

Finding Yourself in the Psalms
Psalm 141
A Psalm for Godly Living During Troublesome Times

I. **My PRAYER During Times of Trouble.** 141:1-2

- A. (2 Chron 6:19-20) *"Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, O Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence. May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there. May you hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place."*

"Leaders often overlook their spiritual life because they are too busy doing their jobs on a regular basis. How tragic when leaders face a major decision that desperately calls for God's wisdom but they have grown unfamiliar with his voice." Blackaby

Judges 9:1-14

- B. Reference to **evening prayers**

- C. (Hebrews 13:15) *"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name."*

- D. Although we should "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17), *"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."* (Psalm 145:18)

II. **My PURITY During Times of Trouble.** 141:3-4

- A. Purity over my **WORDS**.

(Psalm 19:14) *"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."*

- B. Purity over my **WAY**: (actions)

1. That I not be drawn away in the **"day of evil"**

(Ephesians 6:13) *"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."*

2. "That I not be lured in their delicacies."

III. **My PEACE During Times of Trouble.** 141:5-10

- A. 5-7 difficult verses

- B. NIV gives the best translation

- C. I am not afraid of **REBUKE** (141:5)

- D. I am not afraid of **EVIL DOERS** (141:6)

Question from Last Wednesday night. . .

1. Even though they have laid a SNARE for me.
2. How do we RESPOND to evil?
 - a. The NEW WAY of Jesus. Matt 5:38-42
 - b. Bear reproach for Christ. 1 Peter 2:19-23
 - c. Pray for your enemies.
 - d. Confront EVIL when it is in the CHURCH.
 - e. Pray that the LORD will expose evildoers.
 - f. Allow the Lord to be your defender
 - g. Do not take vengeance. (Romans 12:19) *"Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord."*
 - h. Our concern is GOD'S WORK....

IV. **My PROTECTOR in Times of Trouble.** 141:8 "my eyes are fixed on you"