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FIRST UNITED CHURCH

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During the worship service with the morning congregation.

I wondered out loud whether

THE CURE OF DREAD

MIGHT BE

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

It's time I tried to do a more formal sermon on the matter.

I am the kind of person who has a constant battle with DREAD

I will tell you that I cannot remember a day I did not begin with dread

- Resisted waking

- Wish to stay in dreamlike world rather than venture into full wakefulness.

(My memory might not be accurate)
I hope somehow it isn't)

Even when I am wide awake
all the juices flowing.

DREAD the very things that create me.
hard to work.
unstable writing -
preach - get ready to preach
meet real people :-

explain some of it.

coming to life - something going wrong -
- being - or am beloved - about to be

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Rsh to be created .

have power — + usurped —
+ abdicated .

CREATES YOU HUMAN

LOVE —

{ At anyone's move : —
{ They at Yours .

Now threatening spot .

IMPROVE ? for ever fed up — some of apparently
" I indulge
SELF - Real - unstable

Looking around for some language

SHOW STOPPING AWE — appropriate
Actually Met God .

Definition —
Elaboration words. } FEAR
DREAD

WHAT IF

CORE OF DREAD

FEAR OF THE LORD

PROPER
CREATING. } kind of dread
BLESSED

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Proposed This possibility,

Mrs Shaw; -

What's this Fear of the Lord?

are you going back to primitive religion?

contrary to Christianity -

Behold God
in face of Jesus Christ?

Fear of the Lord - Bless David

Very Xn Thing.

BIBLE: Hebrew

1. Different word Fear - Reverence

may Terrified →

one Dramatic → fear feel upon →

Greek: - phobia - now by many
Reverence.

Tremble: Tremor - reverence of God

2. Next Package - work for a while.

- Word Reverence - Don't be afraid - -

{ Take seriously
Don't underestimate }
{ give due measure }

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Appropriate ~ Fear before God —

even if he was LOVE -
especially if he was Love

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Appropriate: Fear one who can condemn to hell.

Snatch meaning

as well as existence

cut life off

destroy its significance

~~It~~ - Dread creation - heart sin
+ destruction.

~~some dread appropriate~~

if God is Love

appropriate

You Don't have to Dread Some Dread

HAVE IT.

CAN'T TELL WHICH IT IS —

Kind you approve of
and you don't.

There is FORGIVENESS WITH YOU
THAT YOU MIGHT BE
FEARED

— so share a word.

Might not trembling accompany your
really finding out you were forgiven?

What if the Cause of Dread
is The Fear of The LORD ?

What is all this doing on Sunday the
eve of THANKSGIVING DAY?

Think for a minute -

GIFT GIVEN A TRULY LOVED ONE

When are they filled with Thanksgiving -

When they are beholden to you.

or when they are Delighted with what
what you have given them.

- SO WOW - Freely, mean it,
want you to know?

THANKFUL TO GOD?

When we take hold of the Gift of life
with genuine wanting. →

When we accept our creation
with vigor + affirmation

If we had the cure for dread
we'd lose the key to
Thanksgiving.