



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 4:43-54

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for coming to see us when we did not know how to come to You. Thank You for sending Jesus Christ to show us the way. Father, we thank You that He went through Samaria and saved many in the town of Sychar. We thank You that when a royal official came to Jesus that He met the father's need to save His son from death, knowing that You could not save Your Son from death because Jesus came to be the Savior of the world. Father, we pray that Your Holy Spirit would help us understand the words of Jesus, believe the words of Jesus, and apply the words of Jesus to the way we live day-by-day. We pray that we might better understand the entire Bible as the Word of God written as we better understand Jesus as the fulfillment of Your Word. Father, we thank You that Jesus came into the world as the Messiah, fulfilling all Your promises to Your children. Even more, we thank You that Jesus came into the world as the Savior of the world, and that by Your grace through the faith You have given us through Your Word of Truth that we can live without guilt knowing our sins are forgiven by You and that we have received the gift of eternal life. Heavenly Father, please help us love You more dearly day-by-day; and flowing from that love we have for You, please help us obey You in all things and lead others to believe and obey You too. We pray that we would be able to help more people better as we study the Bible and explain Your truths to those around the world who are seeking the Way, the Truth, and the Life. 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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