



Lewiston Church of Christ

March 22, 2020



Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Be Sensible

Here's some perspective from the past to bring wisdom and hope to the present:

Plagues and pandemics are nothing new. It took ten plagues in ancient Egypt before Pharaoh took it seriously. The Plague of Athens in 430 BC killed 75,000 to 100,000 people and then returned twice more. In 541 AD, a plague in Constantinople took some 10,000 lives daily. In 14th century Europe, the "Black Death" wiped out whole towns and killed some 50 million victims (approximately half of the population). One of many bubonic plagues broke out in 1629 in Italy, killing over half the residents of Verona (about 280,000 people). Around the same time, countless Native Americans perished from foreign germs unwittingly carried from Europe. Meanwhile, London got hit in 1665 killing some 8,000 people every week. Up to 100,000 Londoners died by 1666. The next year, a great fire torched the city center. Between 1918 and 1920, as World War 1 ended, an influenza outbreak afflicted the globe infecting nearly a third of earth's population and killing 20–50 million humans. Whew!

During a 16th century plague in Germany, Martin Luther wrote, "If my neighbor needs me, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely." Four centuries later, as many trembled over the recently revealed destructive power of the atomic bomb, C. S. Lewis wrote:

"You and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented... It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty." ("On Living in an Atomic Age", 1948).

Lewis continued,

"If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a ...game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs."

Beyond all this, Christians confidently claim God's promise of eternal life through Christ. Nothing empowers us here and now better than trusting Gods promises.