

## Psalm 141:1-10 Lord Guard My Mouth – Keep Me From Snares of Wickedness

### *Prayer for Safekeeping from Wickedness*

A Psalm of David.

- <sup>1</sup>Yahweh (LORD), I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.
- <sup>2</sup>Let my prayer be set before You *as* incense, The lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.
- <sup>3</sup>Set a guard, O Yahweh (LORD), over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.
- <sup>4</sup>Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, To practice wicked works With men who work iniquity; And do not let me eat of their delicacies.
- <sup>5</sup>Let the righteous strike me; *It shall be* a kindness. And let him rebuke me; *It shall be* as excellent oil; Let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer *is* against the deeds of the wicked.
- <sup>6</sup>Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff, And they hear my words, for they are sweet.
- <sup>7</sup>Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, As when one plows and breaks up the earth.
- <sup>8</sup>But my eyes *are* upon You, O Yahweh Adonay (GOD the Lord); In You I take refuge; Do not leave my soul destitute.
- <sup>9</sup>Keep me from the snares they have laid for me, And from the traps of the workers of iniquity.
- <sup>10</sup>Let the wicked fall into their own nets, While I escape safely.

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#### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Yahweh (LORD), I cry out to You; Make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.  
Let my prayer be set before You *as* incense, The lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice. [[Psalm 141:1-2](#)]
- ✧ David asked to be heard and spoke of prayers as incense before Yahweh. [[Revelation 5:8, 8:3-4](#)]
- ✧ Set a guard, O Yahweh (LORD), over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, To practice wicked works With men who work iniquity; And do not let me eat of their delicacies. [[Psalm 141:3-4](#)]
- ✧ Like David, we all need divine help to keep our words pure.
- ✧ We also need divine help to keep our heart and actions righteous.
- ✧ Let the righteous strike me; *It shall be* a kindness. And let him rebuke me; *It shall be* as excellent oil; Let my head not refuse it. For still my prayer *is* against the deeds of the wicked.

Their judges are overthrown by the sides of the cliff, And they hear my words, for they are sweet.

Our bones are scattered at the mouth of the grave, As when one plows and breaks up the earth. [\[Psalm 141:5-7\]](#)

- ✧ David valued the correction of God spoken by Nathan after his sin with Bathsheba and Uriah. [\[1 Samuel 12:1-13\]](#)
- ✧ David continued to pray against the deeds of the wicked.
- ✧ Even wicked judges know that the words of David are the words of the “sweet psalmist of Israel.”
- ✧ Because of the wicked influence of its judges, the sins of Israel are not hidden.
- ✧ But my eyes *are* upon You, O Yahweh Adonay (GOD the Lord); In You I take refuge; Do not leave my soul destitute.  
Keep me from the snares they have laid for me, And from the traps of the workers of iniquity.  
Let the wicked fall into their own nets, While I escape safely. [\[Psalm 141:8-10\]](#)
- ✧ David’s prayer is still focused on Yahweh and In Him he seeks refuge.
- ✧ David again asked for Divine shelter from the influence of the wicked.
- ✧ And asked that they fall into their own snares and traps.