

Origin of Riots and Looting

Many of us were amazed to see the horrific scenes of riot and looting in the UK on TV. Could it happen here? How do such symptoms of a 'broken society' come about?

Well, many and varied have been the suggestions as to the causes of such behaviour, but not one that I have heard has traced the cause back to its origin.

That is because the looting came about only as a result of a whole series of personal and societal choices. Most commentators have blamed *the results* of successive wrong choices as the cause of riot and looting.

Thus we have heard that poverty or gangs are responsible for such behaviour, but these are merely symptoms of the fourth layer of a whole series of wrong choices.

Peace, prosperity and success in life only come about as a result of a cumulative series of right choices based upon the instructions we find in the Bible. Where the family and State fails to recognise this and provide for true education which includes Biblical standards, there is no reason for children to make the right choices.

Self-discipline and responsibility require a moral foundation, the knowledge and belief in right and wrong which is not encouraged by our schools or society. Because of our rejection of fixed Biblical standards, our people make their choices based upon the shifting sands of nihilism which admits no authority but self, and so, though we may be 20 years behind the UK in that process, we can expect to see similar events take place in our own Australian cities down the line, unless we change our ways.

Psalm 53:1, 'The fool has said in his heart "There is no God". (NKJ)

Deuteronomy 28:15, "'But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.' (NKJ)

Proverbs 19:18, 'Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.' (KJ)