**The purpose of heaven and hell**

Heaven and hell represent the culmination of Divine Providence. The wicked must ultimately be punished. The righteous must ultimately be rewarded. This is the necessary result and destiny of free moral agency. The rebellious receive forever the freedom from God’s laws and goodness they have demanded. The good, forever submitting to obedience, become through all eternity more and more free.

**Conclusion**

The existence of evil, pain, and suffering does not speak against the existence of God. We should remember that this world was never intended to be our permanent home. God has prepared another world (heaven) for those who serve Him in this world. In difficult times, we should turn to God for wisdom and strength. Nothing can separate us from God’s love and care (Romans 8:35-39). When troubles come, we should trust in God and ask Him to help us through our trials.

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**Preface**

This seminar describes God’s *Scheme of Redemption* and the means He uses to create, sustain, and redeem His people through His Divine Providence. Three scriptures illustrate this chain of Providence:

* “Let us make man in our own image” (Genesis 1:26).
* “My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).
* “I go to prepare a place for you…” (John 14:2).

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible record makes it clear that God, who is Divine Providence, takes care of His people. This seminar presents the view that God rules everything in the universe and that He has had a special concern for His people in all ages.

This booklet has been prepared to accompany the lectures given in the *Providence of God Seminar.* It is the wish and prayer of the presenters and interpreters that all who participate in this seminar will be blessed by a greater understanding and appreciation of the Providence of God.

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