



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 4:20-29

Dear Heavenly Father, how precious it is to us to know You, the one true God, as our Father. To know You is to know true fatherhood, for You set the example for all fathers with the extent of Your sacrificial love and grace. Indeed, through faith in Your only Son, Jesus Christ, everyone who believes in Jesus as revealed in the Bible has You as their Father and they become children of God. Father, we do thank You that after coming to faith in Jesus Christ and receiving Him as our Savior that we can worship You anywhere and anytime. Please help us worship You as the type of worshipers You seek, as those who worship You in spirit and in truth. Please fill us with Your Holy Spirit and with the Truth of Jesus and His Word, so we can worship You rightly and with hearts filled with true love for You. Please continue to reveal more truth from the Scriptures to us so we can love You more from the depth of our hearts and worship You with a right understanding of who You are and of what Your will and purposes are for us. Please guide us in all that we do so we can please You and bring You great joy by what we say and do, especially as we strive to speak rightly of You and demonstrate what it means to be a faithful and loving child of God. Father, after the woman at the well learned about Jesus she worshiped Him and You in thought, word, and deed. Please help us follow her example and help us tell others about Jesus in ways that will lead them to trust in Jesus and worship You in Spirit and in Truth. 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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