

*Daily Morning Message*

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*Daily Lectionary Readings*      *Psalm 17*  
*Exodus 7:14-25*  
*Matthew 12:22-32*

*Today's Scripture Verse: Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand?*

*What it means:* Although Abraham Lincoln once used the phrase to express the impossibility of a nation being half slave and half free, and the modern use of the phrase usually means "we need to be united to be strong together," the teaching of Jesus in Scripture refers to the kingdom of Satan, and essentially maintains that you can't overcome evil with evil; evil can only be overcome with good.

*Our time of prayer:* God, teach us the wisdom of Jesus, who taught his disciples never to respond to evil by seeking to destroy it with a greater evil, and teach us his discernment, that wrongful methods used in the defense of something good, will always nullify their intention.

