

April 28 Answers

- 1) The Davidic Covenant. After God gave David **rest** from **all** his enemies, David became concerned that the ark, the symbol of God's presence, sat in a **tent** while he lived in a beautiful palace. David's desire to build a temple was pleasing to God, but God told him '**No.**' This teaches us that there will be times when we want to do something good for God, but the **timing** is wrong or **we** may not be the one God wants to perform the task. David's willingness to **submit** to God's will is an excellent example of showing deference to His direction. David **accepted** his part in God's plan and did not try to go **beyond** it. Although God turned down David's request, He did not reject David himself. In fact, God took the occasion to establish a **covenant** with him. David wanted to build God a house (a **temple**), and instead, God promised to build David a house (a **dynasty**). Not only that, God also promised that his house would last **forever!** David's earthly dynasty ended four centuries later, but **Jesus**, a direct descendant of David, is the ultimate fulfillment of this promise (Acts 2:22–36). Jesus will reign for eternity. He reigns now in our **hearts**, and one day He will reign here on **earth** (Luke 1:30–33; Rev 20:4). David rejoiced in God's promise and was humbled at the thought of how God had taken him from following **sheep** to being the **leader** of your people. This teaches us that the proper response to God's blessing is humility and **praise**.