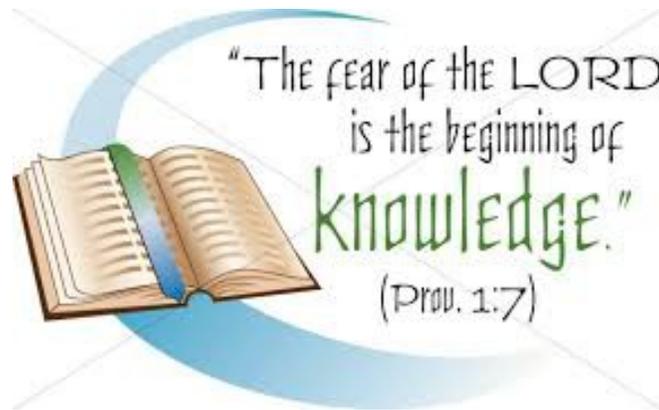




# Lewiston Church of Christ

## May 28, 2017



### Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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## “Fear Itself”

In 1933, America was suffering greatly from the Great Depression. Our new President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, rose to the occasion to say, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself” (*First Inaugural Address*, March 4, 1933). He specifically described that fear as a “nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.”

But as harmful as a nameless and unreasoning fear can be, when you attach the name of the Lord to the word fear, it becomes an uplifting, sustaining, and strengthening force for advancement. Consider how God’s word deals with the word “fear” when God’s name is attached to it:

- ⌚ “But the lovingkindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him” (Psalm 103:17)
- ⌚ “The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life” (Proverbs 14:27)
- ⌚ “In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence” (Proverbs 14:26).
- ⌚ “The fear of the Lord leads to life, So that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil. (Proverbs 19:23)
- ⌚ “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil.” (Proverbs 8:13)
- ⌚ “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” (Psalm 111:10)

In the context of his speech, Roosevelt’s reference to “fear itself” was spot on. But when we turn from “fear itself” to “the fear of the Lord,” we turn from a great evil to the greatest good of all. Instead of retreating in terror, we advance in the power of God’s love. We rise from paralysis to an active life of effective service to the glory of the only force worth fearing: God Himself!



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