

April 23 Questions

- 1) David brings the ark to Jerusalem. David asked the Levites to prepare a musical procession that would be a worthy accompaniment to this great occasion. The cymbals, harps, lyres, trumpets and singing _____ the people's hearts and minds, _____ their attention on God, and helped them _____ their feelings of joy and praise. It also helped seal this moment in their _____ for years to come. This teaches us that it's good to begin a task by _____ God, for it will inspire us to give Him our best. David was right there in the middle of the procession, "dancing before the LORD with all his _____" (2 Sam 6:14). He was not _____ about what people would think of him, and he did not allow his position as king to keep him from whole-hearted celebration. In contrast, Michal was so disgusted by his undignified behavior that she could not rejoice in the ark's return. She looked out the window and saw David, but she did not see _____. How tragic that her pride caused her to miss out on God's glorious presence. One of the songs that was sung at this joyous event was Psalm 105. This psalm is a celebration of God's "wondrous _____" for Israel, from the sojourn in Egypt to the conquest. It teaches us that true praise delights to _____ what God has done and rejoices to _____ others of His mighty deeds. The psalm ends with a call for obedience: "And he gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the fruit of the people's toil, that they might _____ his statutes and _____ his laws" (Ps 105:44-45). This reminds us that we serve God out of _____ for all that He has done for us!