

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further ***International Bible Lessons***

Psalms 148:1-14

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. What are some of the ways we can praise the LORD?

Words, songs, obedience to God, serving God and others, loving God and others, reflecting who God is by what we do and say, telling others about Jesus.

2. What in the heavens does the psalmist call to praise God?

Angels, the heavenly host, sun, moon, stars, water above the skies, lightning, hail, snow, clouds, winds.

3. What on the earth does the psalmist call to praise God?

Sea creatures, ocean depths, mountains, hills, fruit trees (trees for food), cedar trees (trees for building and beauty), wild animals, cattle, small creatures, flying birds, kings, nations, rulers, princes, men, women, old people and children.

4. What is the first reason the psalmist gives for praising God?

All creation, all beings and objects created by God, were created at God's command and God established them with His spoken words.

5. Why should all God's people, especially Israel, praise the LORD?

God has given power to His people or has given them a powerful leader (the Messiah, the horn?). To love, praise, and thank God are characteristics God's faithful people. God's people are close to His heart, and praising God shows we want to be close to God's heart.

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