

My Eyes are FIXED on YOU ~ Psalm 141:1-10

→ Scripture Reading Psalm 141:1-4, 8-9

Well SHUT my MOUTH ~ Psalm 141:1-5

¹O LORD, I call to you; come quickly to me. Hear my voice when I call to you. ²May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice. ³Set a guard over my mouth, O LORD; keep watch over the door of my lips.

I have often repented of having spoken but never of having been silent. Boice

⁴Let not my heart be drawn to what is evil, to take part in wicked deeds with men who are evildoers; let me not eat of their delicacies. ⁵Let a righteous man strike me - it is a kindness; let him rebuke me - it is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it...

IMPLICATIONS

→ There are good Reasons for LIFTING up our Hands to God

²Accept my prayer as incense offered to You, and my upraised hands as an evening offering. (NLT)

Psalm 28:2 (NIV) Hear my cry for MERCY as I call to You for HELP, as I LIFT UP my HANDS toward Your Most Holy Place.

Psalm 63:3-4 (NLT) Your unfailing LOVE is better than life itself; how I PRAISE You! ⁴ I will praise You as long as I live, LIFTING UP my HANDS to You in prayer.

→ There is GREAT Power in our WORDS

³ Take CONTROL of what I SAY, O LORD, and GUARD my LIPS. (NLT)

The tongue is the primary tool in God's tool box or it is the chief weapon of the devil... Spurgeon

Proverbs 13:3 (NIV) He who GUARDS his LIPS guards his life, but he who SPEAKS RASHLY will come to ruin.

Proverbs 10:19 (NIV) When WORDS are MANY, sin is not absent, but he who HOLDS his TONGUE is wise.

The FEAR of the Lord stood at the door of their hearts, to examine every THOUGHT before it went in, and at the door of their lips, to examine every WORD before it went out... Spurgeon

³ Set a GUARD over my MOUTH, O LORD; keep WATCH over the door of my LIPS.

→ PRAYER should MOVE us to ACTION

⁴ Don't let me DRIFT toward evil or TAKE PART in acts of wickedness. Don't let me share in the delicacies of those who do wrong. (NLT)

Evil **acts** BEGIN with evil Desires- we must ask God to change us from the INSIDE OUT. LAB

PRAYER - God HELP me

REMOVE yourself - Get AWAY

→Being REBUKED or Corrected IS a GOOD Thing

⁵ Let the godly strike me. It will be a kindness. If they correct me, it is soothing medicine. Don't let me refuse it... (NLT)

Let me ACCEPT meekly a REBUKE that is **meant kindly** by a good man. Knicht

Proverbs 15:31 (NIV) He who listens to a life-giving REBUKE will be at home among the wise.

Proverbs 27:5-6 (NIV) Better is open REBUKE than hidden love. ⁶ Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

Welcome CORRECTION...

- Embrace it
- Appreciate it
- LEARN from it
- do not REJECT it

Sovereign Lord Keep me SAFE ~ Psalm 141:5-10

⁵ ...Yet my prayer is ever against the deeds of evildoers; ⁶ their rulers will be thrown down from the cliffs, and the wicked will learn that my words were well spoken. ⁷ [They will say,] "As one plows and breaks up the earth, so our bones have been scattered at the mouth of the grave." ⁸ But my eyes are fixed on you, O Sovereign LORD; in You I take refuge - do not give me over to death. ⁹ Keep me from the snares they have laid for me, from the traps set by evildoers. ¹⁰ Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by in safety.

IMPLICATIONS

→Our FOCUS should be our Sovereign God

⁸ BUT my eyes are **FIXED on You**, O **Sovereign LORD**; in You I take REFUGE...

Hebrews 6:19-20 (NLT) This **HOPE is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls**. It leads us through the curtain into God's inner sanctuary. ²⁰ Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

TAKE AWAY ??

¹ O LORD, I am CALLING to You. Listen when I CRY to You for help.

² Accept my PRAYER as INCENSE offered to You... (NLT)

Isaiah 1:13 (NIV) Stop bringing MEANINGLESS offerings. Your incense is DETESTABLE to me...

Prayer is the **Result** of our WEAKNESS, and the **Expression** of our DEPENDENCE. CHS