

Hinds' Feet
(Habakkuk 3:19)

The Lord God is my strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk and make progress upon my high places.

A hind is a female deer, especially a red deer; they were given feet that can climb rocky and hard places to obtain their sustenance. Their way of life seems hard and challenging, but not so to them. For God equipped them with what they need. They don't need special shoes or ropes to keep going with heads up. In our spiritual life, we must set the goal to go up to receive from our heavenly Father our spiritual food. The closer we get to Him, the harder it will be for us to keep a strong faith in face of all the challenges before us. Many times we do give up and go back to the easy and sedentary spiritual life. We become lazy and content with the little we do know, never realizing the extent of how faithful, and loving our heavenly Father is. Claiming those rocky mountains there will be many temptations and discouragements; many challenges and tears; but our heavenly Father desires us to be close to Him. It is from those mountains that we will receive strength, and knowledge. Moses went up to meet YAHWEH many times; that was physically without food for forty days and nights. I am not sure how many of us could do that today. Moses received the instructions to lead Israel, the Ten Commandments from the mountains. We find it easy to be down in a flat land, where we can see ahead of us, to be climbing higher to meet God. We have not yet desired to be equipped with the hinds' feet to have a relationship with our heavenly Father.

King David's experiences were those of great challenges and great faith in God. He too had to claim the rocky mountains several times; he said, (God) makes my feet like hind's feet; **He sets me securely upon my high places.** Standing firmly we can make progress in the spiritual life. A climber never tries to climb a mountain without the necessary equipment. And David had the right attitude to meet with his God. He was set secured and confident upon the heights (II Sam.22:34). I am sure it was not easy for him; as we read in the Psalms, but he was victorious in his pursue to maintain a relationship with God.

In the book of Song of Solomon we find God's invitation to fellowship with Him, as His bride. He says: Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away; for behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land; the fig tree puts forth and ripens her green figs, and the vines are in blossom and give forth their fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. This invitation should cause every bride of Christ to run to Him. My dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the crevices of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely (Song of Songs 2:10-14). Climbing the rock together with our heavenly Father, we can hear Him speaking to us and we can look closer at Him and know Him in the beauty of His holiness. We can, at the same time, come to see ourselves and the great need of becoming more like Him.

Well trained Hinds' feet are what we need to be able to face the spiritual challenges and get closer to our God. They are made of faith, for without it we would not be able to stand the slippery and hard places. It is always easier to go down than up. However, the way down is the old way; nothing to experience in the spiritual growth; nothing to experience in the relationship with God; no new pastures to feed on; We live in the success of the past, as the cow regurgitates its food . There is no new excitement of having a relationship with our heavenly Father. When God gives us hinds' feet, He leads us places closer to Him; hard to travel roads, but He too gives us His strength to overcome the journey. He gives us His grace with sufficiency to endure the hardship ahead of us. We can say like Paul, "I can do all things through Christ Who gives me strength".

We know that the view is a lot better from the top of a mountain; the air is fresher and cooler; this is the same in the spiritual sense. There is always opportunity for us to grow by climbing the mountain to be fed by our heavenly Father, as He teaches and strengthens us to remain faithful to His calling and our responsibilities. Moses died on the mountain while been with God. It is a beautiful way for us believers to be found faithful at the end of our life on the top of the mountain fellowshiping with our God.

THINK ABOUT IT!