

## April 14 Answers

- 1) Saul's appreciation for David turned to **jealousy** when the people began to applaud David's exploits. Under the influence of an **evil** spirit, Saul tried twice to kill David with a spear. This teaches us that jealousy is a deadly sin—it is one step short of **murder**. God helped David escape, and he continued to serve Saul and defeat his enemies. This is an inspiring example of returning **good** for evil (cf. Rom 12:17–21), and it teaches us the importance of **loving** those who mistreat us (cf. Matt 5:43–48). David's success and popularity did not make him **proud**; he remained humble, even when the entire nation praised him (1 Sam 18:16). His humility came from a deep sense of his **dependence** on God. He understood that he was prospering in all his ways because God was **with** him (1 Sam 18:14). When Saul sent men to David's house to kill him, David turned to God in **prayer** (Ps 59). He called out to God to **deliver** him and **destroy** his enemies, and he dealt with his feelings of frustration and fear by **reminding** himself of God's unfailing love and kindness. David's **praise** in Psalm 59 shows us how to transform our emotions by **focusing** our minds on God and **choosing** to trust Him in spite of negative circumstances.