

## April 24 Answers

- 1) Psalms for returning the ark to Jerusalem. In Psalm 96, the writer proclaimed God's glory and strength, and he called on the **nations** to come and worship God. This teaches us that the desire to **witness** naturally flows from a heart that is full of appreciation for God's blessings. As we **reflect** on God's goodness to us, we will find ourselves wanting to tell others about Him! In Psalm 106, the writer remembered Israel's ingratitude and **rebellion** from the Exodus until the present time. The fact that the people turned away from God and worshiped idols after all the great miracles they had seen teaches us that we're very susceptible to **forgetting** God and giving in to the pressures of the world (Ps 106:13, 21). We must **meditate** on what God has done for us so we won't be drawn away by temptation. The writer went on to say that God allowed Israel's enemies to oppress them in order to **discipline** them for sin (Ps 106:40–41). This teaches us that we can expect to be **rebuked** when we stray from God's will. When this happens, we should **welcome** His discipline and **repent** and **rededicate** ourselves to a life of covenant faithfulness. The psalm ends with praise for God's lovingkindness, for He always keep His promises. David returned home to **bless** his family, only to be met by Michal's caustic **contempt**. It's easy to condemn her harsh words, but how many times have we squandered a blessing because we were upset over some perceived offense by our spiritual authority?