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"The lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord."—Prov., 16:33.

"The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect towards Him."—2 Chron., 16:9.

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TO  
*The Believers*  
IN  
A Superintending Providence

THIS LITTLE BOOK  
IS  
Respectfully Dedicated  
*BY THE AUTHOR.*





## PREFACE.

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Among the many important subjects which from time to time engage our attention, there is not one so ripe with solid and abiding satisfaction as the superintendence of an all-wise and gracious Providence in the management of human affairs.

Accident, chance, fortune, and a violation of the laws of nature, are terms often heard, and much in the life of man is ascribed to them. If the blessings of prosperity fall to their lot, they take the credit and the honor to themselves, and ascribe it to their own skill and industry, to their own economy and prudence. If riches take to themselves wings and fly away, some one else must bear the blame. If calamities overtake them, they are ascribed to some unlucky accident. If

affliction seizes their bodies, and death enters their families, it is owing to a violation of some of the laws of nature.

But such a belief is repugnant to reason, dishonorable to God, and is practical atheism.

It is contrary to reason to suppose that God, who formed the heavens and created the universe, who has beautified it with so many ornaments, and peopled it with so many rational beings, should abandon it to blind chance, or leave it without His superintendence and government.

No; He who appoints the sun, moon and stars their course, and gives laws and boundaries to the great deep that it cannot pass, is not, cannot be, unmindful of man, the master piece of creation, and the Church which He has purchased by the precious blood of His dear Son.

To establish this fact is the object of the following pages, and the importance of the subject is the author's plea in giving them to the public

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The doctrine of a superintending Providence is taught in various forms in almost every part of the Bible.

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### CHAP. III.

To the universal agency of Providence we have the recorded testimony of those who were shut up in all the darkness of heathenism.

### CHAP. IV.

God has a right, and possesses a fitness to be the supreme governor of the world.