



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 1:24-34

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the great prophets, priests, and kings of the past who stood loyally with You no matter what opposition they faced. We pray that today and everyday we would remain loyal to You and true to the Bible. We thank You for faithful people, who like John the Baptist You prepared to point people to Jesus, who is the Messiah, the Lamb of God, and the Son of God—the One we bow before as our Lord and Savior. We thank You for King Jesus, who did immeasurably much for us when He died a sacrificial death on the cross as the Lamb of God, and who rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven so He could rule and reign in our hearts and free us from slavery to sin and fear of death. We pray that Your Holy Spirit would give us the wisdom and empowerment to live with loyalty to You and Jesus Christ. We ask for the Holy Spirit to help us always be ready to serve as good and faithful witnesses regarding Jesus Christ so many might come to know Him as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We ask the Holy Spirit to use us and the truth of the Bible so many might receive Jesus Christ, believe in His Name, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. We look forward to the day when King Jesus will come again and show the waiting world that He is King of kings and Lord of lords. We look toward the day when with finality He will take away the sin of the world. Father, we pray that even now Jesus Christ will cleanse us from all sin and fill us with His Spirit so others might see Your love, justice, mercy, and willingness to forgive sinners. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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