

## Psalm 141 A Psalm of David

<sup>1</sup> LORD,

I am calling out to You in prayer asking You to help me. Please be quick to come to my aid. Oh please, listen with interest when I call out to You. <sup>2</sup> Allow my prayer to be sweet and inviting, and view the lifting up of my hands as favorably as You do the evening sacrifice in the temple. <sup>3</sup> LORD, station one of Your angels as a guard over my mouth, and restrain me from saying anything that would be wrong or offensive. <sup>4</sup> Don't let me develop an appetite for perversion or evil, and don't let me practice any of those things with people who do them. Then too, please give me the strength and determination to abstain from eating or doing anything evil people enjoy eating or doing. <sup>5</sup> If anyone needs to correct and discipline me, let it be a man who practices doing good, right, and just deeds. That kind of rebuke is done in kindness, and it is as comforting as pouring oil on my head. Don't let me ever refuse it, because my prayer is still that You would destroy evil men and their evil deeds. I say this because I hate them, I hate what they stand for, and I hate what they do.

<sup>6</sup> The judges these evil men have bribed are destined to fall from their elevated position, and their fall will be as complete as if they had jumped off of a high, steep cliff. I have spoken words that are good and pleasant to the hearer, and when the demise of these evil men happens they will remember what I have said. <sup>7</sup> LORD, the bones of my friends and my people have been scattered all over the ground, and there aren't enough people left to bury them. It is as though the whole area has been plowed and the earth broken open. <sup>8</sup> Even though all of this has happened, my eye is fixed upon You, my LORD and my God. I take refuge in Your name, so please don't leave me destitute and defenseless. <sup>9</sup> Come to my aid, and keep me from being caught in the traps of the evil people who pursue me on every side. <sup>10</sup> Cause these wicked men to be caught and held in their own traps and suffer the same consequences they expected me to endure. When that happens, allow me to walk right on by and smile at their demise.