



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 4:10-19

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise You for the precious gift of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, for He is the One who made the supreme sacrifice by dying on the cross in our behalf. Father, we praise both You and Jesus for He came willingly into our world to live, suffer, and die as a human being that You might, with love for us, be just when mercifully forgiving us for our sins. Indeed, Jesus sacrificially suffered that we might not suffer the everlasting punishment we deserve for our sins; instead, You gave us the gift of eternal life and joy in Your presence. Lord Jesus, we also thank You for the precious gift of the Holy Spirit who indwells everyone all around the world who follows You. We thank You that we have a taste of eternal life now as He works within us to help us obey all Your commands and bless others. Dear Holy Spirit, we gratefully praise You for working in our lives and helping us think and do what we could never think and do without Your special work within us as we strive to bring joy to God by how we live. Please forgive us for the many times that we have grieved You by our actions and words that were so contrary to Your will and a deep insult to You as the One who came to live in us that we might bring forth the Spirit of Jesus in all our relationships. We pray that as the woman at the well learned more and more about Jesus that You would guide and enlighten us as we read the Bible and seek to do the will of God in everything that we too might know Jesus better and better. 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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