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Is God Good?

“Why Doesn’t God Restrain Evil?”

Luke 22:31-34 (ESV)

• *Answering the Question . . .*

A. Our Text—v 31

B. Some Considerations

1. How do you know that God is not already restraining evil? (2 Thess. 2:7)
2. Would miraculous interventions make a lasting difference?
(Num. 16:35; 1 Kings 18:38)
3. No matter how much God reduced evil, we would think it is too little
4. A limited life span may be an act of mercy
5. Perspective matters

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³¹“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”³³ Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”