

## Psalm 141

## A Psalm of David

King James Version (KJV)

**141** Lord, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

<sup>2</sup>Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (Incense was symbolic for the peoples' prayers going up to heaven)

<sup>3</sup>Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. (Don't let him say anything that is offensive to God)

<sup>4</sup>Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties. (dainties= delicacies)

<sup>5</sup>Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities. (When I fall short, send a righteous man to correct me. I will consider it a favor, and an anointing and will keep the corrector in my prayers – Better Translation)

<sup>6</sup>When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet. (The crooked judges)

<sup>7</sup>Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth. (Our= their – Bad translation)

<sup>8</sup>But mine eyes are unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

<sup>9</sup>Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity. (gins= nooses)

<sup>10</sup>Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape. (escape= pass over)