

Wisdom Not Worry
Thursday, April 30, 2020
Psalm 91:11-12, Matthew 4:5-7

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

When trials come do you test God or trust God? Satan tested God.

In Matthew 4, Satan quoted Psalm 91:11-12 as an opportunity to test Jesus. "Go ahead" he jeered from the precarious temple pinnacle, "Jump! If you are you say you are, the angels will swoop you up before you hit the ground! Prove yourself." Does this have a familiar ring? "Now is the time to prove yourself, God. If you really love me, heal my husband's lymphoma...lift the ban so I can visit with my grandkids...take away my addiction...ensure I keep my job...answer my prayer." To Satan and to us Jesus responds, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When trials come, don't test Him, trust Him. Jesus could have proven himself by doing exactly what Satan asked. Instead, Jesus trusted the will of His Father. He trusted His love would be displayed far more lavishly in enduring the cross than in avoiding it. He trusted His Father's perfect purposes in His suffering and sorrow.

Will you trust God in your trial? Trust him when He says, "My love is better than life" (Psalm 63:3). Take Him at His word when he says, "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28). Trust Him when He tells you, "In *all* these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37). Trust He will reveal His love to you more convincingly in this trial than He would by sparing you from it.

Grateful,
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