

“Where Is Our Rhyme or Reason ?”

Merriam-Webster defines the phrase *rhyme or reason* as “good sense,” and the word *reason* as “the power of comprehending, inferring, or thinking especially in orderly rational ways .” Looking at our world today, especially in the political arena, we might ask ourselves - where did our nation's “rational, good sense” go? Simple common sense should tell us we can’t keep on going the way we’re going much longer before something dramatic and/or traumatic happens!.

I recorded a recent (11/6/22) “60 Minutes” show; their lead story was entitled “Angry in America.” I would humbly ask you, and HIGHLY recommend you to go to Google or YouTube and watch this segment - it is a real eye opener! The experts claimed that much of our anger is fueled by all the divisive inflammatory rhetoric being spread through social media - Facebook, Twitter and the like. They have proof that the more outrageous and inflammatory language people use in promoting their cause and/or attacking others, the more likes, re-tweets and reposts they generate.

Here’s what God’s word says about that in Proverbs 17:9: *“He who covers over an offense promotes love, but he who **repeats** the matter separates close friends.”* (NIV) What can happen, and has happened to me until I wised up is, it is very easy to take up someone else’s offense without having all the facts in the matter. People make fun of the “fact checkers” on Facebook, but maybe we believers should do what the Bereans did in Acts 17:11: *“...the Bereans...received the message with great eagerness and examined the scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”* (NIV)

In Isaiah 1:18a the Lord spoke to Isaiah, saying *“Come now, let us reason together...”* God was upset because His people were being led astray, and He wanted to put the facts “on the table” so His people could see the truth and turn from falsehood. We should heed the words found in Prov. 10:18b *“...whoever spreads slander is a fool.”* and Prov. 12:15a: *“The way of a fool seems right to him...”* and 16: *“A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult.”* (NIV)

I have a lot of friends on Facebook, but if they post something I don’t agree with, especially if it goes against God’s word, I will NOT hit the “like” button. And I will not “follow the crowd” backing preachers, prophets, or politicians who don’t line up with the Bible, or if what they want me to believe isn’t backed up by facts. Pastor Wes talked about being a fool this past Sunday, and I agree with his message. I am a fool for Jesus Christ - whose fool are you? Think before you “like” or repost something! Don’t be foolish just to fit in! Amen!