



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### Praying Through John 2:1-12

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the assurance of Your presence in the happiest times of our lives; such as a wedding with all the love, hopes, and promises involved. Indeed, Your commitment to us and our commitment to You, by Your grace through our faith in Jesus Christ, is much like the commitment of a husband and wife in exchanging their marriage vows before You. We look forward to the day when we will be able to celebrate and enjoy the marriage supper of the Lamb and His Bride (the Church), with You and all those who love You, the Lamb, and the Bride in heaven. Father, we thank You that You provided the solution to all our real problems through Your Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. We thank You that we can call upon You through Him at any hour of the day or night and on any day because He completed His work on the cross and has ascended to Your right hand in heaven. We pray that as we read the Scriptures that Your Spirit would guide us into all the truth and enable us to understand and do whatever Jesus has commanded us in the Bible. We pray that Jesus would so change us, so transform us, so make us into a new creation that the change can be compared to changing water into wine. We thank You that Your change of our lives can be instantaneous, that we can do whatever He has commanded us, that we can place our faith in Jesus and turn from our sinful past, and become children of God—made to bring happiness to Your and others. 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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