

International Bible Lesson

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further

Psalms 103:1-22

Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all 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.

1. What are some ways you can bless the LORD?

Remember and thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed on me. Love and obey God. Praise and worship God in prayer and song. Read the Bible to learn more about God and His will for me. Receive His gift of eternal life by believing in His Son, Jesus Christ, as my Lord and Savior.

2. What are some of the benefits people can receive from trusting in God?

Forgiveness for sins. Having our iniquities forgotten as though we had never sinned. Having our diseases healed. Living forever in heaven with the LORD and all who love Him too. His bestowal of love and mercy on me. Giving me good things. Freeing me from oppression, from slavery to sin and satan. His steadfast love is great toward me. He removes my transgressions so far from me that they can never be found. He is my heavenly Father and He shows me the compassion of a heavenly Father. He will bless my children and my children’s children. He rules over all.

3. What does the LORD expect from His people?

Obedience, awe, fear or reverence for Him, keeping His covenant (the New Covenant since the coming of Jesus Christ), remembering to do His commandments.

4. Does the LORD ever get angry with people because of their sins? Explain your answer.

Yes. But the LORD is slow to get angry and His acting in anger toward His people is to discipline or correct their behavior because of the LORD's abounding steadfast love for those who obey Him and trust in Him.

5. How great is the LORD's steadfast love toward those who fear Him?

(Psalms 103:11) For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

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