

Study Hints for Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Isaiah 65:17-25

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Five 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 Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be answers to the discussion questions, but hints a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

**Five Questions for Discussion
and Thinking Further**

1. When God creates a new heaven and earth, what are some of the things that will be different from this old heaven and earth?

There will still be animals that we know and recognize, but they will be friends with one another and with us. Anything God sees as ugly or the result of sin or God's punishment God will beautify. Our sins and their consequences will no longer be remembered.

2. What are some of the best things you can think of regarding God's new creation?

Not remembering our past sins and mistakes. Other people forgetting how we hurt them with our sins and mistakes. God not remembering or holding our sins against us. Seeing God and His creation as He intends and as He intended to create without feeling shame or guilt.

3. What would you like to change in your behavior that would delight God?

All bad habits and intentional and unintentional sins.

4. Will you pray that God will help you change the behaviors you need to change and trust in Jesus Christ to help you change?

Yes.

5. What does God say about hearing the prayers of His children?

He will answer our prayers before we call and He hears us and knows what we will pray while we are still speaking.

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