



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through Genesis 8:13-22; 9:11-13

Dear Heavenly Father, as followers of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we know that You can never forget us because You live within us. Yet, sometimes, our adversaries and troubles seem so overwhelming that we might think for a moment that You have forgotten us. After being in the ark for so long, Noah and his family rejoiced at Your remembrance, and after they left the ark, they offered sacrifices to You. You had prepared them for their unknowable journey and had protected them day-by-day. Please help us remember that no matter how we might feel in our circumstances, You have not forgotten to give us the care we truly need each day. There are times in the life of every one of Your children that no matter how much they might feel forgotten, You will deliver them—You have given them eternal life. Even as Jesus felt forsaken for a time as He hung upon His cross, He knew that You had given Him the power to lay down His life and take it up again. Jesus did not lose His faith in You for a millisecond, and He rose from the dead on the third day to give all believers in Him life-everlasting.

Lord Jesus, You understand our intentions when we intend to do good and others misunderstand our actions. But we confess that too often our intentions have been evil, even though we did not fully understand them. Thank You for fulfilling God's new covenant that has enabled God to justly and mercifully forgive us for our sins and make us new people—even children of God. Please continue to fill us with Your Holy Spirit so we might fulfill our intention to always do Your will whether others understand us or not. We thank You for Noah, the prophets, Jesus, and His disciples who paved the way for us by doing Your will even though many misunderstood them and sometimes killed them, but even then, You did not forsake them, but You graciously gave them eternal life through their faith in You and Your promises through Jesus, the promised Messiah. Please help us remain faithful to You no matter the consequences in this life, knowing that You have gone before us to prepare a place for us where You will be for eternity. We love You Lord, and we lift our voices of praise to You, even as Noah made the appropriate sacrifices after he left the ark with his family. Lord Jesus, we pray that You will quickly come again, take away the sin of the world, and make all things right. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.