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A House Divided

Scripture Reading before Invocation Prayer: 1 Cor. 3: 1-4, (cf. Heb. 5: 12-14, 1 Pet. 2: 1-2) Scripture Reading: St. Matthew 12: 10-15, 22-32 a house divided is brought to desolation

A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CANNOT STAND

St. Matthew 12: 25

<u>Text</u>: St. Mark 4: 21 – 25 hearing is receiving; the more your listen the more you receive. What you listen to goes inside of you and who you listen to will influence you. Faith cometh by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10: 17) Deception and division come by hearing and hearing error. Wisdom does not stay unless it's reinforced. We must love and keep filling up or we will lose what we have obtained.

Introduction: Jeremiah 23: 24 - 32 can a man hide in secret places, and I not see him? saith the LORD

Lesson Outline

- 1. Galatians 5: 13 26 Personal corruption of sin divides between the flesh and the spirit.
- 2. Romans 8: 4 14 Walking in the flesh is a divided house against the spirit of God.
- 3. James 3: 13 18 self-deception causes divisions.
- 4. St. Matthew 22: 37 40 thou shall love God without divisions and love thy neighbor without divisions. There is no law against love because love fulfills the law by the spirit. (Rom. 8: 1 2)
- 5. St. Matthew 5: 23 24 first be reconciled to thy brother and then come and offer thy gift.
- 6. St. Matthew 18: 15 18 division, reconciliation, and excommunication (cf. 1 Cor. 6: 1 8 Christ provides preservation, purity and peace and order for His Church) God judges them that are without. (1 Cor. 5: 13) What is done against your brother Christ takes as done against himself (Matt. 25: 40, 1 Cor. 8:12)
- 7. Proverbs 27: 5-6 (cf. Titus 1: 12-13, 1 Tim. 5:17-25 don't be quick to appoint to offices especially the ministry or of "absolution" a formal release from guilt and sin.
- 8. St. John 17: 20 23 "that they may be ONE: that the world may know that thou hast sent me.
- 9. Jude 17 25 We must take care not to spot our garment and discern between the weak and the willful. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, be glory, majesty dominion and power, now and forever. AMEN.