

February 24th – Nothing to Fear

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”
(Psalm 27:1)*

In his 1933 inaugural address, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, “We have nothing to fear but fear itself.” In the period between WW1 and WW2, and in the wake of the Great Depression, many people were paralyzed with fear because of economic instability. As a result, many Americans started withdrawing their money from the banks, further endangering the American economy. FDR’s words were a plea for everyone to set aside their fears and stay the course.

Many Americans could use to hear the former President’s admonition about 100 years later. The folks we encounter are afraid of many things. “Are my children safe when I send them to school? Am I going to have enough money to pay the bills? Will I be able to provide insurance for myself and my family? What happens if my job gets sent to another country?” Unfortunately, we tend to fear the worst, and even if our fears never materialize, the internal damage has already been done.

The psalmist David reminds us that a child of God has nothing to fear. Why? Because “the Lord is my light and my salvation.” God Himself lights our way every day and by His grace we are saved, never to be lost again! Furthermore, “the Lord is the strength of my life.” He empowers us with everything necessary to resist the Devil and draw near to Jesus. Child of God, if you’ve been living in fear you have no one but yourself to blame. Place your faith in God and trust Him with the results!