

A HOUSE DIVIDED
MATTHEW 12:25-26 / 7-5-20 / AM

I. AMERICA IS DIVIDED.

- A. We're divided over the Coronavirus between....
- B. We're also divided over social injustice between...
- C. Now isn't the time for assigning blame but for finding compromise and solutions.

II. WHAT MUST WE DO WHILE LIVING IN A DIVIDED HOUSE?

- A. First, we must remind ourselves that God is still with us—Deut. 31:8
- B. Second, we must realize that sometimes things need to be torn down before they can be built back up again.
 - 1. Abraham Lincoln prophesied that a house divided cannot stand and yet when he became President, he did that very thing—he divided America between the North and the South.
 - 2. Even Jesus, who coined the phrase Lincoln used about a house divided cannot stand, announced that his intentions were to divide the world—Luke 12:51-53.
- C. Do you see the necessary pattern?
 - 1. Before something new and wonderful can appear, something old and retched must be destroyed.
 - 2. This played out in the Civil War.
 - 3. Perhaps we're witnessing the birth pangs of another national metamorphosis from the quagmire of racial and social injustice.