

Daily Morning Message  
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Daily Lectionary Readings    Psalm 23  
  Jeremiah 10:17-25  
  Acts 17:16-31

Today's Scripture Verse:    *I know, O Lord, that the way of human beings is not in their control, that mortals as they walk cannot direct their steps. Correct me, O Lord, but in just measure; not in your anger, or you will bring me to nothing. (Jeremiah 10:23-24)*

What it means:                Israel under the prophets thinks of itself as a nation God loves. Why then must this nation be subjected to the assault that is coming from the great empire to the north? Jeremiah recognizes that great mistakes have been made, and asks God to correct the nation, but to overcome the righteous anger God must feel, so that God's people may have the opportunity to serve God faithfully again.

Our time of reflection:    Compassionate God, we too recognize that we who know the teachings of the faith hold special responsibility for the injustices we tolerate. Like Jeremiah, we ask you to correct us, but also to show us the way to be restored in your sight as we grow in honesty and recognition of our need to change the world beginning with ourselves.

