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Exodus 33:17-19

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”

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¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”

Exodus 33:1-3

¹ The LORD said to Moses, “Depart; go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, ‘To your offspring I will give it.’” ² I will send an angel before you,

Exodus 33:1-3

and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ³ Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; but I will not go up among you, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people.”

Exodus 33:4-6

⁴ When the people heard this disastrous word, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments. ⁵ For the LORD had said to Moses, “Say to the people of Israel, ‘You are a stiff-necked people; if for a single moment I should go up among you, I would consume you.’”

Exodus 33:4-6

So now take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do with you.””

⁶ Therefore the people of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments, from Mount Horeb onward.

God Most Good

Idolatry is always the pursuit of short-term gain for the assurance of long-term loss.

Exodus 33:17-23

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And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” ²¹ And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock,

Exodus 33:17-23

²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

“Not only is God infinitely good, but he is immutably good, unchangingly good. His goodness undergoes no increase or decline, nor does it waver. In him there is no darkness at all, nor has there ever been, nor will there ever be. He is good...”

and he does good. There is no better version of him to come, no progress from good to better to best for him. God's goodness is his utter benevolence, the complete absence of malice...

God does not, cannot, and need not improve with age. He is as good as he ever has been or will ever be. Perfectly good. Utterly good.”

-Jen Wilkin, In His Image



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The nature of God's goodness

Objections to God's goodness

The display of God's goodness

Our response to God's goodness

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Divine goodness is the overflowing bounty of God by which he who receives nothing and lacks nothing communicates blessing to his creation and to his creatures. God's goodness is the opposite of harshness and cruelty. To experience divine goodness is to enjoy the friendliness, benevolence, and generosity of God.

“Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, ‘Do it again’; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead...

For grown up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, 'Do it again' to the sun; and every evening, 'Do it again' to the moon...

It may not be an automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have...

sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we. The repetition in Nature may not be a mere recurrence; it may be a theatrical encore.

-G.K. Chesterton, Orthodoxy

“The psalmists do not want us to think or talk like modern naturalists, who think of the natural world as formed and sustained by mindless physical processes. Whether with clouds, grass for the animals, or eyes and ears for man,

God's providence is up close and powerful in his ongoing creating and sustaining. It is a tragic fact of the modern world that most contemporary, scientifically minded people think it more true and significant to speak of the...

technicalities of photosynthesis than to say, 'God makes the grass grow.' This is not just a sentence for children. It is a sentence -a reality- desperately needed by the soul-shrunken modern man whose world..

*has been reduced from the theater
of wonders to a machine running
mindlessly on mechanical laws.*

-John Piper, Providence



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God's providence is over the earth.

God's providence is over the water.

God's providence makes seas and rivers split, bear, and freeze at his command.

God's providence is over rain, drought, and famine.

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God's providence is over the wind.

God's providence makes stormy winds
and makes them still.

God's providence is over plants.

God's providence is over animals.

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God's providence is over Satan and the demons.

God's providence is over human governments for the protection of life and justice.

God's providence is over human wickedness.

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God's providence is over life and death.

God's providence is over our salvation.

God's providence is over our
sanctification.

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God's providence is over all our steps as he works all things after the counsel of his will.

The Lord is good to all, and tender mercies are over all his works.

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The act of redemption originated in God's goodness, was executed in God's goodness, and finds its ultimate purpose in the delight of God's goodness.

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The goodness of God should make us humble.

The goodness of God should make us patient and trusting.

The goodness of God should make us thankful.

The goodness of God should stir us to worship.

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