#### Apologetics and the Covid Pandemic

In the darkness of the Covid pandemic can we still trust God? How is he sovereign over the affairs of the earth in view of the pandemic we are going through? This session will address these questions and consider special wisdom from the Proverbs to equip ourselves.
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1. **Introduction**
	1. Where is the appeal to transcendence?
	2. Progress and regress
2. **Some less-than-adequate paths**
	1. Support science
	2. Sobering facts
		1. The blame game
		2. Better stewardship
3. **Hope from the Psalms**
4. Psalm 80
5. “Give ear” God
6. God’s anger
7. His silence
8. “Restore us”
9. **Honesty required**
10. No sense in hiding
11. Enemies/
12. **Accomplished in Christ**
13. The man on his right hand
14. Judgment and admonition still upon us
15. Love our neighbors. Love God
16. **From whence cometh my help**
17. The Lord is our keeper
18. “I have overcome the world”

**Resources for Covid and the Psalms:**

N. T. Wright, *The Case for the Psalms* (HarperOne, 2016)

Timothy Keller, *The Songs of Jesus* (Viking, 2015)

Charles H. Spurgeon, *The Treasury of David* (Hendrickson, 1990)

T. R. Worth, *Psalms in a Time of Plague* (Evangalliance, 2021)