WSLETTER OF MCLEAN MINISTRIES "take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Triend

Many of you reading this are part of a local body of believers. Some are even in a thriving congregation of spiritual maturity where the true prophetic flow of the Spirit is welcomed and nurtured. For you, this letter is hopefully a contributing support to an already fully awake spiritual culture. We are honored to be part of that for you.

For others, we don't know how many, you are not in such a culture. This letter for you is a lifeline of help in times of open spiritual warfare. For you we pray that every word carries something of real insight and encouragement. We never take for granted that you may be depending on these letters to be far more than mere items of interest. There are many voices online and elsewhere to choose from. Yet you take your valuable time to spend it here. That reality moves me deeply to listen to God and share with you what I am hearing. NOT that I hear for you, but listen

WITH you. Here are some things I believe are vital for us all to listen for, and prepare for:

- We should be listening both privately, and as much as we are able to, in community, for the Word of the Lord. We need both. The Lord certainly will speak to us in our own hearts, but Scripture is for the whole community of believers. We need each other. It is a necessary discipline for us in order to grow in our discernment so that we do not allow ourselves to be swept away with pop trends. What is the Spirit saying to the Church? Even if it is with only two or three alongside you, practice listening together to the Voice of the Lord.
- We should be aware of the movement of history and of nations, so that we may understand our times and the direction of spiritual events. For they WILL directly affect us all. The judgment of God is not an angry providential temper-tantrum. It is the flow of reality for good or ill, depending on the willful choices of a people. Nothing is random.
- No nation is exempt from judgment when it comes. Judgment is the natural unfolding of events that come from sowing and reaping. Where righteousness is sown, there will be a harvest of goodness. Where foolishness and outright evil is sown, there will be chaos. This is the law of Reality. What are we sowing? Whatever it is, we shall soon reap. May we purge from our lives all seeds of anger, bitterness, unforgiveness, secret sins, etc. It is not that God will 'get you for it.' It is that the natural laws of sowing and reaping will run their course for good or for evil.



- Only listen to the news from confirmed sources you trust. Just general intake of droning talking heads is not accurate or informative. And for the most part, it is overwhelming. We rightly watch over and guard our children from passively staring for hours at phone meaninglessness, but we may be doing the same thing! Sometimes we err by just taking in whatever we are hearing from media as if it was accurate, without checking the sources. If anything happens that is truly important, you will eventually hear about it. In the meantime, take account of how much time in your day is wasted with the sensations of the 'orgy porgy, the feelies, and the pitches from the centrifugal bumble puppy.' (Huxley's BRAVE NEW WORLD) Except for certain sources you have come to trust for your information, be aware of the news media slant on what is happening, bending the truth so you hear what they want you to hear. Sometimes the media operates as a propaganda machine set in motion to keep the general population off balance at best, and deluded at worst. And when you are full of their voices, how will you be able to hear the One Voice that really matters?
- Out of such careful listening, (which is greatly increased by silence, solitude, and getting off stimulants that have become substitutes for peace) you will begin to know what and how to pray. Then PRAY! Remember your prayers are not measured in value by how you feel either about them, or about yourself. You are to stand in the righteousness that is yours in Christ and use your mouth as the launching pad for the missiles of truth and love God has loaded in your spirit. Declare those words in faith, and see them launched into the battlefield. In order for these missiles to be most effective, we must be willing to give up our own agenda, our own prejudices, and our own demands. When we are truly empty of self, we will see our intercessions powerfully affect individuals, and local city, state, national, and even international realms.
- Be wary of caring about everything to the point that you pray about nothing. This is particularly a problem for very sensitive caring hearts. Yes, you care about your family, the suffering in Nigeria, the violence in Ukraine, the insanity in Washington state, the evil corruption in Washington DC, and we could go on and on. But your human empathy is not anointed. God wants to teach us how to listen, and narrow us to focus on what is on His heart for us to pray at that point in time. We need to hear what He is concerned with, then intercede for that particular situation. He wants us to learn to resist either our oversensitivity about the situation, and/or the oversensitivity we have about our own worthiness (or lack of it). And what is on His heart can change from day to day. So we listen and obey His Word each time we pray. We are most pure in faith when we are least aware of our own feelings about ourselves. In this practice we grow in love, power, and accuracy.

We are a community of prayer for the nations. Let us keep our focus on Jesus, especially as we see the dark getting darker. May we be found faithful in small things and in large. For the small things are large.

## Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of host. (Zechariah 4:6)

Be wary of the temptation to find your own power and seek to wield it as a weapon. His strength is perfected through your weakness. When you feel inadequate to the point of collapse, that is when the Holy Spirit is most able to demonstrate His Presence. Praise and worship becomes your fiery sword. (see **Psalm 149**).

## An Increase in the Demonic

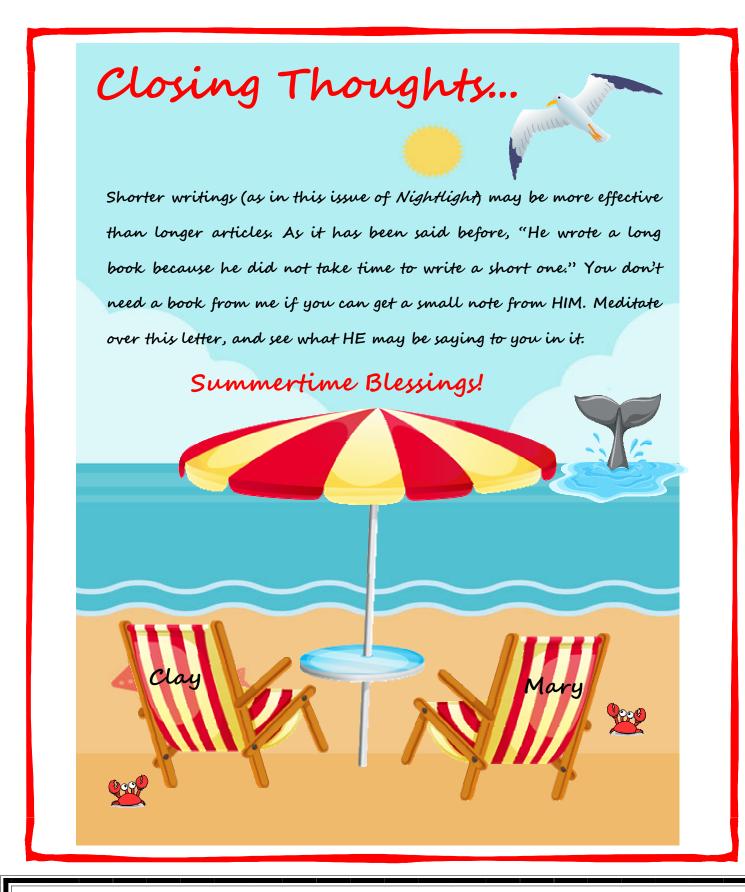
Reports continue to come from various places regarding the increase in demonic manifestations. These are public, bold, brazen, and meant to negatively impress and engender fear. A dying star enlarges and becomes angry red before it implodes. Don't be impressed by the large red noises. And **do not be afraid**. God will show you how to pray, whether it is in you own private realm or in the nations. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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## The Spirt of Goshen

When the Lord raised up Joseph in Egypt, he established Goshen as the place God's people would find protection and provision in the coming famine. Goshen means to *draw near*. It was a place of divine protection. The plagues that devastated Egypt did not touch it.

It is now that same place in this present Egypt, and it is accessed by faith in God's Presence and care for His kids. (It makes little sense to have your radio tuned to Egyptian news broadcasts while seeking to draw news in Goshen, huh?) We are being prepared by the Spirit to be Goshen to those who will be terrified of what is coming. Keep in mind, what is coming is not FROM God, but the corporate cumulative actions of a godless culture that cannot help but produce evil, for that is all it is trading in. But where sin abounds, grace abounds much more, and when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against it. The plagues of Egypt were God doing battle with the gods of Egypt. It is obvious who wins in that contest. So do not be shaken by the dark clouds on the horizon. You will receive calm clear direction from the Holy Spirit to help you live and manifest the spirit of Goshen, both for you and your loved ones, and for those around you who were not previously interested. We are simply not interested in God while we are playing with the 'centrifugal bumble puppy.' The play time will be mercifully interrupted by God's kind, yet not so gentle, shakings. But this is the season for our prayers to be most clearly focused and effective for those we love who do not obey Him. Do not insult the Lord by listening to Egypt's noise that drowns out His quiet voice to you and hinders your faithful stance in intercession. The night is far spent. The Day is at hand. Let us not be like those who sleep in the night. Stand up. Look up. Rejoice in what is coming. For after the needed shaking, hearts will be opened for Reality.



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