



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### Praying Through John 3:1-10

Lord Jesus, thank You for allowing us, drawing us, and inviting us to come to You at any time of the day or night. We thank You that as the Son of God seated at the right hand of God, while at the same time God who is everywhere present by Your Spirit, we can come to You right where we are. We praise You because we do not need to go to some faraway place, or do some special work, or say some religious words to come into Your presence: all we need do is call out to You; we have the assurance that You hear us no matter how we may feel. We also thank You that we can come to You with our questions. We know that You are the Teacher come from God the Father. We know that You taught with authority and worked miracles that proved God was with You. From what we have learned from the Gospel of John, we know that You are the Messiah that God promised to send, You are the Son of God, and You are the Lamb of God. Lord Jesus, based on the true facts about You that we know from the Bible, we seek to truly know more You personally as our Lord and Savior. We seek the filling, the guidance, and the power of Your Holy Spirit, though we do not know all that involves. We seek the help of the Holy Spirit so we can love You more deeply, as You deserve, and so we can serve You more faithfully in Your kingdom. Lord Jesus, please give us the wisdom and words we need should we speak to anyone about You, whether they are seeking to know You as You are or whether they believe in Your Name and are seeking to know and love You better as Your faithful follower. In Your 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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