of the truth hears Jesus' voice. God so loved us that he gave Jesus for us and to us. Jesus is the only begotten Son, the great I AM, the gift of God and he was with the Father from the foundation of the world, when creation was made. He and the Father are one. And it is his will that all of the church becomes one as God and Jesus are one. We can attend Seminary and learn all about theology but we need to know the voice of Jesus. This needs to be preached all over the world, for my burden has been for the church to hear Jesus' voice and follow. It is important that we hear his voice.

Jesus was born to be the savior of the world and he is our redeemer. He is the Christ, the one who brings all men to God, the only way to the Father, the truth and the light. ***"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, which is Christ the Lord."*** Hallelujah! I am thrilled! Jesus was born to give us the victory; joy unspeakable and full of glory! Hallelujah! The great I AM, the King of glory that indwells us and tells us we are born of God! The joy of the Lord is our strength and we have been brought from darkness to light and we know this because we love the brethren. Hallelujah!

Jesus came into the world to bear witness to the truth and everyone who is of the truth hears his voice. Every man and woman who has a spark of truth within them hears him. They hear within them. Something happens to them within. God will speak to anyone who has an honest heart. He will get into their life. The first time Jerry Bays came to a Waiting Upon God he experienced this. He did not know anything about Christianity, but when he came into the afterglow and sat down, he began to weep as he listened to me share about the kingdom of God. He didn't want to be there. He had come to pick up Florence and was a little early so he came into the meeting room to wait. As I shared, the Lord worked with him and he wept. Florence said she had never seen him cry much, maybe only when

a close relative died. But he sensed God. "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice." Jerry was hearing Jesus' voice and the tears wouldn't stop. He was thinking, "What is wrong with me? Am I sick or something?" He was so embarrassed. But see what a heart he had? Whenever the truth was spoken, his heart would hear it and the tears would flow. He hadn't met Jesus yet, but he had a heart that wanted the truth. I thought it was so wonderful.

If we are of the truth, then we will be hearing his voice and following. This wonderful way is so precious and wonderful with such joy and victory. It is great that God would allow us to know that Jesus is the son of the Most High God; that he is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Jesus said that when he went away that he would send us the comforter and that he would lead us into all truth. So as you listen to his voice and follow him in obedience, the Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth. The Holy Ghost bears witness to the truth. When I found brother Richey in August of 1966, the Holy Spirit would touch his heart. I would say, "God is touching my heart," and he would say, "Yes, I get that, but I don't know what that is." I told him it was the inner witness of the Holy Spirit in the interior life. God was giving us Holy Ghost fellowship. You don't receive this in books, but only as we follow Jesus and have him teach us.

Unto the Lord be praise. We want to give him the glory for each one who is able to hear his voice and follow. We must die out to ourselves and to the world constantly so that we can hear his voice, so we will be pliable, attentive and submissive. Yet, to have the mind of Christ, to be grateful, appreciative and exact in what he tells us to do. Don't waiver or wander, but stay right on the trail, following Jesus through prayer, the Word, witnessing and obedience. Don't get discouraged, but always rejoice even when it is dark, black, when you are hurting and it seems like you can't make it. "Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian. Lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King." In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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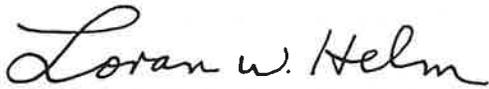
I trust that each of you had a blessed Christmas and hope that your celebration of the birth of Jesus our Savior was full of cheer and joy. May your burdens be lifted and may your hearts continue to be filled with the love of Jesus this coming year.

I praise the Lord for how he has helped me through the years to find so many of you by his leading and revelation. I enjoy reading your letters of help, lift,

encouragement and victories won. I feel so deeply in debt to Jesus for all those that have sacrificed and prayed for us. May God richly bless you as you look forward to a New Year's beginning and I pray that it might be a year of spiritual prosperity.

May you find encouragement in the Holy Spirit and may God's grace and peace be with you throughout the New Year.

In Jesus' Name,



Loran W. Helm

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SPECIAL NOTE

Dear Friends of Revival For Our Day,

We are so very thankful to you who have provided our finances in 2004. Some two-hundred individuals and nineteen church congregations supplied the needs. Our primary concern is providing for Rev. Helm and making it possible for loved ones to provide the help and care he needs.

I visited with him on New Years Day. He told me his greatest need is for strength in his legs to be able to walk and not fall. Please pray for him.

He would welcome your cards and letters. He and I reviewed when and where he had "found" several of you.

Also I wanted to tell you that Rev. Paul F. Hill went to meet Jesus December 22, 2004. He had served Him for over fifty years. Rev. Hill was one of the founders of Revival For Our Day, Inc. and served as Treasurer for almost thirty years.

For those who may want to send a card, the address is:

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Thank you again and may the Lord richly bless each of you in the coming year.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Emory Reece

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Dear precious followers of the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, greetings in his most holy name! I Peter chapter one tells us, in verses 22 and 23, ²² “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: ²³ Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.” I John 3:14 also tells us “We know that we have passed from death unto life, **because we love the brethren.** He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.”

Thank you for all of your prayers, petitions and sacrifice on my behalf. I want to give God the praise for each soul that has been helped, healed, lifted, blessed and encouraged and for all the dear ones that the Lord helped me to find over my lifetime. Only eternity will reveal what God has done for his glory in Christ Jesus and I want to give him all the praise and all the glory for each soul saved, every healing and everything that he has done. I also want to thank the Lord for each of those who assist me and also for those who help with the typing and editing of this letter. We are especially thankful to those at Harmony Press and Shepherd Services for their faithful help and assistance in printing and mailing this letter. We are so grateful for their help. Praise the Lord.

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The message I want to share with you is found in the seventh chapter of Romans, the fifteenth verse and it speaks of how the carnal nature is within us and how to be delivered from it. ***“For that which I do, I allow not. And what I would, that do I not. What I hate, that do I. For this which I do I allow not, or what I would, that do I not. But what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, and I consent to the law that it is good, now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*** (That is the carnal nature.) ***For I know that in me dwelleth no good thing. For to will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good I find not.***”

This is what happens in the carnal nature. The enemy blinds us to the purpose of God and his will. “For the good that I would I do not, but the evil which I would not do, that I do.” That is the problem throughout the world and the reason for such chaos in business, government, schools and persons. It is because of the inbred sin nature. This has been the cause of denominations within Christ’s Church. God really intended for one church and one people who all speak the same thing, without divisions, perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. But because of

carnality in the heart of men and women, we have had division and dissension. So this carnal nature is what crucified Jesus and it is what keeps us from what is our own.

Jesus said through his servant Paul in the second chapter of Philippians, verse five, ***“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”*** It is urgent and expedient that we have the mind of Christ, which is the extreme opposite of the carnal mind. The carnal mind is what we are born with because our forefathers disobeyed God’s Word. So carnality is the child of disobedience. It is why Cain killed his brother Abel. Abel had the witness that he was righteous and Cain resented him for it. So he killed him.

In Philippians 2:21 Paul is speaking and says, ***“All seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s.”*** The reason that most all people seek their own is because of the carnal mind and nature – our old, inbred sin nature. Many people will say, “Why did I act like that today? Why did I do that? I didn’t want to do that at all. Why did I say those things? They came out of my mouth and I was so sorry and ashamed.” It was because of the carnal nature. We simply speak what is in the heart. Paul said, “All men seek their own.” That is the opposite of God’s will. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost, not his own will or way. God wills that we have the mind of Christ. The mind of Christ comes into us when we are converted and saved from our sins and then cleansed of the carnal nature by inner denial and inner crucifixion. When his Holy Spirit comes and cleanses out this carnal nature, then the mind of Christ comes in to have preeminence.

What is preventing the mind of Christ from coming in? It is because of disobedience and the carnal nature. These have prevented us from having Jesus’ mind. It is God’s will that we have the mind in us that was in Jesus Christ. The only way we can have his mind in us is to have the carnal mind cleansed out of us, because the carnal mind and the spiritual mind of Christ cannot operate together. We either walk in the mind of Christ (the Spirit) or we walk in the flesh. And so it is God’s will that we let the mind of Christ be in us that was also in Christ Jesus. This is God’s will for the entire church.

God wills that the mind of Christ be within every man and woman in the church. But as long as we are carnal (if we talk about people, murmur and find fault and get upset with people and we do what we know we shouldn’t do), then the mind of Christ cannot be within us. The carnal spirit must be eradicated and cleansed out of us by the blood of Jesus and the truth of Jesus. For Jesus said, “For their sakes I sanctify myself that they also might be

sanctified; that they all may be one as the Father and I are one; that they be made perfect in one.” Jesus said that his church is to be made perfect in one, as he and God are perfect in one so that the world may know that God sent Jesus. The fact that Jesus said that the world may know the Father sent him means that we are to be one on this side of the grave. Many theologians believe that we cannot be perfect in oneness until after death. Carnality has stopped it and kept the church from coming into oneness o’er and o’er.

Let this mind be in you that was in Jesus, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. The word “let” is significant. Will we let God have his way with us? Will we let the mind of Christ really have preeminence within us? You have heard me say that when I was a little boy I would be so intrigued by my little playmate and his brown Shetland pony. I didn’t know there were ponies, for I had never really been out of my county or the ones surrounding it. When that pony came I thought it was great and I was so excited over it. I wanted to go and see it. I would say to my mother, “Will you let me go over there?” L – E – T. The only way I could see the pony was to climb the fence and get as high as I could to get a glimpse of it. My mother would not let me go over there very often. I think she let me go over once or twice. The reason she didn’t let me go over there was so I would not be an imposition to the neighbors.

What is in us that prevents the mind of Christ from having preeminence? Allow this mind that was in Jesus the Lamb, the Light, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root and the offspring of David, the savior of men, let the mind of him be in us. This is the true church of Jesus Christ – where the mind of Christ dwells in the believer. When Jesus taught us the The Lord’s Prayer, he clearly showed that it is God’s will for his will to be done in us in earth as it is done by the angels and saints in glory. He wants to do his will here, but if there is a little bit of carnality, then his will isn’t done. Now if the mind of Christ is in us and we are washed by the blood and we are following him because he leads us, then his will can be done in us, as long as we continue to deny self and obey the Holy Spirit. The mind of Christ cannot stay within us if we do not obey each leading of the Holy Spirit. Just think how serious that is. If we miss one leading of the Holy Spirit, the mind of the carnal nature comes in because disobedience is sin and as soon as we are disobedient, then the carnal nature comes back in.

Straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life and few there be that find it. The way is narrow. If we disobey, then we have carnality, but when we obey, we have the mind of Christ dwelling in us. Because God lives and moves where his will is followed. It was God’s will for Jonah to go to Nineveh. It was the carnal will for him to go to

Tarshish. The carnality in him chose to go to Tarshish and God’s will was not followed. And because God’s will was not followed, he put everyone he was with in a storm. So carnality puts everyone in a storm and upheaval because they are not at their Nineveh, rather they are at their Tarshish. “All men seek their own, not the things that are Christ Jesus”. Each time I read that, I pray that I will be able to resist Satan and the self in me to do God’s will only. That is all that is going to count when we take our last breath.

The mind of Christ in us will help us to obey and testify when we ought to. We will pray when we ought to and we will be like Jesus. We will be tender, kind and gentle, without murmuring. In the mind of Christ there is no murmuring. When the mind of Christ is in us we don’t criticize or judge. In Matthew 7:1, Jesus says, “Judge not, that ye be not judged.” Now the carnal mind judges, but the mind of Christ does not. The mind of Christ does not pass judgment, criticize, or find fault. It is a continual battle to keep our heart cleansed of the carnal mind in order that the mind of Christ might be in us as it was in the savior himself. Jesus also said that, “with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged.” So when we are carnal, we bring a lot of trouble on ourselves. You see, if every man in a factory were not carnal, it would be marvelous how the machinery would go. It would be amazing how the atmosphere would be in a place if each individual was cleansed of the carnal nature and did not have foolishness, jesting, lust, criticism, complaint, impatience, jealousy, strife, rebellion and analyzation. All of these are in the carnal mind, especially analyzation. Peter said to Jesus, “What about this man? What is he going to do?” And Jesus said to Peter, “What is that to you? You follow me.” Peter was beginning to analyze and ask questions and Jesus said not to do that. Carnality wants to investigate, but we are not called to be investigators or figurers or to find out why. We are called to die and follow.

Carnality will not die. It wants to have preeminence. These are some of the secrets of this life. Carnality will not let you mind God. It is against it. I want you to know that in the carnal mind there is analyzation and all kinds of bewilderment and wonderings. But in the mind of Christ there is steadfastness, beauty, holiness, purity, compassion, understanding and following. We must die to follow. Carnality wants to know how, when and where. It wants to know how much it is going to be advantaged by something – it wants the advantage. But the spiritual mind (the mind of Christ that God wants within us) is not seeking for self-advantage. The mind of Christ in us seeks to lose what we are in order to let him have the preeminence. Jesus said that, ***“He that will lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall find it. But he that will save his life shall lose it.”***

For many years, the concern on my heart for the church is that we are working so hard to save ourselves. We program and plan and try to get this going and work this thing out. We work so hard to save ourselves that we lose what is ours: the peace, fellowship and joy of the Lord. But Jesus said he that would lose his life for my sake; that is the person that is willing to forsake all and leave all, the person willing to do that will find his life. Jesus said to the apostles that unless they forsook all, they could not be his disciples. It is the same for us. The carnal nature will not allow us to let Jesus' mind have the preeminence within us unless we are cleansed of it. And his church must be one, should be one, ought to be one and could be one if each man and woman would be cleansed from carnality to follow Jesus.

As we are obedient to follow, to pray, to witness in the Spirit as Jesus leads, then he is able to work in us his will. The will of God is not our will. It is usually the reverse of our will. Years ago my district superintendent and pastor thought I should take a certain pastorate because it looked good and it paid more money. But when they asked me about it, the Holy Spirit witnessed to me to take the one at the bottom that paid the least. Now you see, it would have been easy for the flesh to succumb to that. But if I had chosen what looked better and paid more, I would have missed the will of God. I would have missed the entire Pumphry family and all the souls saved in Texas and on the train going and coming. When we make the choice that God has for us because of his mind dwelling in us, then there are many beautiful things that take place after that if we will obey early in our conversion. We don't want to delay in obeying because in delay there is disobedience. It is God's will that the mind that was in the Savior dwell in his followers. When the mind of Jesus comes into his followers, they become one as God and Jesus are one. There are no divisions at all.

So carnality has been our problem, this old enmity that we are born with. The book Romans tells us that the carnal mind is a real situation and a continual thing. We never get to the place where we can rest and say, "Well now we have got it made." Romans 8:6 tells us, "To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. For the carnal mind is enmity against God. For it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." So the carnal mind doesn't please God, it pleases itself. And the double minded man is unstable in all his ways. He wants to do the right thing, but he is carnal and this pulls him from obedience, from prayer, from the word of God and from true witnessing. The word says to "let this mind be in you." Let the converted man and woman pursue the will of God that the mind of Christ may be in us. The attitude of letting must be in every breath. From the time we start allowing

Jesus' mind to be in us we must be on our guard every instant. "My soul, be on thy guard, ten thousand foes arise. The hosts of hell are pressing hard to draw thee from the skies." The powers of the air fight every second to try to keep his mind from being in us. The Holy Spirit is constantly looking to see if our hearts are really pure and really accepting the truth. Jesus is the truth and he desires to have the full preeminence within us. But the slightest little thing will not allow his mind to be in us. The slightest little plan that we want to work out in ourselves without taking him into consideration will easily not let his mind be in us.

We have to be sure that we are letting God's Holy Spirit have full preeminence and dominance within us. This is urgent because the world is going on in darkness, defeat, anguish, argument, dissension and analyzation. But when the Holy Spirit cleanses us as we follow Jesus, he gives the Holy Ghost to those who obey him. Many are trying to get the Holy Ghost without the inner death and obedience. The death must be to death. It is dangerous to try to get the power without this inner death so that God can have the preeminence. The carnal mind will use the power for its own ends. Carnality is dangerous because it is unpredictable. You never know when a man or woman who is carnal is going to get angry or upset. Carnality gets upset. Spirituality is in harmony and is trusting and resting upon the promise of Christ. All distress and arguing comes out of the carnal mind.

I was praying some time ago and the Lord showed me it took four thousand hours of prayer in my life before he taught me of the horrible sin of analyzation. He taught me this years ago. But it took four thousand hours of prayer (and most of that was praise) to be taught how terrible it is to analyze and to try to figure it all out. It took four thousand hours of prayer from the time I was twenty-six years of age until it was real to me how awful it is to try to figure things out. The sin of analyzation gets us off track. As soon as we analyze it brings resentment. Resentment comes out of the carnal mind and as soon as a man or woman resents something, they sow dissension. Carnality is in that business. That is why homes are broken up. That is why there are so many divorces. They'll say, "Why can't I do this and why don't you do that?" Listen, if both are willing to die out to self, God can take two persons even though they are not really very well adjusted, and bring them into harmony through the life and the truth of Jesus Christ. Every divorce hurts the children and they never get over it. It is a wound from which they never recover, even when we are forgiven. The reason two persons divorce is because of the carnal nature. They are not in harmony. One wants one thing and one wants another. Certain kinds of sin in the life bring controversy and argument. This breaks up the marriage and when it breaks up, it hurts everyone

who is involved in it. But when there is spirituality and God's will is done, it helps everyone and heals them.

We need to know that it is God's will to let this mind of Jesus be in us as it was in Christ. Then, when we have the mind of Christ, it is a continual obeying and pleading the blood of Jesus in order to keep it. But it is worth the effort. It is a continual praying, becoming like a child with utter dependence upon him. Unless we utterly depend on him, the carnal mind will come right back in. When the Holy Spirit comes as we follow Jesus and the mind of Christ is within us, there is such joy and compassion; no resentments and we do not sow dissension. We sow harmony, sweetness, togetherness, helpfulness, healing, understanding, gentleness and tenderness. We are all the same before God, and when the mind of Christ is within us there is such love. The love of God cannot flow through a carnal mind. You take anyone who is carnal, they are constantly trying to figure out how to manufacture love so it will look like it is real. But if something doesn't please them, then they have a spell or a fit or an argument. But when the heart is clean and pure and the mind of Christ is within, if something doesn't please them they can say, "Well praise the Lord. Glory to God. Thank you Jesus." There will not be any correction, there will just be submission to the will of God. God has taught me over many years of walking with him little by little of the urgency of letting this mind be in us that was also in Christ Jesus.

When there is conflict, it is because of carnality, not because of spirituality. There is no conflict in the mind of Christ, nor is there in the true church of Jesus Christ. They are in one and in holy harmony, where Jesus is paramount and he has the preeminence on the throne of each heart. In him there is no division. In him there is love, light, gladness, understanding, compassion and sweetness. We need to behave ourselves in a Christ-like manner. Everyone that is privileged to have Jesus live within them is like him. We are in his likeness. We are to be kind, gentle, and tender as the Holy Spirit works within us as we work with one another. When the Holy Spirit dwells within us, there is a precious peace that he gives, a sweetness and communion. The Word says, "Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus." And in that same chapter Paul said that all men seek their own, not the things of Christ.

So the call is to come to Christ and follow him to the will of God. Let God lead us. He wants to guide us, for he said that as many as are led by the Holy Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (Romans 8:14) To be led by the Holy Spirit is a privilege and a great responsibility. It is a great honor and an adventure, full of thrills and romance. It is life to be led by the Holy Spirit. To let Jesus

lead is a little bit of heaven to me. The Holy Spirit leads the ones who have the mind of Christ. He is able to lead those who have the mind of Christ. But if there is the slightest bit of carnality in a person, it is as dangerous to the church as many cancers are to the physical body. That tells us why there are many different denominations and troubles. This is not well known; because carnality has hidden this truth from people and they do not realize the terrible danger of the sin we are born with due to our forefathers' disobedience to God. They partook of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. They desired to know something. That is why they fell. Their desire to know what God knew was greater than the love they had for God to obey him. So they chose to try to find out everything they could and they fell. And that has been happening ever since.

If people will really follow Jesus, he will give them more insights about things than they ever dreamed. He will reveal to them mysteries and secrets and marvels in their heart if they will follow. He must have all the glory and honor at all times and in every way. When we do his will, then he will teach us. He will reveal himself to us. For the secret of the Lord is revealed to those that fear him. (That operates in my heart). He reveals his secret to the person that fears God.

The person that fears God is a person that loves God with all of his heart. A person that doesn't love God with all of his heart will never fear him. Fear and love are together. You cannot separate them. The Bible says the fear of God is the *beginning* of wisdom. I have been praying for wisdom since 1942. That is a long time I have been praying for wisdom – not of man, but of God. Wisdom that is from above is first pure, peaceable, easily entreated, full of mercy and good fruits and without partiality and without hypocrisy. Wisdom is knowing what to say and what not to say – what to do and what not to do – how to hear and how to move. We need that more than we think, unless we have thought about it quite a bit and kept it close to our heart.

When I came to Jesus the Holy Spirit revealed to me what to do and I started to obey. If I had failed that leading and had not been doing what God wanted me to do then I would not have the next leading. And I could not have had the mind of Christ because I would choose to go to Tarshish instead of Nineveh. Most of us choose Tarshish instead of Nineveh because it looks good and it seems feasible and reasonable. Carnality goes by reasonableness and spirituality goes by inner death. It waits on the Lord and does what he reveals. That is what Jesus told us in the Word. He said if anyone is going to be his disciple, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow him. The cross we are to take is the inner death. Not our troubles, not our heartaches and battles. Those are a result of a

wrong choice because of carnality. Most all troubles and battles people are in are because the carnal nature made the choice instead of allowing God to make the choice. They have a lot of troubles and heartaches; they married the wrong person, they went to the wrong city, they are in the wrong job. All those problems are there, heartaches and troubles. But you see, if we can do God's will we can miss most all of them. There will be burdens, but he will help us through those burdens, but they will be burdens on a different scale and in a different area. It is a different field. This is about the Kingdom of God.

Jesus told his disciples to follow him, but so many times they wanted to know who was going to be the greatest and who could do this and that. Then in Luke 14 Jesus shares the story about a great supper that was prepared by a king and he sent out invitations to all of his friends and told them all things were ready. But when he sent out the invitations to come to the dinner, they *all* began to make excuse. That tells us about the carnal nature. Many people had an invitation to come (to the kingdom of God) and they all with one consent began to make excuse. That reflects the carnal nature in man and we must have it cleansed out and die to it at all times by seeking first the kingdom of God, following Jesus and obeying. This is so that the glory of God can come and he may be exalted. It is urgent. "Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus."

This is very important because when we read I Corinthians, we can see that the mind of Christ was not in many of the saints in the Corinthian church. Paul wrote in I Corinthians 3, "And I brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual people, but as unto carnal people, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk and not with meat. For hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able, for ye are yet carnal. For whereas there is among you envying and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men?" He said they were carnal because they had all these carnal characteristics: divisions, enmity, strife, rebellion, resentment, criticism, anger, wrath, a grudgeful spirit, an impatient spirit, a jealous spirit, and a selfish spirit. He said, "Ye are yet carnal and walk as men." They needed to be cleansed so that the mind of Christ could be in them. The flesh in them was against the mind of Christ. The flesh wants to make its own plans and arrangements, but when Jesus said, "follow me", what did he mean? He meant what he said. Why didn't they follow? Because of carnality.

When I prayed I asked the Lord how many could hear him when he walked the earth. How many do you suppose heard him? One in three thousand could hear what he said in their heart. No wonder he died broken-hearted. He came to the people that

knew the scripture and they didn't know him. How could the people know the scriptures and not know the writer? That is what happened. These people fasted, prayed and tithed and they didn't know the very one who was written about. He came to wonderful religious people and they didn't know whom he was. They didn't recognize him.

So when he sends us out he sends us out as lambs among wolves. These are people with carnal minds, who have grudges and who judge, resent, argue, find fault and analyze. You are a peacemaker and a helper when the mind of Christ is in you. You are constantly thinking how you can help your companion and make it easier on them. When our babies were little I would try to think about what I could do to help my wife because she wasn't well. So, I could bathe them when they were very young and dress them. I could do something to help. You think about what you can do to help your lover, children or neighbor. When the mind of Christ is in you, you love your enemy like your friends. A carnal man cannot love his enemies. Down deep he will kind of have a little resentment and not know why they are enemies. But when you have the mind of Christ you love your neighbor as yourself. That came to pass for me when I was baptized with the Holy Spirit in 1942. "Let this mind be in us that was also in Christ." How long will it take to convince the church of this? I don't know. I am not to find out. I am just to love them the same as if they have it or don't have it. The people that have the mind of Christ love everyone the same.

When you have the mind of Christ, you don't look like you have just lost your last friend. No, you are a person full of symphony and melody, of helpfulness and tenderness. Whoever gets around a person like that will want to stay there. Even the animals will hang around. When you have love they want to come and be with you. I used to go in homes and I would be at the table and do you know where the cat would be? Right at my feet – home after home, state after state. The cats and dogs stay at my feet. I have gone into the home where the cat would not make up with anyone, no one, only the mother of that home. But when I got there the cat would want to get up in my lap. I would say, "Get down kitty. Get down." It wouldn't make up with anyone, but it wanted on my lap. The mother said she didn't understand it. I said to her, "I believe the reason is that cat knows I love everyone in the world and it wants to get up here and feel that." The cat knew it was loved even though I don't like cats in the house. Isn't that wonderful? *The love I had was such that the cat could not tell it wasn't welcome.* You can't fool animals. They know.

Are we willing to let the mind of Christ really live within us? It is expedient that we have the mind of Jesus. Seldom are people willing to let Jesus have

full preeminence with them. That is why Jesus said, "Will you also go away?" They just about all left him. We need the spiritual mind. We are to die to the carnal nature and allow Jesus to have full control that he may be the leader, guide and have full reign within us. This is the church. Hallelujah!

Keep pressing on. The powers of the air are continually working to try to keep us from what God wills for us to do. We thank him that he is the one to follow and not question or draw back. Carnality draws back. Spirituality follows the Savior. Back in 1949 I prayed three hours and I did not know how to pray. Don't become discouraged when you pray and you feel like you can't. Just keep on trusting him. When you are in prayer, try to praise him a lot. Most of prayer should be praise. It is usually requests; I want this or I want that. But you see, prayer must be praise. If we will praise the Lord enough in the first zone of prayer, which is praise, then the Holy Spirit can bring us through praise to the second zone, which is requests made

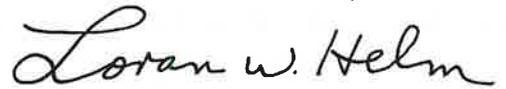
known. But as we praise him and give him glory, then he is able to bring us to supplications and intercessions, which is the third zone of prayer.

"Let this mind be in you and in me that was also in Christ Jesus. For all men seek their own, not the things that are Christ Jesus'. Praise the Lord. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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May you be encouraged to put the Lord first. When he is first, there is joy and fellowship in our heart. We are anxious to follow and help, rather than being in spiritual slumber, but alert with praise and adoration. Knowing that he will always take care and make a way for us.

In Jesus' Name,



Loran W. Helm

Revival For Our Day

April 2005

Dear ones in the Lord Jesus Christ, followers of the Lamb of glory, the risen and soon coming King, greetings in his matchless name! Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ⁵ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; ⁶ And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; ⁷ And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. ⁸ For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. ¹⁰ Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: ¹¹ For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” Praise the Lord.

Thank you for all of your prayers, petitions and supplications on my behalf. I am grateful to all of you who have been faithful to pray for me and want all of you to know that I am thankful for the earnest prayer, the sacrifice and the vision. Thank you for your faithfulness, love, care, and concern. I am grateful and want to give God the glory and the praise for all that He has provided and for making a way. I trust that this newsletter will be an encouragement to you and that you will encourage one another along the way and love everyone as He loves us.

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It is expedient for the Church to be obedient. There is a need for everyone to really seek earnestly the will of God and not our own. The need is great for the work of the Holy Spirit in entire sanctification of the body of believers; that we would do as Jesus would lead us to do. For God, our heavenly Father, who created the universe, *so loved* the world. What is the measure of that love? He *so loved* the world. How much do you love your children? What about your companion? What kind of love do we have for each of these? The phrase *so loved* in this scripture covers a lot of distance. What distance is involved in *so loved*? We love to a measure. We can love to tenderness, to kindness, to thoughtfulness, to willingness. We also love to submission. How far does our love reach to one another?

Our love usually never reaches higher to God than the one we love the least on earth. We don't love the one we criticize or find fault with, because when we do that we have violated the law of love. Anytime we find fault or criticize we fail to love that person. How much higher than criticism will our love reach to God? Is it possible for our love to reach any higher than the one we criticize? If we

notice weaknesses in someone and talk about them, we violate the law of love and if we do that, then our love stops right there, I believe, until we repent and ask them to forgive us for a fault-finding and judgmental spirit. A judgmental spirit stops at *so loved*.

For God so loved the world (that is us) that he gave. When we have the right love of God in Christ, then our love goes out to the place where we are living consistent lives in humility, thoughtfulness, tenderness, surrender, cooperation, and giving over, so we will be pure in heart. Jesus said, ***“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”*** (Matthew 5:3,5) How much meekness does it require to love like God loves? How much compassion is in the heart that so loves as God loves? He so loved the world that he gave his *only* begotten son. He just had one son, the beloved Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, and placed in a grave. But death could not hold him. He sprang forth on the third morning, conquering over death, hell and the grave with the keys of eternity dangling at the loins with the grave unlocked and death overcome. And sin forgiven. He said if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we could only come to the place where we will submit and surrender, allowing Jesus to have full preeminence in our heart, so that we can be very attentive. Many people get up during service and disrupt the meeting. We need to be thoughtful of our companion, our children, our teachers, our policeman, and sacred worship. It is important that we not talk when we should be quiet.

How much love does it require to be thoughtful of my loved ones or my enemies, revilers or persecutors. God *so loved* the world. I tell you, if we would get a vision of God's great love, we would be so on fire. You would be saying, “Let me tell you about how Jesus has answered prayer. I want to tell you about the glory of God that fell on my soul.” If we would get into this thing with all of our might and work for Jesus like we do other things, it would be a sight. There was a man who had a tractor fall on him. It crushed him in the hips and he lay there for hours. While pinned there, he got in earnest with God. He had been in the church but he was just like most people – he would come to church and talk a little and felt like church was o.k. But when he got crushed he was awakened. He found out that we need to get in earnest. That has been my burden for many years in the church. I have never found many people really in earnest, or if they do, they become too radical or get out of balance. I am talking about living consistently with joy and victory. I have never seen too many in all

my life. I have seen only a few. Jesus wants people in earnest and really on the firing line – not emotional, but in earnest, with great joy. We can't work this up. Unless you have prayed and obeyed, you will just come to church and set and say, "That was a great service. We are glad to be here today and it was very helpful." We'll just kind of go along in an inner mold and form, but there won't be any great inner joy because we haven't been in touch with God to obey and follow Jesus. We need the light of God that comes from obedience in our soul so when the minister looks out we won't look dark. When you obey God, there is power, glory and fire in your countenance, a twinkle in our eye. Listen, God wants us on the firing line. That is his will. But we go to sleep pretty easily because of the heaviness of sin and the terribleness of darkness that will try to take the joy out of us. There are problems at home that take the joy out and we need to pray to get the victory over all sin, iniquity, carnality and unrighteousness so that Christ can be first. He must be first in our lives. Hallelujah!

It is urgent to be encouraged in the Lord and to be lifted up in our hearts. After Jesus' ascension, it was a great burden on the apostles when the church would be slack or begin to leave their first love. You take a new convert when he is first saved; he has such joy and victory. But after a day or two he doesn't have that and the power is gone because he failed to testify or win a soul when he could. So the fire left his soul and he is without joy, victory and enthusiasm. I think a Christian needs to be as enthusiastic for the lost, the testimony and the winning of souls as little children are that want to play with some new things. We ought to be as enthusiastic as the fans are for the Pistons and the Lakers. I mean without prompting. Where are we? We have to be so careful, because if you watch movies and pictures, and this one is falling in love with that one, you haven't got much fire when you try to pray. These things just crowd out the victory. The spirit that is in boxing matches and wrestling will also just take all the glory right out of your soul and all the power out of your heart and you will just be cold. There won't be any fire on your soul. You'll be wrapped up in this game and that game and you will not have prayed or witnessed enough and won't be on the firing line to win souls. The things of this earth will just take you down. We kind of go into a form, leaving our first love and are cooled off. We just cool down. I have to press all the time. It is by the grace of God.

If you get on an elevator or are at a restaurant and they ask how you are, tell them you are praising God and thankful. Sometimes people will respond to that and other times they will not. Don't let people's silence dampen you any. Most people just go to coldness before long. Most people go to lukewarmness. We are all weak and I could be lukewarm in a second.

What are the indications of being lukewarm? Jesus said to the church, "***Because you are neither cold nor hot, but are lukewarm, I am going to spew you out of my mouth.***" (Revelation 3:16) I am trying to encourage us to be on the firing line. We don't always have to get loud and say a lot of things, but if we are on the firing line we will be telling it in some way. We will have the victory and we will love people and love God. The light will be shining. If the light is on inside, it will come out in our face. The Holy Spirit wants to have preeminence with us and wants us to put Jesus first. He wants us to be kind, loving and obedient, and to take care of the bills we owe. If you don't have the money, call and tell them you don't and let them know you will take care of it as soon as you are able. Look after obligations you have and take care of making confessions to people you have talked about. Because if we have talked about anyone, or if we have criticized or had a bad attitude about anyone, I don't know if our prayers go any higher than our lips. I do know there is one prayer that goes right up and that is, "O God, forgive me. Blot out this iniquity in my heart and help me to be on the firing line." He will if we will follow. Following is dying to do his will. Following is prayer, reading and meditating on the Word of God. Going and following is yielding and being attentive to the scriptures to do as God says. Following is witnessing, winning souls, and becoming childlike and surrendered. Following is not hardness of heart. Because if the heart is the slightest bit hard, we will have a faultfinding spirit. That is one of the signs of a hard heart. If a person doesn't have much fire to testify this is also a sign of being hard hearted. They have to be prompted. But if we have the fire we are going to talk about how Jesus helped, how the Holy Ghost led, how we are looking after the orphans. How many orphanages have you gone to in order to see what you can do to help them? How many of us have gone to the jails and asked if there was someone there that was discouraged and needed prayer? "***I was in prison and ye visited me,***" Jesus said. (Matthew 25:36)

I am talking about following Jesus. How far do we follow before we try to pray with a prisoner or before we try to look after the sick or the lost? Or someone drinking or on drugs. How far do we follow before we have an earnest enthusiasm to be helpers? I trust this is encouraging to us because it will either encourage us or discourage us. Now if our heart is slightly cold, then we resent this. We'll feel like it didn't do us much good. Or if we have a suspicious or questioning heart, the faith to follow this message will be crushed out. A child doesn't even know how to question or analyze, and we are to become like a little child. When we become child-like, we are excited over little things; over mommy and daddy, brother and sister, and little things. A little child just dives right in and enjoys it. So we just swallow up the work of God as to the

following of Christ and doing God's will. Hallelujah!

Jesus wants us to be encouraged, strengthened and lifted – persevering and saying, “Lord, have mercy on me. I need more of you.” I know I need more. I need more love and compassion, more understanding and wisdom. Jesus said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit.” Who are they? They are the ones who say, “I don’t have enough love. I don’t have enough of you. I am poor and in poverty.” They feel they have so little and need more of his holiness and presence, of his word and truth. I tell you, I need more insight into the word of God and how to help those in jails and in prisons and orphanages and helping new converts. I need more abilities to see what I can do to help others. I need more of the Holy Spirit within me to know how to be a blessing.

Therefore, we look to him and say, “Glory to God for the victory.” Because God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son.” That means he gave him up. He just gave him away. So when Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, he came as God’s gift to us to bridge the gap where man had chosen sin instead of obedience. Jesus came to rescue us from that terrible fall in the darkness, selfishness, jealousy and so on in order to bring us to salvation through confession of sin by redemption in the precious blood of Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God indwelling. So that we would be yielded and obedient to him, letting him have preeminence within the soul. We want to thank him that he so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever would believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. We want this love that constrains us to encourage us to help each other, especially the depressed, the hurt, the disappointed, the crushed – that we will love them and pray that they will be lifted out of this place to the place of trusting and following in surrender to Christ. As we follow him there is prayer, there is communion, there are sacraments, there is witnessing and soul winning. There is also telling those that we meet at the store where we get our groceries that we praise the Lord for his provisions and that we have something to eat. We can express appreciation wherever we go. In some places they stand all day in line for food and when they get there it is all gone. So let’s be appreciative of what we have and take care of it.

Be thoughtful, so we will be helpful. It is so important to be thoughtful and helpful to those around us where we live, following Jesus. Hallelujah. Jesus is God incarnated in human flesh. He came among us and returned to God to be the intercessor with God forever after the order of Melchizedek, until his coming someday to find and

gather together the elect and those that have followed him, done his will and not grieved the Holy Spirit. **“Grieve not the Holy Spirit, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”** (Ephesians 4:30) So he wants us radiant. That is where we need to be. I know it is a death, but basketball fans get into the game with all their might, and what we are about is far greater than that. We need to get connected and then stay connected by obedience, surrender, childlikeness, and doing God’s will so that we will be right up on our toes, not back on our heels as it were, kind of cold-like or dead. Rather, really pressing into the Kingdom of God. **“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Forgetting the things which are behind.”** (Philippians 3:13,14)

If you remember those things that are behind, it will keep you from being enthusiastic. If you remember the worldly things or programs that have come into your mind, then it will thwart and chill your soul until you will not see him agonizing in the Garden of Gethsemane. We will not see him dying on the cross and paying our price, rather we will just see earthly things. We need constantly to give him the praise so he will have all the glory for what he has done and what he will do. We thank him for joy, for the joy of the Lord is our strength. The joy of the Lord comes when we obey and that is prayer, winning of souls, witnessing to those we are with, without constraint, willingly, so we are not a nuisance. Make your words so tender and kind that people will not regret seeing you or dread your coming. Remember, also that it is not how we act that tells so much about us, but how we react to situations in daily life, when things go wrong and everything is backwards.

Well these are little gems to help us encourage others. If we will do what God has helped me to talk about here we will all be encouragers. But we can’t dabble in sin or in iniquity of any kind, in adultery or fornication, unnatural affection, drunkenness, drugs, criticism, love of the world, foolishness, analyzation, or coldness of heart. We must press out so that the Holy Spirit can have his way that we might be like lights in the world. Jesus said, **“Ye are the light of the world.”** (Matthew 5:14) Who are the lights of the world? They that have heard the voice of Jesus. They that have confessed their sins and forsaken them. The lights of the world are they that speak and witness for Christ humbly and carefully, not too long. They that are lights of the world are they that are persevering in the spirit of his holiness, of his likeness. They that are lights in the world are those that shine forth with giving and helpfulness, sharing and caring. The light shines through those that are like this. When the Word indwells us, there is a light in that life and on the countenance, because we do Jesus’ will.

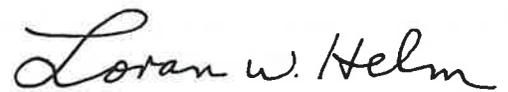
Don't worry about this. Just trust and rest. God doesn't want us to get really uptight and say, "I've got to really get in this." No. Just relax and let the Lord work through you. If you worry you will get sick. Just rest and relax and the Lord will do the work through you. The lights of the world are the persons just walking with Jesus and rejoicing, helping, reading the Word, praying and letting the Holy Spirit lead. This is practical Christianity.

"My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine. Now here me while I pray. Take all my guilt away. O, let me from this day be wholly thine. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire. As thou hast died for me, O may my lover to thee, pure warm and changeless be, a living fire." (Those that have a fainting heart are a little discouraged or the enemy is buffeting them. You tell the devil he is a liar and the father of it, because Jesus said he is.) Our zeal and enthusiasm for Jesus must be within our soul. "While life's dark maze I tread (the heartaches, disappointments, loneliness, persons not doing what they should, wrong location, wrong companion) and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide. Bid darkness turn to day. Wipe sorrows tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside." He wants to guide us so he can deliver us from many things that are consequences to us. When people are failing and they aren't doing what they ought, just leave that to the Lord and let him lead us. Praise the Lord.

How long can we remember what we have shared here? How long will it take to get what is written here into our hearts and how much prayer does it require to maintain it in our hearts? Through the help of the Holy Spirit alone can it be, so we won't get distressed, but be at rest with the fact that he will lead us.

May you be encouraged. May your burdens be lifted and the sweetness of his presence surround you in love and light as you trust and look to him who is able to exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. As you praise him, he will lift you. ***"Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you."*** (I Peter 5:7) In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,



Loran W. Helm

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May 2005

Dear Ones of Revival For Our Day, greetings in Jesus' precious name. I want to thank all of you for your prayers, petitions, and supplications for me during the past few weeks. Many of you know that I have had a difficult time walking the last few months. I was transported to Ball Hospital where they ran some tests to determine the reason for the weakness in my legs. I was then moved to Muncie Health Care Rehabilitation Center for therapy. The tests did not reveal anything and they determined that I simply have weakness. I never dreamed even at age eighty what it would be like at eighty-nine years of age and how difficult it would be to just do things that I used to take for granted. It is something to be experienced, believe me. The therapy has helped, but please continue to pray for complete recovery of strength for my legs. Thank you for every prayer and petition for this need. Praise the Lord.

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In the gospel of Mark, chapter 14, verse 18, we read, "She hath done what she could." I was privileged to preach my mother's funeral in 1979 and this was the text I used. My mother began teaching me to pray in 1917. She taught me how and what to pray and said I could speak a few words at that point, so she taught me what to say and I would repeat after her a little short prayer, and she taught me more about how to pray as time went on. That is just a little part of what she did. There are many things you can't do, but there is one thing you can do and that is to teach your child how to pray. This is one of the great contributions that you will make to your child or children. As we teach our children to cry out and pray, the Lord will hear their prayer. Linda Moore was sick with a headache one time, and Joshua, her son, who was three or four at the time, came in and said, "Mother, I am going to pray for you." She had taught him how to pray. So he said, "Jesus, my mother's head is hurting. Come and heal her." You know that headache left her. She had been in bed with awful pain and suffering, but when Joshua prayed, it lifted. So this prayer coming out of this child was the fruit of what she had taught him. Mothers, you can teach your children how to pray. Their prayer may take you through and bare you up. It may take you through a difficult trial, battle or struggle. The children you have that haven't been saved yet, don't worry about it. Just keep praying and believing and in due season you shall reap if you faint not. Just endure.

Mothers, you are able to speak to your child about the value and urgency of prayer. Prayer changes things. Prayer transforms people. So we must teach our children about the importance of prayer – how precious it is and the blessing and power it contains and what it can do for your child.

I remember one time when we had family prayer and one of my brothers did not want to pray. He was reluctant, so my mother took him in by the bed and knelt down with him and just worked with him until he was willing to pray. It took a long time for he had decided he wasn't praying. He was about seven or eight years old. She didn't give up, but kept saying, "I believe you should pray." Well, he didn't want to. When you teach your child, don't press him too much. Have wisdom to know how to work with him so that you won't drive him from prayer but rather bring him to the spirit of willingness to pray. If we press them too much then we lose them, but if we are careful, tender and kind, then the Holy Spirit is able to bring them to a willingness to pray and intercede.

Prayer is quite valuable to the soul and the trusting heart. It is valuable to know how to trust God and talk to him out of our hearts. I was in a meeting and turned to John Langdon and asked him to pray. He said, "Well, I can try." So he started to pray right out of his heart. Howard Van Meter, a man of humility and true holiness got up the next night and said, "You know, dear ones, all day today John Langdon's prayer just followed me everywhere." Your mother's prayer may follow you just about everywhere. If a mother has taught her child, she may come up before him just before the temptation to smoke, drink alcohol or drugs. If you begin with your child early enough, the Holy Spirit will come and say, "This isn't right. This isn't what you need to do." When your child is about to have a sexual experience and there are powers of darkness raging trying to get him into certain kinds of sexual behavior, his mother's prayer and her faith in him will come up before him. He knows his mother would say, "My child wouldn't do this for anything. It would be great injury to me if they were to violate and do something that is abusive, worldly or evil." So the prayer of a mother will have great influence over a child ready to succumb to a temptation. They are able to say, "No, I cannot disappoint my mother because she has taught me to pray, to confess my sins, to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, to be pure, truthful, humble, to esteem my teachers, to be respectful to the police, to wait upon God and read the scriptures. This is a value that cannot be calculated. It will stay with that boy or girl if a mother prays and teaches the child to pray, not selfishly, but with a spirit of giving, openly, in communion with God that he may not grieve the Holy Spirit. A mother and father have a great responsibility and opportunity to teach a child the right behavior and manner. Our children, if we bring them up the way they should be trained, will return to what they have been taught. When a child is small they are tender, but when they are ten or twelve they can become hard and at fifteen they are still harder unless they pray.

The only way you can keep a tender heart is to pray by obedience. Unless we obey, we will become hardened to what we have been taught. We go ahead and do what we want to do. But when a mother or father has taught their child to pray, it will bring an up-look and challenge to that soul to really seek first God's will.

Mothers have a great opportunity of teaching on prayer – the urgency, need, value, holiness, blessing and victory of prayer. We need it very much. We wouldn't have uprisings and demonstrations if children were taught to live victoriously. It's not demonstrations we need, but to be taught how to live victoriously, faithfully. As we live victoriously, God will work out the circumstances in time. He will work out the things that ought to be done and will take place if we will be careful and cautious. But it comes by prayer and by the Holy Spirit. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

How long have you spent teaching your children in prayer, fathers and mothers? Have you taught them about supplications, intercessions, that prayer is not us doing all the talking? Prayer is listening, waiting for the Holy Spirit to bring to the heart what should be done and said, so we will not be out of order, but have clean hands and a pure heart and not feel certain things.

We need to teach our children to take time to pray. If we don't teach them to take time to pray, then things of this life will crowd prayer out. Your affairs and your plans will crowd it out. We have got to press to pray. Prayer is talking with our Father out of our heart. Teach your children about just talking out of their heart to God in Jesus name.

How will we teach them to pray? We will teach them by example, by presentation and by leading them in prayer. We also teach them by our own walk with God in prayer as we look to him from whence cometh our help. I said to a couple one time, "If you will pray together and read scripture daily (please do that...don't let a day go by but that you read some scripture) and have every child pray from the time they are a year old or so, it won't be long before they are saying, "It is my turn to pray. Let me pray some." A child two to four years of age will pray prayers that will amaze you. You will wonder how they thought of that and it will humble you very much and put a great responsibility on you to be close as a father and mother and to be compatible. It will cause fathers to take their wives in their arms, gently holding them while praying. A lot of times the flesh in us is weak, but get your wife in your arms and pray whenever she is willing and you can work it out. We have to do it at the very beginning because if we forget then it is a long time sometimes in coming about. Don't be disheartened...teach your child to pray. Pray

together as a family. Pray until God hears and answers. Don't give up. Stay faithful, be obedient. Teaching your child today is something you can do.

Teach your child the importance of the Word of God. You can teach your children about what the Bible proclaims, about how God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John3:16) We can also teach our children the *tremendous worth* of the Word of God. It is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. The Bible is the book that contains the mind of God, the state of man, the reward of the righteous, the doom of the wicked. It is the travelers map, the Christian's charter, the soldier's sword. It is light to guide us, food to sustain us, comfort to cheer us, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. We read it to be wise, believe it to be safe and practice it to be holy. So we can teach our children, dear mothers, about the kingdom of God and the urgency of keeping his Word in our heart. We must work with them to get that Word in their heart.

In addition to teaching me the value of prayer and the Word of God, my mother also taught me to be pure. She taught me to be very holy with every young girl and woman – to be careful and cautious. She taught me to respect the teachers and older people. She taught me the value of the Word of God and prayer and prayer meeting. She taught us many beautiful things that we will remember. She taught me not to call people by their nickname, but to call them by their name. Nicknames are not always exactly what is to be. We need to have a reverence for people and honor them.

Teach them the urgency of salvation. You can teach your child that there will be a time when it will be revealed to him that he is to be converted. A child can pray for ten years and never be converted, or he can pray for five years and be converted. My mother was saved at eight years of age and gave her heart to Jesus and knew that Christ had come into her heart when she was eight. But you teach your child that there is a time when the Holy Spirit will draw that child. Teach them that no man comes to the Son except the Father draws him. Teach them that there is coming a time when God will draw them to Jesus. He will put a drawing in their heart to be converted and to change. For if any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature. The old things pass away, behold all things are become. (I Thessalonians 3:17) Teach your child that when they become a Christian all things become new. Teach your child, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world; for if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (I John 2:15) If there is anything in the world that we love or are a part of then that will take us away from our first love in Jesus Christ. Teach them that the love that comes in at conversion can be crowded out,

dampened and diminished unless we pray and obey. Teach the child the urgency of obedience to God. Because if we don't obey, I don't know that our prayers get very far. If I am not just what I ought to be on the street with my car or at the grocery store or if I get after somebody for something, before my prayer can go to God I have to ask for forgiveness and repent. So teach your child the expediency of repentance. Repentance is sincerely praying, "Lord forgive me for my sins, my evils and wrong attitudes. Mothers, you can teach your child in prayer about their attitude. If your attitude is not exactly what it ought to be, then it will make a difference in their life for good or bad and it will cause other lives to be hindered or helped, wounded or blessed. You see, if our heart is taught, then when we have difficult experiences we will be able to have the right reaction, which will tell more about us than we can say.

Several of us were eating at a restaurant and a waitress spilled a tray of food on me. She didn't need to be corrected or scolded. Instead she needed a lot of encouragement. I told her not to feel badly and that it would wash off. I got down on my knees and cleaned up the mess. The proprietor came out and was impressed and I said, "Well, I am used to doing this. My mother taught me how to clean."

Mothers, you can teach your children to pray and teach them how to clean up. She taught me to put my trousers on the hanger a certain way as well as my coat. She instructed me to hang them both on the hanger in a straight fashion, so they would keep their shape and not wrinkle. Someone may ask, "How am I going to get it across to the child what he or she is supposed to do?" Well, just keep loving them until you can love them into the place where they are willing to do what they have been taught to do. Now mothers and fathers, it takes a lot of patience. Don't pray for patience, because if you do you will get tribulation and troubles. But if you want patience, be consecrated and dedicated and have God in Jesus' name to come by the Holy Spirit and crucify this old carnal nature so that we will be patient. Patience comes out of a pure heart. So when mishaps occur and they drop things on you, just say, "That's fine, it will clean off. We can send that to the cleaners. The Lord will help us." Your reaction to what comes to you says more than your actions.

When you have a child, you hold a lot in your hand. You are not just holding the child, but you are also holding its destiny. You are holding, as it were, its attitudes that you may mold, but mold them in a way that is Christ-like rather than in a carnal manner. If we do it carnally, it will be ineffective, but if we do it with Christ's guidance, our influence will remain and be a bulwark in a storm. We teach these things to our children by patience, by example, by sharing, by talking, by carefulness and

gentleness. Most teaching should be tender and gentle, because if the teaching is sharp like a sword or sticky like a thorn, then it doesn't bring good results, but brings remorse and a reaction that cannot be reversed. We need to be attentive to our child's behavior. If you let the child have what he wants all the time and don't teach him responsibility, he will be spoiled. It will make them hard on their spouse when they get older because they have not been taught to be giving and sparing. It will be hard on the teacher, the police, the government, home, companion, and children. It is urgent to teach a child when he is young. If you start early enough, the child will bend. You can take a tree limb when it is young and it will just bend, but if you wait until it is mature it will break. Don't wait to break your children, rather, start with them while they can still be molded into purity, right attitudes, prayerfulness, submission and into a willingness to be on fire in their hearts for righteousness. This is far better than just letting them go the natural way of complacency. So many older people, after they have been in the kingdom a while, become complacent because they have had their way somewhat. But if we will submit to God and obey, then through obedience we will bend to his purpose and do his will willingly without regret. A lot of people do things but regret that they have to do them. But a mother can so train the child so that when they get older they are able to bend to the circumstances instead of break. They will be faithful, dependable and will not cause pressure on anyone. When you are an adult and you press someone that is not helpful. It is depressing and damaging and brings a barrier. Mothers can teach their children in such a way that when he grows up he will fit into things when it is difficult. A child that is not taught right does not fit into difficult things. They get hurt easily and react a certain way. Of course, a parent has to have a lot of wisdom so they don't make the child feel like they are responsible for something they are not. We need to be careful not to put something upon the child that is not theirs.

A lot of times we feel certain things because we were wounded when we were young. We are not to blame our children for things, but teach them how to take responsibility and not feel warped, twisted, mashed or crushed. We are to teach them so they will have confidence and faith, along with perseverance. Mothers, you can teach your children how to persevere. A lot of people give up too soon because they have never been taught how to persevere in problems, trials, battles struggles, disappointments or when things don't go right and the assignment is too difficult. How do you teach your child to be responsible? Many children have never been taught responsibility. We can teach our children how to assume responsibility and to persevere. What you teach them when they are young will stay with them for life.

If we have not prayed with our children since they were little, regularly each day, then there will be certain temptations they will yield to, and when they are with other children they will do things they should not. Lots of parents think their children don't do anything wrong. But when I was little, if I had any difficulty with the teacher, then I had a lot to contend with at home. But today it is different. If a child has trouble at school, here comes the parent to get onto the teacher. It is in reverse and that is not the way it should be in order to teach children to pray and to behave themselves. We are to teach them respect, to share and to be courteous. A lot of parents don't pay any attention to their children. They will go visiting and they will allow their child to pull this over and to get into everything. Watch your children while you are visiting, don't forget about them. If you don't teach them at home, then they will want what is not theirs at the store. If you will teach them at home soon enough, then they will know how to behave themselves. You have got to do that from the beginning. You can't wait until they are one or two years old. You must teach them early, and this comes by prayer, example, carefulness and study to think how to bring up the child and what to do to train them.

If a mother hasn't taught her child how to behave, then he makes it hard on the employer. He won't do his job, but will let someone else do it. Or a nurse will have to do what some other nurse should be doing because they are not going to do it because they don't want to. When a mother teaches her child properly, he never depends on someone else to do it for him. They assume their own responsibility or they go a little further to help and are thoughtful.

When my daughters were in high school, no one wanted to pop the popcorn for the ball games, so our daughter, Nancy, did that for everyone. She tried to help here and there wherever she could. It is good to know how to help in situations. For instance, the nursery at church. Some mothers are thoughtful about it and others are glad to get rid of the responsibility for a while. It is good to take turns and not put the responsibility on a few that are willing. There are a lot of people who have not thought about the value of being helpful and they just let someone else do it. But if you have taught your child properly, they will want to do their part and a little more. So we have a lot to teach our children about prayer, attitudes, helpfulness and devotion.

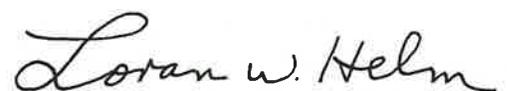
One of the great things you want to teach them in the early years is the importance of doing God's will after they find Jesus in their heart. It is so important to know that if someone asks you to do something, to do just a little more, to go the second mile. If they smite you on one cheek, give them the other. If they take your coat, give them your

overcoat. Teach a child to be giving, but to be balanced. Some will want to keep everything they have and claim what belongs to someone else because they have not been taught, and even after they are taught, they will have a spirit in them that you have to labor with to get that out of them. It is to be rebuked out by the grace of God and the blood of Jesus. Children are naturally selfish, but they can be delivered out of that by prayer and by the mother living a victorious life in the midst of trouble, disappointment, brokenness and hurt. A mother has much in her hands to share as she teaches her child to be responsible.

Be sure as you teach your children to teach them the awfulness of sin, the terribleness of sin, the deception of sin, the sting of sin, the blackness of sin and the destruction of sin. Teach them when they are two and three years old and up how terrible sin is. Sin is that which is evil, which God is not in. It destroys and brings remorse and death. The wages of it is death and the aftermath never ends. It follows forever. Teach the child that when they sin, their sins will find them out. Sin will expose. Be sure when you teach the child about prayer that you tell them that sin hinders prayer. But sin can be confessed to God in prayer and God will obliterate it, but don't continue in the sin. Cease the sin business and start living righteously. Praise the Lord. Teach them the wonderful life of romance, thrills and adventure in obeying what God says. Mothers, fathers, you have this in your hand.

So we can teach our children about prayer, the Word of God, purity, salvation, sin, perseverance, faith, holiness, and trustworthiness – that when they are gone they will be as faithful as if they are home. When a man is a thousand miles away he is to be as faithful as if his companion is right there by him. We pray for souls to hear the voice of God and come to repentance while it is day, for the day is coming when man cannot work, and we know the work is to do the will of God. We can do a lot of earthly work, but it will all be gone. But the work of God will never end. As we discipline our children, they will be ready for the battle and able to do what God has for them. Be encouraged. Do not grow wear in well doing, for in due season you will reap if you faint not. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,



Loran W. Helm

Revival For Our Day

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Dear ones of Revival For Our Day, we are so thankful for the Lord's mercy to help us. I have been in the hospital for the last few weeks. After a few days in the hospital I was moved to the rehabilitation center in Muncie, where I am currently receiving therapy. The staff and dear ones here are so nice and have been such a help to me personally and to my family. The therapy seems to be helping, but the progress is slow and I get a little tired, but that goes with it. I am thankful for those that have been praying for me. I appreciate the prayers, petitions, supplications and requests that are made to God in my behalf. This center that I am in is a very nice one and was recommended to us by Rodney Dunn, who helped manage nursing homes and has been in this line of work for a long time. This particular facility costs around \$140 to \$150 a day and is very nice. I am able to be here because I took a policy out in 1991 to cover expenses for something like this. It pays \$70 a day and that leaves a balance of around \$75 a day. I have been very fortunate to have a private place here where it is quiet and restful, with no snoring or other things to alarm. It has been such a blessing and we have been so very, very thankful. I am trusting that you will pray with me and for me at this time on this behalf. I would be most grateful and in debt to our heavenly father for it. Out of the 1,400 on the mailing list there are not quite 200 who send finances every month. This helps us quite a lot. We are very grateful for this accommodation, help and sharing. I pray that each of you will be lifted as you read the Word, pray and witness to souls. Praise the Lord. I am grateful indeed for each of you. Shalom.

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Jesus said in Mark 4:24,25 ***"And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. ²⁵ For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath."*** The word take is interesting. We can "take" more food, "take" more bread. We often say, "Here, 'take' this." Jesus said, "Take heed." Take heed to what? Take heed therefore, how ye hear. He didn't say to take heed what we hear, but to take heed how we hear. There are a lot of things we hear. That which we are tuned into is what we really enjoy and hear. Jesus said, "Take heed, how you hear." How do we hear?

It is a difficult thing not to be able to hear. Our grand twins were born without hearing. When I got out of the car to go into the hospital to see them many years ago, I said to my wife that the Lord was speaking to me about them. She said, "What is he telling you? I told her, " He is telling me about a situation within them and we will have to just trust about it. We didn't know they couldn't hear, but God was telling me they could not. It is a great handicap not to be able to hear. We learned when

they were a few months of age that they were not hearing.

Jesus said to take heed how ye hear. There is a lot in the word how. Take heed how ye hear. He has something to say about that. For whosoever hears, to him more shall be given. If we know how to hear, then more will be given. If we know how to hear, to him that hath, unto him more shall be given. Take heed how ye hear. ***We hear by the grace of God and by the inner work of the Spirit as a result of obedience.*** We hear the message God has and his will as we have carried out the last leading of the Holy Spirit. For he said, whosoever hath heard, unto him more shall be given. Whosoever hath the ability to hear. That is simple, but it is profound. It is at the very core of life. Take heed how ye hear. For whosoever hath (knowing how to take what God has said and how to hear) unto that person more shall be given.

I was converted at sixteen years of age, and up until that time I had prayed from the age of one or so, but I hadn't really heard Jesus in my heart until Jesus saved me. I went to the altar at the age of eight and my mother said I was a different boy after that. In fact, my mother thought I was a pretty good boy. All my brothers and I wanted to honor our parents and do what was right and please them. But I did not find Jesus in my heart until I was almost seventeen year old. When I found him, I began to hear his will and his voice.

God spoke to me in the inner voice when I was five years of age and said, "You belong to me, I will use you in my kingdom some day." Well, how did I hear it? I was only five, but I heard him say it. I marvel now that my heart could hear that. It is by God's grace I can ever hear again. That gives God all the glory. He must have it all. When I heard God speak that to me I was at the fringe of the kingdom of heaven in grandeur, beauty, marvel, sweetness and light. I heard God's voice and he said, "You belong to me." I heard it in my heart.

Jesus said, "Unto him that heareth... unto him more shall be given." How unworthy we are to be able to hear God's voice – to hear inside the heart, not outside, but hearing what the Spirit of the Lord is saying in the inner life by inner communion and revelation.

God told Moses to speak to the rock to bring forth water and instead he smote the rock. He missed Canaan land because he forgot at the waters of Meribah. God told him to speak to the rock, not to smite it. We need a lot of prayer so we will not smite the rock. Moses smote it three times, and it wasn't God's will.

David didn't hear, and he numbered the troops. He was a great man and the Bible declared him a man after God's own heart. But it wasn't God's will to number the troops at all and there was quite a cost

involved in that. Jesus said, "Take heed how ye hear."

What do we hear most? What do we hear best? What do we hear that brings us pleasure, or distress? What do we hear that brings us to life? Take heed how ye hear. ***The ability of hearing comes by the Spirit. It is a gift from the Lord within the life of the obedient follower of Jesus.*** Take heed therefore, how ye hear. For whosoever hath, (been able to hear and heed) to him more shall be given." That is life.

If you have taken heed to hear and you have heard, then it can be that you will have everything that is yours. We work so hard to get what we want that we miss what is ours. We work so hard to get the things that seem so attractive and beautiful and seem beneficial; yet, some of those things will destroy us. But if we will follow, then he will give us, as we follow, all that is ours. This just comes to them that have followed, heard, giving him the glory, honor and praise. Take heed, therefore, how ye hear.

God spoke to the children of Israel and told them not to go up to battle but they went up and were defeated. They didn't hear what he said. He told them not to partake of any of the precious things when they went into Jericho, but one man took a Babylonian garment and a wedge of gold and because he failed to hear and do what he heard, he caused the men to fall at the battle of Ai and thirty six men were killed. This was all a result of one man failing to hear and heed to bring all the items of war to Joshua. Instead, he hid them and didn't hear. What is involved in hearing?

We hear as we walk in the light as he is in the light. We can also hear certain things in darkness and a certain spirit will take over in our life if we are not careful. But as we walk in light his presence comes within us and we become channels of truth, compassion, mercy and love. That is the how of hearing. The very heart of how is love. That love flows out of obedience, not doing the will of the person, but the will of God. Take heed how ye hear. For whosoever hath heard, to him shall more be given. That means that as we walk with him and follow, then more will come to us and we will hear more.

Our hearing is developed by following and obeying what God says, not what we think or like, but what the Holy Spirit leads. As we follow what the Holy Spirit leads, then he gives us an ability to hear, an inner gift of hearing - not just words or languages, but to hear the voice of God and know the mind of the Spirit. This is discernment.

Take heed how ye hear. What you don't need to hear just let it be gone. Let it go in one ear and out the other. As it goes through, snatch onto all the

holy and pure. Snatch onto all that is the will of God, and what is not, let it go. Hold fast to that which is God's word and plan for you. That is discerned by the witness of the Holy Spirit. There isn't anything in the Bible that tells how to plan each day's layout. It comes by prayer, heeding, following, by obedience.

Whosoever hath not...that is the person who is not obedient, the person that is doubtful, from him shall be taken away even that which he seemeth to have. That means, when we are disobedient, we lose the ability to hear and we just go on in a form. Now that is significant. If we have been disobedient to his voice, then we become dull of hearing and we don't perceive what the will of the Lord is and we make the plans our self. When that occurs, we lose what is ours by trying to do the best we can for ourselves, but Jesus said he that will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall find it. When we forsake all, then we find all and we hear and possess all that we need. This comes through humility and much prayer and adoration to God. Praise the Lord.

Through obedience and inner death we learn how to hear and perceive what he reveals. Our hearing depends on how we obey all along. If we obey, it won't be long until he tells us something else to do. The greater time we have with a leading (what we have), the more delighted God is to give us something else (the more). We don't know what all God will have in store for us if we will follow. More will be given to us. We need to hear within the heart so we will know what the will of the Lord is. It is important to be able to hear spiritually.

Don't work to hear; rest to hear. When we press for gifts or things, you see, we will get what we want, but what he has is best. He will not withhold any good thing from us if we will hear and follow, doing exactly what he says for us to do.

Therefore, as we are aware of how to hear, then he leads us on how to follow and what to follow to and accomplish. It is important that we hear and go slowly so that we are not the arranger or organizer. We are simply a servant to carry out what he reveals for us to do.

I remember years ago when the Lord sent me into the state of Illinois. The Holy Ghost had revealed to me that I would be going there for a revival and we had to pray in everything we needed: the tent, chairs, altar, songbooks, light fixtures and the lot . . . So Homer and I went to visit Uncle Ernest and Aunt Maude. While I was visiting with them, a man came to the front door and Homer went to talk with him. I didn't notice him much because I was under an anointing, but the man at the door was a broom salesman from Mount Vernon, Illinois. A few hours later the Lord revealed to me, "Go to Mount Vernon and find the broom salesman."

Well, I had never seen him before in my life, but the Lord told me to find the broom salesman. How was I going to do that? All I knew was that he had a Church of God pastor and a tent that was 30' x 50'. But I heard that I should go find him. Homer said, "How will we find him when we get there?" I told him the Lord had told me how to do that. If you hear, then the Lord will tell you how to find what you need. It is a mystery that cannot be told.

When Homer talked to him at the front door of my Aunt and Uncle's home, he found out that he had a tent. While we were on our way to find him, Homer said, "I want you to know that the broom salesman told me that he doesn't lend out his tent to anybody. He just takes it wherever he travels." I said, "All I know is I'm going to go find the broom salesman. I am not going to ask him for anything. I am just to testify." So, when I went to see the broom salesman, I went to witness about how God was leading me. I didn't go to him and say, "I want your tent." We had to pray that in, but that was in the hands of God. All I had to do was hear and follow. So, we got in the car and made it to the city. When we got there I found the Church of God pastor and asked him if he knew where the broom salesman was, and he did. He was sitting on the porch and when we got to him he came out and saw Homer and said, "O, it is good to see you. How are you?" I began to tell him of the kingdom of God and how the Holy Spirit was leading, how he had directed and answers to prayer and revelations. He said, "This is marvelous. You walk with God. I have a tent. You may have it. Come and get it in the morning."

I didn't tell him I wanted the tent. I told him about the kingdom of God, about the wonderful works of Jesus and how God was leading. He said, "Come and get my tent." If you will tell about what God has let you in on, the Lord may give you what you need when it seems like you can't get it anywhere. We need to take heed how we hear, so that we will know how to proceed. Then more will be given.

He told me to come early in the morning at sunrise. When do you think I was there? I knocked on the door and he came and let me in. After he dressed he said, "We need breakfast." When I had left Parker City I had ten dollars. I gave my wife five and had five remaining and had spent about three dollars of that on my way to Mount Vernon. I also needed gas again. We ate breakfast and I offered to pay for it, but he said, "No, I am getting the breakfast for us." I said, "But I should pay because you are loaning me the tent", but he said, "No, I will pay." So I appreciated that.

After we ate we went to pick up the trailer. When we got there, I found out that the trailer had enough seats in it for 150 people. He had an organ, the lights and the songbooks all in one trailer. When we left home for revival in Illinois I didn't know where I would find a trailer or where I would find a

pulpit or a tent. It was all there in one little place just nine miles south. God always knows how to help us find just what we need if we will give him enough praise for what he has already done for us. If I have not praised him enough for what he has already done for me, then I will miss what is mine tomorrow. I had to praise him quite a bit so I wouldn't be slack. As we praise him enough, he will take care of the rest.

I was so thankful for what I had heard: I found the broom salesman and the tent because of how he helped me to hear. Five years earlier the Lord had revealed to me the lot on which we would put this tent. I had to wait all those years to get to the tent, but the Lord had already revealed to me the location of the lot. I had to keep waiting. Keep on waiting. Don't try to get things going before time. Too many of us want to get things going before it is really time. That is why we miss what is ours; companion, home, job, situations. If we would only hold steady, God will get us to what is ours.

Well, we got to the lot and the weather was beautiful. Just as we got to it the Holy Ghost spoke to me and told me there was a storm coming in so many hours. I heard in my heart that there was a storm coming but there wasn't any evidence of it there. Jesus said, "Take heed how ye hear." Everything was clear, but God said, "There is a storm coming. Don't put the tent up." So I said to the man who owned the tent who had gone all this way to get it and set it up, "The Lord has told me there is a storm coming and we can't put the tent up." He didn't hear what I said. Up went the tent. He got everything out and started putting the tent up. How do you suppose I felt when I heard there was a storm coming and the tent was going up? It was not a new tent. It was a patched tent. He got the tent up and I went inside and sanctified it from side to side and end to end top to bottom. I prayed, "O Lord, protect this tent from the storm that is coming in so many hours." So at five o'clock the storm hit and it was severe. It took limbs off of trees as big as my arm just four to five hundred feet from the tent. A man about a quarter mile away had bought a brand new tent to live in while he was building his new home and it simply pulled the canvas right out of the iron and pulled it apart. But do you now what the storm did to our tent? It just put it down and said, "Just rest a while." It was already torn and patched. It didn't need any more patches so God just put it down and it lay there. I heard about the storm and then I cried, "God, deliver us through this storm. I couldn't convince them of the storm, so help me now!" And he did.

I am talking about hearing. He was merciful to help me hear. They said, well, it takes two to three weeks to get electricity in a new building. How many weeks will it take you to get electricity to the tent? Some thought it would take several days. But I heard something. God said, "Go to Illinois Power and Light and go in." So I went over and went in

and introduced myself to this gentleman and we talked a while. He finally said, "What is your name?" I said, "My name is Helm." He said, "I married a Helm." You know, they brought the current out to us that afternoon. God helped us. It is about hearing. Take heed how ye hear. We had to hear about going to visit Uncle Ernest and Aunt Maude; we had to hear about Mount Vernon. He took care of everything.

So Jesus is telling us here to take heed how we hear and what we hear so we will know how to proceed in soul winning, or sanctification of a believer. It takes wisdom to bring a church to a willingness to follow Jesus, to lose all and follow in hearing so that we will be able to be recipients of his presence and communion and his indwelling. For his kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. That is the kingdom of God.

So as we take heed how we hear and follow, then he will add step by step what we need.

Our home needed a furnace. We needed to make the choice whether to have a coal furnace, an electric furnace or a gas furnace. After I meditated about it I decided a gas furnace would be best. I was just going by faith and when you do that, you don't ask anyone for anything, but you have to pray and trust. Sometime before this period, I was privileged to lead a man to Jesus by the name of George of Nelson. He was out in the world far away, but when he found Jesus, he and I became very close. I didn't realize it, but he got a gallon jar with a big top and filled it full of water and put a sign on it which indicated that whatever finance people put into the jar would go toward a gas furnace for the home built by faith.

Some time went by and I knew I needed to go check on a gas permit. So I went to the gas company to see if I could get the information and when I got to the door of the gas company, Jesus said, "Don't go in this place." I drove about nine or ten miles to the gas company. I got to the door and he said, "Don't enter." What was I going to do? Well, I went down the street and didn't go in. I went home and waited three days. After three days the Lord said to me, "You may go in to the gas company today." So I went back and went through the same door he told me not to enter three days before. Remember, "Take heed how ye hear." I went in and there was a group of people ahead of me. When it was my turn in line, the service manager asked my name. I told him I was a servant and that I was building a home by faith and we needed a gas permit. He said, "I am sorry, Rev. Helm. It will be six months to two years before we know when you could ever have a gas permit." I needed it right away because they were building the house. I said, "Thank you very much." At that moment I noticed a handsome man right across from us sitting at a desk. I didn't know that he was the superintendent of the whole works. He was over all of it. I didn't know that a few days

before that he got into a restaurant fourteen miles away where there was a glass jar with a sign for a gas furnace for a home built by faith. He already knew about it through the jar. Just as I started to leave this man said, "Wait just a minute. Are you Rev. Helm?" I said, "Yes." He said, "You don't have to worry. I will look after it and you will have your gas permit."

I had to hear not to go in the building and I had to hear to go back the third day. If I had gone when I wanted, I would have been there three days before he was ready to come in the office. I had to be timed so that the main man was there and was already informed by a convert who had a water jar with a sign on it. He said, "You will have your permit. I will see about it myself."

This story is about hearing. It is by God's grace that we will ever now what to do. This gives God all the glory and all the praise and all the honor. "Take heed what ye hear and how ye hear." That we will be true to what he wants us to do. How you hear will control what you hear and what you are able to receive in your heart. We praise him for the high privilege of hearing, of his guidance and direction. Don't get discouraged when you seem not to hear. Keep rejoicing. See, I had to pray for days, weeks, months and years before I ever had these experiences. I had to obey for years each leading of the Holy Spirit. It didn't come by one obedience or one day or month or year or three or five years. It came by years of waiting, years of obeying, years of hearing his voice. Don't get discouraged. Keep dying. I have to die from morning to night and be cleansed of the old carnal nature, constantly resisting the devil, in order that the Lord might indwell me and that I would know his voice.

It is important to be in order, not fanatical. It is possible to do all the things in the kingdom and miss the kingdom. Because he said, "Many will prophesy, many will preach, many will do great things. They will have foreknowledge and know what is going on. They will cast out devils in his name and do many marvelous works (that's miracles, signs and wonders) and he said, "I will say to them, 'Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity. I never knew you.'" That means he had never talked to them and they had never heard him. They were casting out devils and doing the work of the church and doing marvelous things in the kingdom, but they were not hearing his voice. They were hearing another voice. See how important it is to hear the voice of Jesus, that I do his will and not arrange this thing myself. Because it is so easy for a man to be deceived. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can know it? The only way we can know is by hearing, following, dying and by giving all. We must become nothing so that he is altogether everything.

Never be discouraged. Keep holding steady. I have to fight the devil and battle each day. The enemy

will tell you that you are not a Christian, that you don't know God or that you will never make it to heaven. I have been on the way for many years and he still hollers, accuses, buffets and storms. Any one that's not going with Jesus, he tells them they are pretty nice. He tells everyone that is not going with Jesus that they are not too bad. But everyone who goes with Jesus has the opposite experience. What we do want to be sure of is that we wait on the Lord and that we love one another as he loves us. That means the death of carnality, the denying of self, the cross where we are crucified. Then he teaches us how to hear. That is when we learn how to hear, when self is denied. Self will not let us hear the voice of Jesus. When self is crucified, then he can teach us how to hear and follow. The only way we know how to follow is to hear, that is the Word and the Holy Spirit - how we hear. It is by God's grace. It is a pressing and struggle, but God will take us through as we trust and obey him and know exactly little by little what he wants us to do as we give him all the praise.

If I don't give him all the praise I can miss the next leading. If I am not careful, I can miss the next leading because I have not sufficiently given him all the glory and all the praise and kept little enough. He works when we know we are nothing and he is everything.

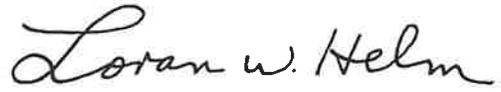
Take heed how we hear. It is a marvel when I think about how the Lord has helped me and how he wants to lead us. There are so many things God wants to show us. Take time to be holy and let him lead us so that souls may be saved and the church may be sanctified, to become one as God and Jesus are one. This is the work of God. We are not able to manage this. All we need to do is hear and follow. It may look like we are not accomplishing much, but if we are faithful in that which is least, we are faithful also in much. If we are faithful to just a little, then maybe he can trust us with a little more.

It is only by God's grace that I will ever know anything again. We must give God all the praise and all the glory for everything he has ever done for any of us in every aspect of our lives. We must be sure to give him all the glory for every bit of it because this will help us to hear if we praise him enough. I had to praise him quite a bit for years before any of these experiences occurred. I had to obey him each time for years before this took place.

I preached many years before I could understand the verse, "He that will save his life shall lose it. But he that will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, shall find it." I was saved in 1933 and was still trying to say, "Lord, teach me that verse", in 1949. Then he revealed to me that he that will save his life shall lose it. Then I could see that most of us in the church are working hard to save ourselves. We are working hard to arrange everything and get it all fixed up and get this and this and this. We work so hard to save ourselves. But all he wants us to do is

leave all and go forward completely to his will so that we will follow. "Take heed how he hear. For to him that hath, more shall be given." In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name



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Most sincerely yours,



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Revival For Our Day

August 2005

Dear Ones of Revival For Our Day, praise the Lord. We are thankful for the Lord's mercy, his guidance, provision and help. We praise him for his shed blood on Calvary that cleanses us from our sins and makes us vessels unto honor for his use. For he has translated us out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his dear son. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all of his benefits. Hallelujah.

I want to thank you for your prayers and sacrifices on my behalf. Thank you for each petition and intercession for my strength and for my legs to regain ability and strength. I also want to mention again that we are grateful to Harmony Press and also Shepherd Services for their labor and sacrifice in getting out the newsletter each month. They do it free of charge and we are in debt to the Lord for it. Praise the Lord.

In Luke 8:19 we read, "Then came to Jesus his mother and his brothers, but they could not come to him for the crowd. It was told Jesus by certain which said to him, 'Thy mother and thy brethren stand without desiring to see you.' Jesus answered and said unto them, 'My mother and my brothers are these which hear the word of God and do it.'" Here was Jesus' mother and brothers and they wanted to see him so much that they interrupted his service. It wasn't just a hundred people he had with him, but rather a multitude. They sent word to him in the middle of the meeting that they wanted to see him. Jesus replied by saying, "I want to tell you something. My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." This is such a great message, to think that the people who will hear the word and do it are like his mother, brothers and sisters.

Jesus cried many times for the people to hear what he had to say and he was so grieved because they did not get what he said in their heart. This was due to the hardness of their heart, their plans, their dispositions and their behavior – hidden sin in their life. Sin hardens hearts, but Jesus said that people that hear and do what God says are his mother, brothers and sisters. Look at the closeness that obedience brings.

I was very close to my mother and father. I never had an argument or a fuss with them. I never sassed them, but respected, esteemed and obeyed them. And to think that Jesus would say to the entire multitude, "My mother and brothers and sisters are these here with me that hear the word I give them and do it." This is such a marvelous revelation here – that those who will hear and do what Jesus says are his relatives.

Later in this same chapter, verses 27-34, we read that Jesus healed a demoniac. ²⁷ "And when he

went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, 'What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.' ²⁹ (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) ³⁰ And Jesus asked him, saying, 'What is thy name?' And he said, 'Legion': because many devils were entered into him. ³¹ And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep. ³² And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. ³³ Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. ³⁴ When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. ³⁶ They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed. ³⁷ Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again. ³⁸ Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ 'Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee.' And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him. ⁴⁰ And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him."

Now I want us to see that this man wanted to go with Jesus, but Jesus told him, "No. Don't come with me. You go back home and tell what the Lord has done for you." Is this man hearing? Yes. He has become to Jesus like his brother. Jesus told him to go back and tell what the Lord had done for him. So this man went out and published throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him. This man wanted to be with Jesus. He didn't want to go back where he was not liked or misunderstood. He had to go back into a hard situation. You've heard the expression "going into a hornets nest." That is what it would have been like. Back where you have troubled people and caused them a lot of distress and they don't like you. Jesus sent him back into a stormy place where

he was tested and tried and unwanted. Jesus said, "You go back and hold a testimony meeting and tell them what I have done for you."

So he went back and published what Jesus had done for him. It says he published throughout the whole area. That means that he didn't miss very many. He said, "The Lord has saved me. He has brought me from the darkness into light. He has changed my life and taken the devil out of me and made me a new creature. He has given me peace, joy, rest, love and care." He began to publish everywhere about what Jesus had done for him and how he had changed his life. He had a new destination. His testimony was so great! Praise God!

And it came to pass that when Jesus returned the people gladly received him for they were all waiting for him. Here is a man that heard. He not only heard, but he obeyed and you know what it did? It changed the whole crowd. It says that when Jesus returned that all of them were waiting for him. This whole multitude had asked him to leave and didn't want anything to do with him and now all of them are changed because one man heard and denied himself, because one man was willing to humble himself and do what seemed to be a difficult assignment and it turned the whole community around. What was that? It was a great revival. Through one man's ministry the whole group was changed.

Now if God can take one man who doesn't know anything and do that, what will he do with you? What can he do with just one person who will hear? This is all because this man was changed and he heard. What did he hear? "Go back home and give your testimony." That is denial of self and it is obedience and it changed the whole community.

Jesus said the people that hear me are like my mother and my brothers. Here is a man that was so far away from understanding, yet Jesus changed him and he heard what Jesus said and obeyed. You see, he first had to deny himself. He wanted to go with Jesus, but he could not do that. He denied himself of being with Jesus to go back into a storm and a hard place, an assignment and a testimony meeting.

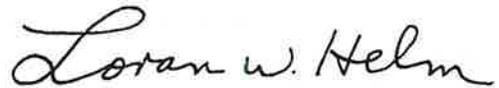
Now when I was first saved, one of the hardest things for me to do was to give my first testimony. Jesus said, "You go back and testify what I have done for you." That is what we need in the church and in the ministry – to do what Jesus tells us to do. God changed everything around because one many heard and denied himself and obeyed. One man was willing to suffer and be apart from Jesus alone and he became the instrument and vessel through whom the whole community was affected and wanted to be with Jesus. That included the drunks, the drug addicts, the harlots...all of them...because

one man was willing to hear. Jesus said they that hear the word of God and do it are like my mother and my brothers.

Therefore, as we lay aside every weight and sin that doth so easily beset us, to run with patience the race that is set before us, let us look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand of God interceding for us that we may hear and that we may follow and become in his likeness. For as he is, so are we in this life.

How much can you hear? How much do you hear? And what you hear, how much of it are you doing? Therefore we become like his mother, his brother and his sister as we hear and as we follow him to do God's will in earth as it is in heaven. Praise the Lord. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Dear ones who are trusting Jesus and walking with God, greetings. We are thankful for the Lord's mercy and His helping us to endure. We just want to give God praise and glory, honor and thanksgiving for how He has been so merciful to us. Many of you have been so faithful to pray for us and to cry out for mercy on our behalf. Some of you have carried the burden for us because I am old and most people of my age do not lead services. We are thankful for the Lord's help during the meetings on August 26, 27 and 28. I was able, by God's grace, to attend three of the four meetings. The Holy Spirit came in such sweet anointing that I don't know how to tell it. We are in such debt to the Holy Spirit and to Jesus for his help and mercy in that place and for giving me the strength to be there. He has been merciful to us in taking care, in opening doors for us even in these times when I am so up in years. Thank you for your prayers, supplications, petitions and intercession on my behalf. Praise the Lord.

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The message for today is found in Luke 9:24, where Jesus said, "For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it." That is every person without exception. That means since the beginning of time, whoever it was that attempts to save their life or arrange for themselves, that person will lose his life. My burden and concern for many years has been that people in the Church and ministry, if we are not very careful and pray much, spend more time saving ourselves than we do doing God's will. Whosoever will save his life shall lose it. For twenty years after I was converted I would think about this scripture. I had never heard it preached on and I didn't know what it meant. I couldn't quite get the vision or wonder of it. But after walking with Jesus some years he began to reveal to me what a little part of it means. Whosoever follows after and does his own earthly desires is working to save his life in order to lose it. Every person that desires and attempts to follow his own desires of the earth, that person will lose their life. There is no exception. That's what Jesus is saying. That is, he will never make heaven. He will miss God's will in the earth if he seeks to save himself.

So, we save ourselves by doing what we desire to do. It doesn't make any difference how good the desire is or how marvelous it is, or how commendable it is. If that desire is not of the Holy Spirit, we are working to save ourselves to be lost. That means any decision we make that is not led of the Holy Spirit, we are working to save our life to lose it. This is a vast, immense, tremendous truth. It is simple but far reaching. He that will press to do what he wants and wills is working to save himself to be lost. It is a tremendous truth to consider.

What does it mean to save our lives to lose them? We save our life by making plans that we like or that will work out the best for us. This is working to save ourselves in order to be lost and we are not aware of it unless a prophet of God brings it to our heart so we can see it. It doesn't make any difference how great the accomplishment is. If it hasn't been led of the Holy Spirit we are working to save ourselves to be lost in the final analysis. If we attempt to work things out for our own advantage we will be lost.

As we consider this text we see that it is a significant truth that has to do with all of life. We must from the time we are saved surrender as the Lord would reveal and not make the choice of our own and not work it out for ourselves, for whoever does will be lost. It is simple and yet challenging. So we work to save our life by getting something for ourselves, some selfish purpose or inner benefit that we want to accomplish. By doing so we will lose our life.

This scripture is a truth that applies to the Old Testament as well as to the New Testament. Adam and Eve were given the word of our God that they could have everything in the garden except the particular tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It was an attractive tree. It was so beautiful and enticing. They thought if they would partake of it that it would benefit or "save" them. In it, they lost and perished in that very thing. They lost fellowship with God. They wanted it to save themselves and better their position and fill their taste buds with beauty and enjoyment. So they worked to save themselves in order to be lost. They put all of us into a lost state of sin because they wanted to get something for themselves and did the very thing God told them not to do. The self in you and me is a strong force. It will by-pass the cross always to get what self wants.

So this particular teaching of Jesus applies to Adam and Eve in the garden and what they chose to do. It also applies to Lot, because he too wanted to save himself. He did this by wanting to go with Abraham, a man of faith, love and dedication to God. Lot said, "It will do me good. It will help me and save me and benefit me because Abraham will love me and he will give me assistance. He is a man who will know how to help. I can't stay here without him, so I am going with him." But he was lost. He not only failed to do God's will, but he placed his wife in jeopardy as well. If he had stayed where they were, his wife would have never had to go through the temptation and be turned to a pillar of salt. Because most people are working to save themselves, they put many people in temptation and spiritual storms. It is easy for the church to try to work out a program that seems to be marvelous and

great, but if that program is not led and witnessed by the Holy Spirit, it will not bring life. Instead, it will bring conflict, disappointment, emptiness, distress and division, regardless of how good the program looks to the church board.

God told Abraham to leave. "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went." (Hebrews 11:8) Lot was not to go with him, but most counselors would have said, "It would be wonderful for you to go. Abraham is a man of faith, prayer and love. He will be able to teach you some things about faith. He will teach you how to love and many other things." They would have counseled him, "I think it's a good idea. Just go along." But it would have been dead wrong. See how reasonable it is. We can't go by what is reasonable and what seems to appear to be good. It looked like Lot would have a great time with Abraham. He didn't want to do without the fellowship. Listen, God can give you better fellowship down where you belong than where you want to go where it won't work. So Lot lost. But that was only the beginning. Because Lot chose to go with Abraham, he put his wife in a hard place and she turned to a pillar of salt. She would never have had that temptation had they stayed back where they were. You can't make your plans based on beauty and what seems to be right. It looked good for him to go with Abraham, but it was dead wrong.

Abraham was doing God's will, but Lot was not by going with him. When Lot's wife turned to a pillar of salt, then the enemy came in again in greater fashion and had him to have children with his own daughters, which is an abomination. (When any man even touches his daughter in an inappropriate manner, he has sinned. He has no business touching his daughter's leg. He is in trouble. They tell me that fathers actually go further than that and I can hardly imagine it. It makes me sick. Imagine a father touching his daughter. He is violating the laws of trustworthiness, holiness and purity, as well as self-respect.)

Lot had children with his daughters. And today the children of Ammon and Moab are his descendants. All of them are so precious, but they were brought into the world through a chaotic state out of divine order, tossed from pillar to post. They are in such anxiety and darkness that they don't know what in the world is wrong with them. They had the wrong start because the father didn't do God's will. He tried to save his life and he lost it, and was the cause of many being lost. All of the descendants of Lot, millions of them, are lost, because Lot saved himself by having a good fellowship with a godly man.

See how this way is so narrow? It is very narrow. But it is wonderful. It is a blessed way. I want to tell you, it is the way of heaven. I have been on this way for years and it has been a blessing. We are to be taught how to give our lives entirely over so we will know how to begin to wait upon God. Until we lose our life, we are just then beginning to learn how to wait upon him. But you see, if we save our life, it is the reverse of waiting on God. Most all ministers try to save themselves, rather than allow the Holy Spirit to lead.

So Lot wanted to save himself, placed his wife in jeopardy and she went to death. Think of this. She went to death because he wanted to save himself. When we try to save ourselves, then we bring someone to death beside ourselves. This is the teaching of Jesus, "He that will save his life shall lose it." I didn't write this. It was written long ago and it is true. I didn't read the meaning of this passage in a book, but the Holy Spirit has revealed it to me. It is worth more than all the gold, all the silver, all the pearls, all the diamonds, all the jewels and all the stocks and bonds this world knows about. It is worth way more than that and most people don't know it because the flesh in us is so strong and domineering. Jesus is crowded out of our lives most of the time. Jesus said whosoever will save his life, and it doesn't make any difference who it is, they will be lost. It is quite a serious, tragic truth. But I am glad he told us.

We can't have church without the leading of the Holy Spirit and without the guidance of Jesus. If we attempt to, we simply are in a desolate place. We are going in circles in a wilderness. We work so hard in the flesh to save our lives, to know what to do in the church and to plan this and plan that. We think we have got to have this program and that program, that we have got to have somebody here to do this and that. Listen; let's wait until the Holy Spirit leads. "But we don't want to wait. We have got to get something going because the people are discouraged." Pray! It will help us. Obey! We will not be discouraged. Don't get a program started until the Holy Spirit leads it. Don't get anything going until the Holy Ghost leads it. Wait on the Lord until he leads it. "But we want to do something." Well, don't do anything. The greatest thing you are ever going to do is trust God with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. That is the greatest thing you can do. Someone may ask, "What about the winning of a soul?" Well, if I win a soul and I don't trust the Lord with all my heart and I lean to my own understanding, then that convert is going to pattern after me and they will be lost. If we get a soul saved and we live after the pattern of saving ourselves and leaning to our own understanding in the absence of whole-hearted trust, then we are bringing the people we win with us to despair. It doesn't matter how beautiful the church is or how great the preaching is. God must be the

leader and Jesus the guide. He is the great Shepherd. We must do exactly what he says and be pure and holy.

We must be a holy and pure people and not grieve God. You see, Lot's daughters were working at their best to seduce their father. But I want you to know that we have got to be holy all the time in every area. We are all weak and we are likely to succumb to temptation unless we are sufficiently dead to self and hate the devil and pray enough and obey every leading. If you don't obey every leading, then there is not enough strength to resist the devil. The obedience of doing God's will gives us strength to do what God says to do. We need to say, "Get behind me Satan, I am not going to do that. I am going to go with Jesus and do God's will, not what the self in me wants." We have to be a pure people. Lot failed because he wanted to save himself.

In the book of Esther, there was a man named Haman who was promoted and became greater and greater in the kingdom. He was prestigious and had station, as well as recognition and abilities with rare gifts. He was the king's main assistant. This caused him to say within himself, "I am somebody. I am really able and a person of ability." He was promoted more and more. He was working all the while to save himself and get to a better state of affairs. He was working to get himself saved. And all the while he was becoming so high in the kingdom, he was upset with the queen's uncle, Mordecai and was having a guillotine built on which to execute him. Whenever you work hard to save yourself, back in a secret place there are things going on that no one knows about that are intended to cause destruction and bring death. Every person that works to benefit himself has a destroying factor that is buried deep and it will come out later. So Haman began to be very high in the kingdom. He was someone to know, and was in good with the king.

But one night the king could not sleep. So he walked the floor. His assistants came in and brought in the book of the chronicles and began to look it over. They located a tremendous event that reviewed an account of an unknown man named Mordecai who stood at the king's gate and overheard a plot to take the king's life. The king said, "What?!?" They read on and found that Mordecai overheard the plot and reported it and the king's life was spared.

The king wanted to know if Mordecai had been recognized or honored but he had not. So the king wanted to do something to show his appreciation for Mordecai and to bring honor to him for what he had done. The king did not know Mordecai was the uncle of the queen. Mordecai did not want that known. He told Esther he would just hang around

the gate and do what he could. He was not seeking anything for himself, only to serve. He was able to serve the king. Are you serving the King? Are you following him and doing your utmost for him, as well as your neighbor and friends? Mordecai stood there everyday, not trying to get anything for himself.

Well, the king began to meditate about what he could do to honor Mordecai. So the king decided to ask one of his princes in the morning how to honor such a man who had been used to save his life. So when Haman came in that morning, being puffed up within himself, they greeted one another and then the king said, "Haman, what would you suggest I do to honor a man that I delight to honor? I have a man in the kingdom and I want to honor him." Haman took a walk through the corridors of his mind and said to himself, "Who could be more honorable than me? Who would he ever want to honor more than me? I surely am that man." So he said, "King, I tell you what you should do. Put your ring on his finger and your royal garments on him. Put him in your royal chariot and parade him through the streets with one of your princes going before him to declare, 'This is the man whom the king delights to honor.'" Then the king said to Haman, "Go and do this for Mordecai who stands at my gate."

There was Haman, humiliated and fallen. He had worked so hard to save himself, but now he is falling and has to go through the streets of the city crying, "This is the man the king delighteth to honor." The story ends with Haman being killed on the very guillotine he had built for Mordecai. The man who had been faithful, he is now honored and lifted. One man tried to save himself and the other one was serving.

"He that will save his life shall lose it." See how the teachings of Jesus apply to the book of Esther? We constantly have to resist the devil, deny self and go with God in order that we will not save our life or try to arrange it, but simply give it all over and follow what Jesus leads, guides and directs. We are to learn to obey Jesus, how to wait upon him and know his voice. The voice of Jesus is not an audible voice. It is an inner operation within you. It is right in your heart. Very seldom does God speak to us in an audible voice. It is possible, but most usually, generally, he operates in the Holy Spirit in our heart.

We recognize the voice of God, of Jesus and the Holy Spirit because they are all one. The Trinity is one, the Holy Spirit indwells us and Jesus is at the Father's side. The Holy Spirit does the revealing and we learn what we are to do.

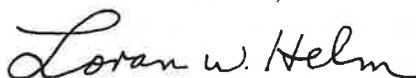
I trust that you will examine your heart to see whether you are saved, or whether you need to be brought back to Jesus and say, "I have been

arranging my life too long. I have been working it out and doing what I want to do." A lot of times we don't get the job we are supposed to have, so we have a lot of trials. Young people, be sure that you wait upon God until he gives you the guidance for the job you are to be in, or the work for you, so that you will be exactly where Jesus leads you. If you will follow, then the people with whom you come into contact will be affected and converted. But if we make the choice in the flesh, then there is no power to bring them in, and you just go on existing, fighting each day to try and make it. It is a dark world and you go round and round trying to make it. It is important to get the right position and the right companion. If you get the wrong companion, then you have turmoil and conflict, division, unhappiness and distress. If you wait until Jesus leads you it will be better. You may say, "But I can't wait." Well, you better wait, because if you don't you will be far worse off. When you want something or try to get a companion in the flesh, you are trying to save yourself.

We need the Holy Spirit to lead us so we will have companions in the Spirit. What God leads is different than what self appoints or chooses. And what he leads works. What we decide brings us distress and unhappiness. And there is no exception of it. If you attend college, be sure you attend the school where God wants you. It is so important for so much can come out of where you go to school; your companion, your location, vocation and so on. It never ends, but just goes on and on. It is absolutely crucial to make the choice that the Lord leads rather than our own choice.

Just give it over and let the Lord lead. Let us be in holy order before Jesus. He is faithful and never fails. He wants us to be as faithful as possible in this life. He wants us to be perfect as God is perfect. It is all in Jesus, nothing in us. We must die out to carnality or we will try to save ourselves. If we are not willing to go all the way and be crucified of the carnal nature, then we will try to save ourselves. We must come back and give it all over to Jesus, and never plan anything on our own again. Simply wait on Jesus until he tells us what to do. Pray, read the Word, witness, obey and be faithful where we are in every area and every respect. Don't get discouraged. Keep rejoicing always. Of course, the obedient heart does that or he will not be led again until he does. "On, on, on to the goal. Jesus will add his blessing. On, on, on to the goal. On to the goal keep pressing." In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,



Loran W. Helm

The following is a summary of the special meetings held in Parker City on August 26, 27 and 28, written and submitted by Marcia Schultze. We are thankful for her willingness, love and time involved in providing us with such a wonderful synopsis of what the Lord did for his glory.

How can one describe all that God did in the meetings in Parker August 26-28, 2005? It is almost impossible to share it all. The first meeting on Friday evening began with Jewell Helm playing the prelude. Everyone was delighted when they brought Brother Helm in in a wheelchair – it was everyone's greatest desire to have him there. Only a few days before it had looked impossible, but God did a miracle and he was able to be in the first half of 2 of the 4 meetings, and stayed for almost the entire 3rd meeting. God helped him to lead the meetings with such accuracy and anointing.

The first service started with the Schultze family singing several of the songs they sang just a couple weeks prior in Austria and Germany. Then Robert and Esther Morey sang a couple songs, followed by Sandra Whitaker and then David Freeman and Joy Belle Cox each singing a song or two. Just before James Wright began to preach Brother Helm became quite weary and so they took him back to the Rehabilitation Center. God really helped James Wright to preach on Acts 16, on "The Night God Rocked the House." He preached on Paul and Silas, exhorting the pastors to get a vision, challenging us to grow up and quit being offended. He shared how midnight is a pivotal point in our lives, not the black time of life, but the beginning of a new day. He shared how the earthquake hit one house, the foundation of the prison, and how God wants to rock your house. That we shouldn't run from a crisis because a crisis can bring revival. He said when God rocks a house, no one should leave. If we believe and obey God anything can happen.

Saturday morning started out with several specials in music. One of them was Kim Gilbert who shared that it was just thirty-four years ago at a Waiting on God that he found Jesus. Then Rodney Taylor preached on the need for revival. He shared from I Kings 18, about Elijah building the altar, and then drenching it with water. He said we need a true demonstration of the power of God, of his presence, a genuine work of God. The world needs to see a body on fire for God. We are called for a day such as this. Thank God for men who have told the truth, have stirred up carnality, and called us to repentance. If we are going to have the work of God, we must rebuild the altars of prayer, we need to drench the altars of prayer, and not just decorate them. He ended with asking us if we had the fire of sanctification.

Saturday evening started out with Michael Douglas leading us in "Joyful, Joyful," and "How Tedious

and Tasteless the Hours". It was followed by a beautiful prayer by Blanche Rouintree. Then Ida Kendal sang while her daughter accompanied her on the piano. Ida shared how delighted she was to have her daughter with her who has recently been saved out of sin.

Then Brother Helm called on Sabrina Cox to sing. She had Tony and Joy Belle join her, and one time her husband Greg as well. Oh, how the Lord helped her to sing several songs, ending with the Lord's Prayer. Then Brother Helm called for Michael Bowers to come and sing. I believe the Lord led for him to sing at least nine different numbers under more anointing than Brother Helm and others had ever heard him sing. Brother Helm shouted twice while he was singing. It was so great. Audi Whitaker prayed for the offering under a tremendous anointing. Michael Douglas sang, "The Old Man on the Corner" just before the message.

Pastor Greg Cox preached from Isaiah 43. The title of his message was, "Don't Miss it!" He challenged us to give up the old life, to not live just on old leadings, to not talk just about old leadings, but to also talk about what God wants to do. If God said he's going to send revival, let's believe it. To get the best, we must get rid of the rest. Revival is not a goal set by man, but one promised by God.

Sunday morning, Brother Helm was not able to attend, so Emory Reece chaired the service. After the Schultze family sang again, and James and Tom Moore sang with Linda at the piano, Robert Morey was called on to speak. He spoke from Isaiah 58. He shared that the more we love Jesus, the more unique we become, yet God wants to bring us to oneness. We need to get to a new level of holiness, and a new level of oneness. God does not want this divisive carnal spirit, but the devil does. He challenged us on fasting, it is an expression of faith, and shouldn't be just for personal growth, but for others too. He also challenged us to ask God to lead us. God may say, "Go ask forgiveness, or go humble yourself, or turn off the TV." Those leadings are the most precious. He ended by sharing from Ezekiel 22:30 "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

It was encouraging, and yet very challenging to hear each of these men share, all with essentially the same message, one building on the other, challenging us to press for revival. May God help us.

Revival For Our Day

November 2005

Dear Ones who are following Jesus and endeavoring to do obey the Holy Spirit, greetings in Jesus' precious holy name! Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are grateful for his mercy, for it is only by his mercies that we will make heaven. Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling, blessed Savior. We are utterly dependent upon him to make a way, to lead, guide and direct. He knows the way, for he is the way, the truth and the life. Thank you for your prayers and petitions on my behalf and for your love, care and sacrifice. I am unworthy and indebted to our heavenly Father for every provision and for making a way. Praise the Lord.

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Proverbs 4:23 says, "**Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it flows the issues of life.**" It is so urgent that we do exactly what the Holy Spirit leads us to do – to witness, speak or encourage someone. It is a mystery how God works and leads his dear children along.

It is important to be where Jesus sends us, not where we can get by good reason and feasible religious guidance. We must have the guidance of the Holy Spirit. That is why the Lord said, "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it comes the issues of life." We want to be sure that the Lord is leading, because most people think that he is when he isn't. Unless we have the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our heart, we need to hold steady. It is important to check with men who have walked with God to see if God witnesses. Years ago I would always call Rev. Homer Pumphrey and tell him about the revelation I had to see if it witnessed to him. If it didn't, then I didn't proceed. I would often tell him that the Lord had revealed something to me and he would say he could tell it right away. If someone tells me something and it doesn't witness, then I know it is not going to work. Therefore, it is urgent that we do only what the Holy Spirit witnesses and to have it confirmed by those that have experience and discernment. There are those that think they can do this and do that, but it doesn't work out.

One time a minister told me what he thought he ought to do. I could tell within me that he shouldn't do it, but I didn't say anything. He went ahead with it and that was the last I ever knew of him. Another minister told me he believed he was to go to a certain place and the Holy Spirit revealed to me he was not supposed to go to that place. But he wanted to be there very much, so he went. He had a beautiful wife and when he came home one day there was a man with her in their bedroom. If he had gone where he was supposed to go, then his wife's temptation could have been averted and all the people in the church where he was supposed to go would have been fed. Instead, because he wasn't there, they starved.

How do we keep our hearts? From the time of conversion, we keep our hearts by trusting and obeying. Many people think we walk with him by knowledge and understanding and by what we can know. That is not so. There are two spiritual limbs that we walk on to follow Jesus and they are called trusting and obeying. Every person has two limbs to walk on, and they must be well and strong to support us. Now the spiritual limb of trusting will never break nor fracture. And the spiritual limb of obedience will never bend to the purpose of man. Men have been trying to get it to bend to their own likes for a long time, since the fall of Adam. But the limb of obedience to God will not bend to our purpose. This is a tremendous message if you could only get it into your heart. See, the limb of obedience never bends to what we like, what we want or desire, or what is feasible or reasonable.

The limb of obedience **always** takes us to one place and that is to the next revelation of God. We never get to any revelation without the limb of obedience. It leads us to the first revelation and then to the second. But we linger on the limb of trusting. This limb is made up of faith, God's word and himself, the truth. Trusting is not just existing – it is living in hope. Outside of trusting, we only exist. Many people are converted, but fail to witness and obey the leading of the Holy Spirit, so they backslide. The first leading on the limb of obedience is witnessing and praising the Lord, but self will often smother that out by saying, "Be quiet. You are out of order. You are not welcome to speak now and no one wants to hear what you say anyway." So self smothers the first leading. Self backslides and still thinks it has the victory, but it doesn't. One reason why the Holy Spirit has never led persons is they failed to witness at the first leading of the Holy Spirit. This is the first experience of disobedience after conversion and many cease following right there. Many are converted but fail to follow because they don't deny self. Jesus said that self must be denied in order to follow him. One of the great men of all times said, "Know yourself." Jesus didn't say to do this. He said, "Deny yourself." But one of the greatest philosophers that has ever lived said to "know thyself". Left to ourselves, we get into trouble. You know, it was self in Adam that had him to succumb to the temptation to disobey God. Self said, "This fruit looks good and it will be nourishing." You cannot trust the voice of self. It is what has caused every divorce, and every theft – the self in us, which figures it out and says, "This won't be too bad. You can take that pencil that doesn't belong to you. It is just loose here." Yes, but it doesn't belong to you. The self in us will make the wrong choice. As soon as we are converted, we must deny self and allow the Holy Spirit to praise Jesus through us immediately, or else we are backslidden. The churches have many people in them who are backslidden because they didn't obey the first step after Jesus, which is to

praise the Lord and give him all the glory for saving us.

So we keep our heart by prayer and the Word of God and obedience. Many people have been trying to keep their heart by not obeying. It is impossible. Many people do not know what we mean by obedience. The beginning of obedience is witnessing the moment after we are converted. This is a fact, because as soon as we are converted the Holy Spirit will and does prompt the individual to praise him. Most fail and don't press past self to do it. This is one of the great keys to victory. The heart experiences obedience when the soul exclaims and praises God for Jesus saving them. All of self and hell are against this and that is why many people in the church have no glory nor joy in their soul and are not led of the Holy Spirit. This answers a lot of questions doesn't it? It answers a lot of questions, really! You can talk a lot about theology and doctrine, and they are very important, but there is so much truth in this simple word, that to keep our heart with all diligence begins at conversion with the first step of obedience in witnessing.

The heart cannot be kept until we are saved. Every man and woman is lost until they meet Jesus Christ in his or her heart – by faith, not by feeling. And so we are to be encouraged to obey when Jesus has saved us and to obey at each opportunity from that moment on. If we will witness at each opportunity and give God praise, as well as read the word and study, we will have the victory. We may be at a grocery store, and something will be said, and the Holy Spirit will say, "Give God the praise for it." If we do, we keep our joy. If we don't, we lose it. What I am telling you is worth more than all the gold, but men don't know this and only one in many will hear what I am telling you. This is the very basic principle of beginning the walk with Jesus after conversion.

If we have never asked Jesus to forgive us of our sins, then we are not forgiven. But God said, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". (I John 1:9) That is when we begin to follow him, when he forgives us and comes into our heart with peace. Whenever God saves anyone through Jesus, there is a peace that comes right into the heart. When Jesus forgives us of our sins, our neglect such as not praying as we should or if we have not witnessed when we ought or have been doing things that grieve the Holy Spirit, or have said words that have grieved him, or we have taken something that didn't belong to us – such as a pair of pliers at work or a towel or perhaps a fork or a knife; when we ask Jesus to forgive us for all the things we have stolen and all the things we have that don't belong to me or things we have said and done that have been out of order. The instant we ask Jesus to do this, he takes a load out of our heart.

Darkness comes out and then a peace comes in. Now, from that second we are to keep our heart. A kept heart has peace, and the peace comes through repentance. This is not complicated, but simple. Christianity is in simplicity, never in complexity.

So we are to be encouraged to be obedient. I want you to know that everyone who is obedient from the point of conversion has joy. Joy always follows obedience. Many people are trying to get the joy of the Lord without obedience, but obedience is only experienced by death. What I mean by that is the death of self. The Lord will tell us to do something and Satan will say, "Don't go to Nineveh, go to Tarshish." The enemy will say, "Don't testify. Don't witness for Jesus." If we listen to that, then the heart is immediately unkept. So the heart is kept by trusting in God's word and his Spirit, then obeying what he says in the leading of the Holy Spirit. This is so simple, but we need to hold onto this from the time we are saved until we die because it never becomes obsolete. What I have just said will always be in order.

So the heart that is kept has repented of all its sins, weaknesses, evils, wrongs, failings, neglect, criticisms, foolishness and all love of the world. If we love anything of the world, God does not live in us. The Bible says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. For if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (I John 2:15,16) The love of the world will keep us from giving ourselves to Jesus. It will keep us from trusting Jesus and from obeying him. We will have a tendency to doubt this. The self in us will shrink back from it. I could tell jokes or funny stories and many in the natural state will just laugh and revel in that. But when I share the eternal, we can have a tendency to not believe it. That is why the scripture says, "Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus." When Jesus was here, the most religious people wanted to crucify him. They fasted once a week and tithed on all they possessed; yet they did not know who Jesus was and wanted to crucify him and they did. Yet, he was the Christ, the incarnate of God.

Many invite people to just accept Jesus, but I like to invite people to confess all of their sins so when he is accepted there is nothing between. There are many I have heard say to just accept Christ as savior. Well that's wonderful, but we need to ask him to forgive us of all the blackness in our hearts and all the sins and evils, to be sure that he has full reign in our heart. That is important. Most men and women have a tendency not to receive the truth because to do so means divine surgery. I never did want to go under the surgeon's knife. But there came a time when I had to because of a double hernia. If I had not had surgery I would have had strangulation and death. So if we do not submit to truth, we are going to come to spiritual strangulation and death.

There are many things that will cancel out our ability to keep our hearts. Love of the world will cancel it. Prayerlessness will cancel it. Disobedience does also. Often we will be prompted to testify not only once, but twice. Self will not want us to do that. It will say, "Hush, you have already testified and you do not need to say anything else." If a person is truly converted they may have such joy that they may need to testify three or four times in an hour. It can be higher than that if they will obey. The more they obey, the more they will grow and the more joy and victory they possess. I know this works and it is the only thing that does work.

All the philosophies of men may be good, but they don't work unless Jesus is at the heart of it. Unless God has led it, it is just an idea that will finally grow old, dry up and wither. If Jesus leads, it will be a leaf that holds its color and will never fade. It will hold onto the tree of life and will be full of fruit. The fruit on that precious limb is the very fruit we need and it comes by inner death and obedience. "Trust and obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." Most people will not obey after conversion because they will not deny the self that smothers out the leading. This ought to be taught in seminary as much or more than most theology. We are taught many things about doctrine, faith and belief, but to get back to conversion and find out why we backslide and how we are led of the Holy Spirit has seldom ever been taught.

Now, if you don't guard your heart, what I have just said will leave you in two seconds unless you guard your heart. What we really need leaves us quickly and what we don't need hangs on without effort. In order to hold on to what we need we must keep our heart.

It is Jesus in us that enables us to love everyone alike. When you love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, then you love everyone the same everywhere. I can't love God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength unless I love everyone in all the world without differentiation. If I criticize anyone then I don't love him or her. I am finding fault with them. When God puts his love in your heart, then you love all people the same. We violate the law of love if we don't. When we criticize it hurts God and that shows we don't love him. We cannot have resentment toward anyone or it disqualifies us from keeping our heart. We are to love and not resent. We are just to love the people who hurt us and say things about us. If you love God with all your heart, you are like that. That is enough to make me shout. We are to keep our heart with all diligence, for out of it comes all the issues of life.

The self in a man will tell him it's all right to love another man. The self in a woman will tell her that there is nothing wrong with a woman loving another

woman. God said these things would happen in the last days just before Jesus comes again. The book of Timothy tells us that in the last days people will be without natural affection. That is one of the signs of the last days that will precede Jesus' coming. Jesus never leads for any of this behavior. There are religious groups that have ideas about how to proceed, but it must be led of the Holy Spirit or it is not of God and will cause trouble with serious consequences. A person that teaches or preaches has a great responsibility to encourage every heart and to guide them in the way they should go.

We must be a pure people, clean in Jesus Christ in order to be led by the Holy Spirit. Our life is in Jesus Christ because he is the only way to God. The way to God is Jesus, not just knowledge or good thoughts. Many think the church has missed it, and we know that many times we have, but we have to get back to the place where our hearts are "kept." The reason we have missed it is because we have not kept our hearts with all diligence.

Thank you again for your prayers. I need them very much. May you be encouraged, strengthened, lifted, healed and fortified, looking to Jesus and just resting in him as a little child. Don't look at the problem, look at the promise, and trust the Lord to take you through. "Be not dismayed, whatever betide, God will take care of you – through every day, o'er all the way. He will take care of you." In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,



Loran W. Helm

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UPDATE ON REV. HELM

We wanted to give you an update on what has been going on with Rev. Helm and let you know how God has been helping him at the nursing care facility in Muncie.

When Rev. Helm first entered the nursing home, he had a roommate by the name of Denny Holder who remembered Rev. Helm from a revival in Greensboro, Indiana that Rev. Helm led from January 1, 1950 through February 26, 1950. He and Rev. Helm had a wonderful time reviewing the meeting, which went until the first day of the ninth week, and Denny remembered it well. His wife was healed in that meeting of back trouble. She had to wear a back brace because of a bad disk, but after the Lord healed her, she took off the brace and went mushroom hunting the next day and was able to climb fences.

There were 63 saved in that revival, and six ministers were called. Within a few months they all announced they were going into fulltime ministry. One of them was Emory Reece. Several of them have sons and grandsons that also went into the ministry. The revival was at the Methodist Church, but there was a Nazarene Church also that had a lot of praying men and the pastor of the Methodist Church would often call on the praying men of the Nazarene Church to pray for revival.

Recently there was a man named Ron Murray who came to visit Denny Holder, Rev. Helm's former roommate. He was only ten at the time of the 1950 revival and remembered many details. He was so excited to find that Rev. Helm was still living. He related that currently A Voice in the Wilderness is being passed around in the Nazarene Church in Greensboro, and this is what caused Ron Murray to wonder if Rev. Helm was still alive. He had been told that he was no longer living, and he just had to come and see if he was still around. Even though Ron was only ten, he remembers attending every service of the entire revival with his mother and noted that many of the meetings went past midnight. The Lord spoke to Rev. Helm during those meetings and said, "I am here in revival." Ron remembers a man named Jack Ford who at one point picked up Rev. Helm around the waist and jumped up and down. He also ran around the church when the Lord would come on him and Ron remembers hearing people say, "Watch out boys, here he comes." He and Rev. Helm had a wonderful time reviewing the meeting and by God's grace, Ron Murray is still on fire for God. Rev. Helm has had several visitors who heard he is in the nursing home that he had ministered to in the past who were so glad to know he is still around. He has been able to hand out personally about 12 or 13 copies of A Voice in the Wilderness as the Lord has led and he also was able to lead two recent visitors to Jesus. Praise the Lord for his grace and mercy during this time. Please continue to hold Rev. Helm to the throne. God is still ministering through him and he covets your prayers for him very much.

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LATEST NEWS ON EVANGEL VOICE MISSIONS

The following letter is from Dr. Carl Rouintree, chairman of Evangel Voice Missions.

Dear Friends of Evangel Voice Missions:

Since I wrote to nearly all of you this spring, many of you have responded wonderfully to our appeal for contributions to print A Voice in the Wilderness in foreign languages. My best count of many memos is that over 40 contributions have come in. We return to give thanks to God and you!

Because of such support, we have been able to send Dr. Narendra Singh \$5,000 twice to print about 5,000 copies each time in the Hindi language of India. We are advised that they are cherished so much that he is not able to offer them over his radio broadcasts. The amount that could be used seems almost endless in this open door of hunger.

Dr. Singh is a most valuable contact and you would be glad to know that he is overseer of over 1,600 church groups in India. Last December dear friends in the states sent money for him and his family to take a much-needed vacation in Thailand. His family was detained in Singapore for two days on December 26th and 27th. Their friends were able to go to Thailand. The Tsunami hit on December 26th, and not a single person survived in the hotel where they were supposed to stay. Their delayed disappointment was God's providential appointment!

More printings will be made as money continues to be received and we give thanks for what has been provided. Monies should continue to be sent to: Evangel Voice Missions, C/O David Miller, Post Office Box 482, Parker City Christ Fellowship, Parker City, Indiana 47368.

Still with a Vision,
J. Carl Rouintree, Chairman
Evangel Voice Missions

P.S. I have just heard from Traveler's Rest Christ Fellowship and Christ Fellowship of Indianapolis and the two churches have facilitated the printing and paid for 1,500 copies of A Voice in the Wilderness in Cuba! JCR

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Cassette tapes and cds from the August special meetings are now available. You may request either eight tapes or eight cds for the price of \$25.00, including shipping and handling. Orders may be sent to Parker City Christ Fellowship, P.O. Box 11, Parker City, Indiana 47368. Please include your name, complete address and phone number along with your enclosed check for \$25.00. Please remember to specify cassettes or cds. Thank you.

ADDRESS INFORMATION

The address for Parker City Christ Fellowship is P.O. Box 11, Parker City, Indiana 47368.

The address for Revival For Our Day, Inc. and Evangel Voice Missions is P.O. Box 482, Parker City, Indiana 47368. Thank you.

Revival For Our Day

December 2005

Dear saints of God in Christ Jesus, greetings in Jesus' holy name. Praise the Lord. I want to give praise to God in Christ Jesus for all he has done for us and for those of Revival For Our Day that have prayed and lifted up supplications and petitions on my behalf. I am thankful for all of you who have sacrificed, for those who pray, send help and bless with their support. I want to express praise to God for all of you and let you know to keep praying for me, for I need it so very much. I am so unworthy but grateful to God.

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In the sixty-sixth chapter of Isaiah, verse eight, it says, "*Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.*" Have you ever considered that we could actually come to Soul Travail? Who has ever heard of it? I have never heard it preached from the pulpit that I remember.

I remember Lindbergh crossing the Atlantic. Who had ever heard of such a thing? It had never been done before. There were times when he was so close to the water that it looked like he would go right into it. But somehow he had the gift to know how high to go and how low. Do we know how high to go and how low to go to get to Soul Travail? We don't learn this in books or teachings, rather by dying and surrendering.

This is worth more than all the wealth if we could only hear this in our heart and also hold it in the heart once we have heard it. Who will hear in their heart? Who hath heard this? As soon as two or three people in the church come to Soul Travail, God will go into the village and deal with people. They will say, "What is God doing to me? What is going on with me? I don't feel like I did before. Something is moving on my soul." It will be because saints have come to Soul Travail.

Soul Travail is a place beyond Soul Burden. I was in the prayer room a few years ago and I told the Lord, "Jesus, I haven't seen a soul saved in so long. I am hungry to see someone saved." I cried out the best I could. I didn't know how to pray very well. Later I went to go pick up some young people. The Lord told me which way to go and I found a soul. I had to go out of my way to find him. When he got in the car, he was converted and found Jesus.

We are to come to Soul Travail by the grace of God. We come to Soul Travail by prayer, willingness, and submission. We don't come to Soul Travail by knowledge. We don't come to it by our own insights, nor do we merit Soul Travail by what we do. It is a gift of God. In my eighty plus years in

the church I have only seen about two people come to Soul Travail in my life.

One time I was preaching on this subject in the state of Michigan in 1963. The Holy Ghost came on me and while I was preaching, one of the most pure and holy men came to Soul Travail. All at once, Gordon Lilly fell on the floor and there was a light all over his face. He was in great travail and it was hurting him until he could hardly stand it. It came by the power of the Holy Spirit. As soon as the burden hit him, I had the revelation in my heart that it was going to take nineteen prayers to lift him up off of the floor. There weren't very many there that night and I pled for people to die out, pray and obey. This precious man couldn't do anything. Finally, after about two hours, I was able to plead with the people until the person on the back seat who had never prayed started praying. The instant they started praying, Gordon came straight up on his feet. As soon as everyone obeyed, it lifted, but it took a lot of work. O, for as soon as Zion will travail, the children will come forth.

In the spiritual realm of Soul Travail there must be a heart that is willing to hear. There must be a heart in us that is willing to give unto God so that he can work in us to do exactly what God wants us to do; to be prayerful and holy and to do absolutely as he leads and guides.

Soul Travail has requisites – child-likeness, utter dependence and much praise. We never come to Soul Travail without prayer. We have got to really let God get a hold of us so that we can listen to his voice. He said, "*My sheep hear my voice; my sheep know my voice and my sheep follow me.*" (John 10:27) We only follow Jesus one way and that is dying from morning to night, denying ourselves constantly. Then we take the cross. The cross is an instrument of death upon which we are crucified and all of the evils in us are eliminated. As long as the evils remain in our hearts, we have trouble at work and at home. We are troublemakers. We say things we shouldn't and then wonder why we ever said such things. It requires a pure heart everyday. This should encourage us because if we just had a few people in any church that could come to Soul Travail, it would transform the community. God would do it through saints that are humble and give him all the glory and all the praise and all the honor. It comes not by what we can do but by his Holy Spirit working through us.

Prayer, praise, and the work of the Holy Ghost comes within us as we submit and surrender and give him thanksgiving and as we love everyone. If I have anything in my heart that finds fault with anybody I will never come to Soul Travail or even have a soul burden. If I complain or if I judge

anyone it cancels it out. These things must be cleansed out of me. We come to Soul Travail through prayer and the cleansing of the blood of Jesus Christ and by his Spirit working in us.

“For as soon as Zion...” Zion is the church. We are the church. We are Zion. One of the most neglected things in the church is teaching people about Soul Travail. As soon as we come to this inner travail, God does a miracle-work in the Holy Spirit. (Not in the emotions. You see, we can howl and yell and scream and carry on and jump up and down, and God may not be in it. Whatever God leads will thrill the cold sinner’s heart – that’s the test of whether it is really Christian or not, because when it is genuine in this life of Soul Travail, it will bring help and life to us.) People outside need to come to an awareness of their need for Jesus to indwell them. Because when he comes in there is love for everybody. It doesn’t make any difference what they say or what they do. There is love in there. We can’t do this. It comes by the Holy Spirit. Not by might, nor by power, but by the Holy Spirit.

Soul Travail is waiting. If we are cold, or powerless or prayerless, we fail to get to the city of Soul Travail. Inner travail is a dying. Soul Travail is a giving. Soul Travail is not trying to understand anything. It is just submitting one’s self to God and letting him lead us and then his Holy Spirit comes and brings the power of his presence in Soul Travail. (I want you to know that you are here to learn to come to full travail. He wants all bishops and all ministers and all laity to come to Soul Travail and live in this area.) It is a special place, a joyful place, a dying place, and a giving place. It is coming to him and letting him work through us that his presence will go out unseen and get into men and women who are wicked and who are sinners so that they may be drawn in.

Isaiah 37:3 says, “This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.” It is time for the children to be born in God, but there isn’t strength because the people are not willing to pay the price to come to Soul Travail. This is the condition of Christendom and this is tragic.

Soul Travail is the opportunity of men and women who pray, who have followed Jesus. We must know Jesus by faith, not by feeling. Because the powers of the air will try to rob and cheat you of what is yours. We need to praise him and give him the glory so he can take out of us all these things that prevent us from being able to come to Soul Travail. If there be one of you that is willing to pay the price, to say, “Jesus, please begin working with me and taking out of me all of these ingredients of

analyzation, bewilderment, hurts, and figuring. Please, in my heart, work with me.”

We pray that you will not be discouraged but that you will persevere and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. It is up to our hearts individually whether we are ever going to be willing to be a soul winner by coming to Soul Travail, which is not a hard thing. It is a spiritual gift and we know that it is not by any might or any power, but it is through submission as children, with thanksgiving and prayer and praise. Where this occurs, there is conviction that will go out in the community and men and women will no longer be at ease in Zion or outside of Zion. They will be drawn in conversion in homes and schools, in business places and factories and cars. God will work with them when the church comes to the inner life of Soul Travail. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is by love and by true holiness. Only as we live holy lives can this be experienced and known.

This is an opportunity for each of us to make up our minds that we are really going to press to Soul Travail. This is a time when we can decide whether we are going to continue as we are, or as we should be. We are not pressing anyone; it is just up to our own heart to say, “We really do want to press to the city of Soul Travail.” This would bring forth fruit and souls would find what they are looking for, in the church, in the community and outside the church. When we come to Soul Travail, people will say, “O, this has helped me. I needed this. Who are these people who are carrying me on wings of prayer and intercession, that I might ascend unto the hill of the Lord and stand in his holy place with clean hands and a pure heart, not lifting up my heart unto vanities nor swearing deceitfully?”

It is important as the people of God to walk in the light as he is in the light that we would be a soul saving station, that we be awakened as a church and be at our posts when we get to church; that we won’t pull down but that we will be so anointed that it will lift upward and encourage everyone who has been downhearted or hurt.

We have not been able to tell very much about Soul Travail, only a little. May each of us be determined by the grace of God to go softly and with praise. Because we come to this place by prayer and praise and submission and dying and not figuring what we want to do but letting God lead us. The church can’t come to Soul Travail on its own terms or its own plans or abilities. It is through thy Holy Spirit, Lord, that it can be. And then the lost will realize they are lost. When the church comes to Soul Travail, the city will find out that it is lost, miraculously by the revelation of the Holy Spirit. We cannot bring this to pass. It comes through thee, Lord Jesus, not by anything of us. So

encourage everyone not to try to figure how, but to just simply walk with thee and testify at every opportunity and be sure we are in the Spirit and not in the flesh. Let there be strength to bring forth those that are in need of the new life, for thy praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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At this special time of year, I would like to express my gratitude. I am truly thankful to God for each of you and for your prayers, remembrances and sacrifices. I thank you for your wonderful love and I pray that each one of you will be lifted and encouraged, and that burdens will be taken by the grace of God. For it is in him that we live and move and have our being and are able to make it.

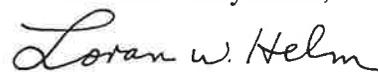
I am thankful for the Holy Scriptures, which tell us about our savior's birth. In Isaiah 7:14 we read, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God with us)." Also in Isaiah 9:6,7 it says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."

We also have the wonderful Christmas story as recorded by Luke in chapter two, verses four through twenty as follows, "⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)" ⁵To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. ⁶And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. ⁷And

she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ¹⁵And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

As you celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus, may your hearts be filled with his love and may his holy strength cause you to abound. May you have a joy-filled Christmas and may God's grace be with you this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

In Jesus' holy name,



Loran W. Helm

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Helm will be celebrating his 90th birthday this coming year on February 3, 2006. That is just over a month away! He would so appreciate receiving cards and remembrances from each of you. If you wish to mail a card, they may be sent to: Rev. Loran W. Helm, Post Office Box 311, Parker City, Indiana 47368. Thank you.