



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 5:19-29

Dear Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ, whom we owe all love and honor, thank You for revealing yourselves as God the Father and God the Son to us in word and deed from the beginning of creation, from the beginning of human history, from the beginning of the Bible, and from the beginning of Jesus' life, work, and teaching. We seek to glorify Your Holy Name as the Holy Spirit guides our thoughts and gives us increasing understanding of the Bible—that we might know You truly, but not exhaustively, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Lord Jesus, thank You for clearly teaching us who You are, so we can have no reasonable doubt. Thank You for doing only what You saw the Father doing, and please help us love and serve others according to Your teaching and Your example for us to follow in the Bible. Indeed, we cannot do all that You did, and that is not our calling. We cannot die a sacrificial death on the cross for the sins of the world, but we can make sacrifices and perhaps sacrifice our own lives—time, talent, and treasure—to help others and lead some to trust in You for salvation. Thank You for judging us truthfully as You know us fully; please fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we might truly repent of our sins and live fully consecrated to You and Your service. Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ, please help us glorify and honor You as we ought and as You deserve. Please help us do good and share the good news of Your many gifts to us through Jesus' death and resurrection that some might hear and believe and receive the resurrection of 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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