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Psalm 91: 12 *“They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.”* King James version.

Luke 4: 11 *“they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone”*

Often we stub our toes against objects which have escaped our attention. Occasionally we set off across a busy road without looking properly and sometimes we take impetuous risks with our lives. Life is risky. Some would argue it should be fraught with danger.

The Psalmist takes a different tack. He recognises that God doesn't promise a risk free world but He will always support us if trust in Him as we negotiate the trials and tribulations of life.

As he did with Adam and Eve the Devil tests Jesus's resolve with temptations one of which is taken straight from Psalm 91. Even though Jesus must have been thirsty and hungry after 40 days in the desert of Judea he resists the Devil's offerings by remaining faithful to God.

Would we in a similar situation have the strength of body and mind to resist temptation? If we believe and have complete faith, God will be there for us.