



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 5:10-18

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You that Jesus came into our world with a willingness to help us overcome prejudice and traditions that would prevent us from doing good and helping others. Indeed, every day of the week, because of Jesus' example, we can look for opportunities to bless others no matter what their problems. As we face ever changing cultural norms that fly in the face of the teachings of Jesus in the Bible, please help us know exactly what we should do and how we should live. When we meet those who need help and those who are confused as they see actions and hear about beliefs contrary to the Bible and the laws of nature as You created all things, please help us teach others the truth of Your Word and show forth a life in the Spirit that pleases You. Lord God, we ask You to open our eyes so we can see the many blessings You bestow on us each day, and through the Holy Spirit please grant us a spirit of thanksgiving for all things every day. Oh Father, by Your grace we have come to faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior; so, Jesus has made us spiritually well in relationship with You and Him as beloved children of God. And yet, we face difficulties and temptations every day that would lead us into disobedience. If we consider falling back into sinful behaviors, please remind us of these words of Jesus, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." We give thanks that You and Jesus are working all the time to guide and help us. 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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