

Olmert government prohibits Jewish prayer on Temple Mount

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Public Security Minister Avi Dichter announced on Tuesday the government's official policy regarding Jewish prayer on the site of the [Holy Temple](#) : "Jews may pray on their holiest site - but only in their heart; no lip-moving allowed."

"And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong. For thus saith the LORD of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not: So again have I thought in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: *fear ye not.*"

—Zechariah 8:13-15