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What is going on around the world? Riots in different parts of the Middle East, riots in Wisconsin and other states, and a general distrust of leaders in the United States as well as around the world have created an atmosphere unlike any we have seen. Is there a reason for this? The Bible has some answers to this question.

We can go to the book of Genesis for a start. Here the serpent approached Eve to tempt her into eating of the forbidden fruit. As she looked at the fruit, several thoughts were imbedded in her mind. She saw that the fruit was pleasant to look upon. She also listened to the lie of the serpent and tempted Adam to eat of the fruit as well. Someone has rightly stated that it was not the "apple" on the tree that caused all of our problems but the "pair" on the ground. The Bible states that by one man "sin" entered into the world. This one man is referring to Adam. The serpent used tactics then that are still working today. He twisted God's words to make them say what he wanted. The first man and woman chose to listen to a lie rather than to believe the truth. The serpent questioned God about what He had said and Adam and Eve began to question God and therefore ate of the fruit. In today's world, men, women and young people are questioning the reality of the word of God. When the Word of God conflicts with their feelings, feelings usually win out. Herein is our trouble. We have decided to turn from the truth of God's word and depend upon our feelings.

Has God said? Greed, desire and the idea that man was equal with God led Adam and Eve away from the one who created and sustained them. The same things plus the idea of playing God are leading America and to some extent the church away from the one who created and sustains us. Are we more dependent upon our economy, our government, our retirement, our job or even our family than we are upon God? Each person has to answer this for themselves.

Let the Word of God show us the way. Please check out the following scriptures. There is no order in which you should read them but do contemplate the meanings found here.

Jer. 2:11-13; Gen. 3:24; Isa. 6:5; Matt. 3:2; Isa. 5:20-22; Rom. 1:21-23; Deut. 9:6; Deut. 11:26-28 and Heb. 4:12.

I close with this particular verse found in Matt. 27:22: Pilate asked, "What should I do then with Jesus, who is called Messiah?" Everyone answers this question each day. God is not willing that any should perish but have life. (John 3:16)

Just my thoughts today.

Doing together what we cannot do alone!!