

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 91:12 - "In their hands they shall bear you up, / Lest you dash your foot against a stone."

God is our Protector in all kinds of terrors, trials and temptations, and He is so set on protecting His children, that sometimes He uses the miraculous, such as angels. We've seen that we are not to be so enamored with angels, but with the LORD Who uses and sends the angels to help us.

This verse says that they do help in trials & temptations to help bear us up lest we fall and get seriously hurt. This is not just literally in protecting us from falling, but especially in other situations in which we are in danger physically, but especially spiritually. God is concerned about all human suffering, especially spiritual suffering. So, the LORD even sends angels to minister to us in times of trial and temptation to help us.

God sends miraculous help at His discretion when it is most needed (Mat 4:11; Lu 22:43) giving persevering strength for sacrifice & service (Mat 26:53f). As we live for the LORD, it's not easy to be selfless, sacrificial and serving to God and others while denying ourselves. The LORD numerous times has proven to protect.

Now, there are some people who have a twisted mind and a twisted Christianity who would say, "Since God HAS to take care of me, that means I can do whatever, and He HAS to take care of me, no matter how dangerous." Some people developed a whole denomination out of this, and some "faith healers" claim that if you have enough faith, that God will get you out of whatever your situation - He obligated to do so. This kind of thinking is twisting Scripture and is twisted in its thinking just like Satan is twisted. Satan used this verse in Ps 91:12 to tempt Jesus to be proudly presumptuous in jumping off the pinnacle of the temple for a glory show (Mat 4:6). Loved ones, we don't live our Christian life as a spectacular glory show for ourselves; we live in the everyday run-of-the-mill to glorify God, not ourselves and be proud of the great things we can do.

But if we are truly right with the LORD, there are times in which the LORD pulls the miraculous and uses angels in a special way to help us in trials and temptations. If you haven't read Frank Perretti's book, *This Present Darkness*, I strongly encourage you to do so. It speaks of the spiritual warfare that is going on all around us in the air that we can't see, but angles who are doing battle with demons to protect us.

The point of this verse is simply this: We're not merely survivors, but victors; we're not just merely coping, but conquering. Since God has this for us, you can trust him during these difficult times of trial and temptation, just like Jesus did.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.