

**Psalm 37:23-24, “The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.”**



When I meditate on this verse, I have so many memories rush into my mind. Memories of my daughter when she was learning to walk, holding tightly to my hand in fear of falling. Once her confidence of walking was secure, she began to learn to run. Holding mommy's hand while she first learned to run was still her desire. Even as she got older, she always insisted I hold her hand during those first's: first time to swing, first time to climb a monkey bar, first time to slide down a slide, first time to cross a moving bridge, first time to climb a ladder, etc.

Often she would take my hand when we were in a crowd. I always knew when she was feeling anxiety or fear because her hand would slip into mine.

As a teenager, she would surprise me sometimes when as we were walking from the car into the store she would proudly take my hand and hold it as we walked. I loved those moments.

Each of those times was because she wanted to hold my hand.

There were times when I held her hand even when she didn't want me to. Times when she thought she could successfully walk or run but I knew that she still needed my hand as a support. Times when she wanted me to let go of the seat of her bike because she thought she was ready to go without any extra help. Times when I was afraid I would lose her in a crowd so I held her hand. Times when I held her tightly to keep her from wandering away or wandering towards something that captured her attention and desire.

In this verse it talks about the steps we take being ordered by the Lord but also about Him holding our hand. I am very thankful that He never stops holding my hand, even when I don't think I need Him to hold it. With his holding hand, I cannot utterly fall! The devil can NEVER have possession of my soul ever again! I am under God's wings of protection and the devil has limited access.

This verse also talks about the happiness one finds along the path of life while holding God's hands. This doesn't mean we won't go through difficulty, pain and sorrow. We will have God right beside us through it all. And when we are following the steps He has laid out for us, we can rest assured that whatever we may be going through, He is not only with us but He has designed for us to experience this path.

Psalm 16:11, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Psalm 73:23-24, "Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."

Jude 24-25, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

He is not only able to keep us from falling; He is "able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him" (Hebrews 7:25). He is "able even to subdue all things unto Himself" (Phil. 3:21). He is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).