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If I profess with loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not professing Christ no matter how boldly I may claim to be professing Christ. Martin Luther



Some may take exception to Luther's statement which I have quoted here. I have never tried to unpack or defend it. For though it may need some adjustment to make it fully accurate, Luther's word seems clear. It is possible to talk about all kinds of true religious subjects and yet by doing so, manage to avoid speaking the truth in the immediate circumstance. Everything may have its proper place, but if it is not hitting the mark within the present battle, it is a potential tool of diversion and/or deception, even if it is truth. It may be the right word, but at the wrong time. There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven...A time to be quiet and a time to speak up. (Ecclesiastes 3:1,7) Let us not falsely comfort ourselves by focusing on non-essentials while the essential present issue is right in front of us.

One such present issue is the upcoming political election, and our call to respond. The hand of the Lord is moved by the faithful and persistent intercession of His body on earth. I believe we are living in the season that is described in Revelation 8:3-5: Another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great quantity of incense was given to him to mix with the prayers of God's people, to be offered on the gold altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of the saints, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out. Then the angel filled the incense burner with fire from the altar and threw it down upon the earth; and thunder crashed, lightning flashed, and there was a terrible earthquake.

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The attack of the enemy against your prayers takes many forms. One of them that is most common is the lie that your small voice, your tiny life, and your limited knowledge are all proofs that your prayers are of no importance at all. Your prayers do not matter because you do not matter, according to satan. He works hard to convince you of this lie so you will not speak out your prayers into the invisible realm. But the truth is that your prayer, small though it may be, is met by angelic power and mixed with all the prayers of God's people. Then it is multiplied when met by the Spirit of God, becoming a mixture of holy heavenly incense that is then cast back upon the earth, with the power to reek havoc on the plans of the enemy.

What happens on earth will first have been set in motion in the spirit realm. Prayer is therefore far more important than political action, and political action is VITAL. It is not time to back down or loosen our grip in prayer. It is time to cry out for God's mercy on those who humble themselves before Him. We pray for His mercy to express itself in judgment against the practitioners and perpetrators of wickedness, for their overthrow, in hopes they will come to repentance. Remember, Daniel did not read the scroll of Jeremiah that foretold of the 70 years of exile, look at the calendar, and say to himself, "Wow, it is all about done with. I can now relax." He did just the opposite. The prophetic word moved him to more intercessory action than ever.



## The Social Dilemma

It is becoming common knowledge that the movers and shakers of social media (Google, Facebook, etc.) do not allow their own children to be electronically active. They just want all of yours to be. Unfortunately, the only place to view a very important expose of what is happening is via Netflix. Yet even Netflix is displaying young children in sexually explicit ways (Cuties), and encouraging teen suicide (second season of 13 Reasons Why). Nevertheless, Netflix is broadcasting a one hour documentary on just how vast and dangerous social media has become, called The Social Dilemma. Watch it asap before it is removed. If you do not have Netflix, you can still find ways to watch this film. By the way, two alternatives to Google are DuckDuckGo and Qwant. Check them out.



## Tigger and Clay McLean

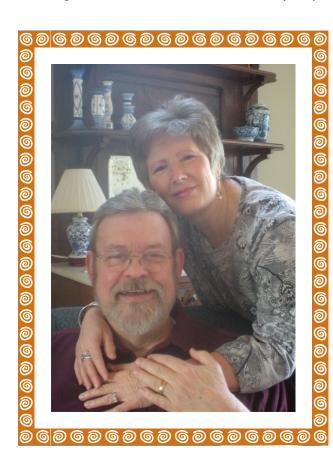
The most wonderful thing about tiggers, according to Tigger in Winnie the Pooh, is that "I'm the only one!" Well, that was what was wonderful about me also...until the internet uncovered several other Clay McLeans in the world! You may remember when we first began our website, that it was confusing for some folks to find us because there was another McLean Ministries out there, and it was Islamic! Now, since we put all the music up on YouTube, another Clay McLean has surfaced that seems to love The Simpsons!

So if you want to locate certain songs, be sure and put in my name along with the song title, and it should go straight to what your looking for. Some of the older song titles are listed here to help you: Just Because I Love You (1977), He Accepted Me (1977), Darkest of the Night (1982), Introspection (1982), and Follow Me Again (1982). All later titles are also available, including all songs from our three collections: Against the Night, Mercy for the Memories, and God, a Man, and a Woman. You can find listings of specific song titles from any of these albums on our website. Enjoy!

## Closing Thoughts ...



Pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God's mercy upon them, and give thanks. Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, for he wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message that God gave to the world at the proper time. 1 Timothy 2:1-6





With Love, Clay & Mary

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