

# Psalms 18:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

## Analysis

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God made David's feet like deer's feet and set him secure on heights. The Hebrew 'ayal' (deer/doe) suggests sure-footedness in dangerous terrain. Heights ('bamah') can mean both physical mountains and metaphorical exaltation. This imagery appears in Habakkuk 3:19 describing confidence in God. Reformed theology sees this as divine providence preparing believers for their calling through trials.

## Historical Context

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David's wilderness years fleeing Saul trained him in mountain warfare and navigation of treacherous terrain—skills essential for later military campaigns.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How has God used difficult terrain in your life to develop spiritual sure-footedness?
2. What high places is God calling you to that require supernatural stability?

## Interlinear Text

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He maketh	my feet	like hinds	H5921	me upon my high places	feet and setteth
H7737	H7272	H355		H1116	H5975

## Additional Cross-References

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**Habakkuk 3:19** (Parallel theme): The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

**Deuteronomy 32:13** (Parallel theme): He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;

**Deuteronomy 33:29** (Parallel theme): Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.