

## May 27 Answers

- 1) The last of the Psalms. Psalm 136 is dedicated to God's **hesed**: His "steadfast love" (ESV) and "**lovingkindness**" (NASB). This psalm declares that God is God of gods and Lord of lords (Ps 136:2–3). He is Creator, Rescuer, Victor, Friend-in-need and God of heaven. The repetition of the phrase, **olam hesed** ("your lovingkindness is everlasting"), serves as an audible affirmation of this glorious truth, and we can rejoice in the knowledge that His love for us endures forever. Psalm 148 reveals that all creation, in heaven (vv. 1–6) and on earth (vv. 7–14), is like a majestic **symphony**, for each part joins together in harmonious praise of God's name. This is a beautiful picture of how we as believers should praise Him: individually, yet as part of the great **choir** of believers across the world. Psalm 149 suggests several ways that we can praise God. We can praise Him by speaking, singing, **dancing** and playing musical **instruments**. God created our bodies and music, and He is honored when we use them both to praise His name. Truly, "the Lord takes **pleasure** in his people" (Ps 149:4).