

Daily Devotion for the Family of Berea and Zion and All who would be encouraged.  
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**Proverbs 3:5 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.”**

The only thing that is sure in life is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. *You fill in the blanks.* When I was growing up I learned to fill in the blank with the words *death* and *taxes*.

In our text for today, Solomon encourages us to add one more blank to the list of sure things... *the Lord*.

This whole Covid-19 thing has brought again to the forefront of realization just how immature, underdeveloped, infantile, we are in our thought processes and knowledge. During Covid, we have been told that we need to rely on “the science,” and yet look at how much “the science” was taken us on a roller coaster ride that would compete with the Thunderbolt (*a historical wooden roller coaster at Kennywood Park near Pittsburgh, PA... Youtube it.*)

One day “the science” make a suggestion, or a mandate, and down the road it reverses itself, sometimes with even an opposite response. Just today the CDC has changed its Covid-19 testing guidelines to say some people without symptoms may not need to be tested, even if they’ve been in close contact with someone known to have the virus. Previously, the CDC said viral testing was appropriate for people with recent or suspected exposure, even if they were asymptomatic. Add to this that “the science” has put a time frame on exposure. It is now suggested that if you were around someone with Covid for 15 minutes or more, you may have to worry, but if it’s 15 minutes or less you don’t necessarily have to worry. It wasn’t that long ago and we were talking about “days” for the virus to dies on surfaces, or entering a building, and the need to “super clean” often, now, “*less than 15 and your good.*”

I look at all this stuff, “the science,” and have to throw up my hands and say Solomon has it right, the old adage has it right; the only thing that is sure in life is death and taxes, and the Lord. And you know what, that’s okay. I try to grasp what I can, research what I don’t, rely on those smarter than me, but in the end, it is the Lord who has it all under His control. The Prophet Isaiah tells us: **“The Lord of hosts has sworn: ‘As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand.’”** *Isaiah 14:24* and a little later, **“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”** *Isaiah 55:8-9*

What will fretting get you... ulcers, a nervous breakdown, a spot at the hospital. Instead, feel safe, trust, have confidence that God’s grace and mercy will see you through as He knows is best which is bigger than your understanding, and more solid than Gibraltar.

*Prayer: Lord, give me minds that will grasp what I can, and yet always having the confidence that all things, including myself, are under your care. In Jesus name, I pray. AMEN*

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Daily Reading

Tuesday – Galatians 3:15-22  
Wednesday – Matthew 8:23-37

Daily Hymn

Tuesday – LSB # 839 (vs. 1-3)  
Wednesday – LSB # 839 (vs. 4-5)