

The Divine Provisions of a Good God (Part 3)

The Hope of Eternity

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INTRODUCTION:

Colossians 1:13-14; Philippians 3:20-21; II Corinthians 5:12; I Peter 1:3-5

The hope of eternity:

1. Grants an eternal perspective

Romans 8:18; Matthew 13:18-23; Psalm 42:5, 11

2. Motivates righteous living

Philippians 3:7-11; Job 1:22; Isaiah 66:1-2; II Corinthians 12:9-10

3. Guards against losing heart

II Corinthians 4:16-18

"For those who trust Christ, God's sovereignty in suffering is not an unyielding problem but an unailing hope. It means that, in the suffering of Christians, neither Satan nor man nor nature nor chance is wielding decisive control. God is sovereign over this suffering, which means it is not meaningless. It is not wrath. It is not ultimately destructive. It is not wanton or needless. It is purposeful. It is measured, wise, and loving. Even if the suffering is terrible in the last hour of death, when there is no life left in which the sufferer can be sanctified by it, even then it is eternally purposeful."

John Piper-Providence pg 704