



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 5:30-38

Dear Heavenly Father, please help us to become more like You and Your only Son, Jesus. By Your grace, we enjoy faith in You and in Jesus, and You have given us the power to live forever as Your children. Please help us live now more like the loving and obedient children You want us to become. Whenever we must make judgments about right and wrong or about who to trust and who to mistrust, please help us make just and wise judgments. Remind us to refrain from seeking our own will, but to always seek Your will in everything—especially as Your will was shown and taught by Jesus. In the Bible, You have given many good reasons to believe in You as our Creator and Father, and we have sufficient reasons to believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Your Word is holy and true, and we pray that You will help us give good testimonies to others—that they might be saved, enter Your Kingdom, and live joyfully as Your children. Please make us into shining lamps, and ever remind us that we must depend on You for the oil to keep us burning. Please fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might shine until You have accomplished all Your plans through us.

Lord Jesus, thank You for completing all the work that our Father sent You to do. By Your life, death, and resurrection, save us from our sins and the practice of sin. Grant us an eternal life of faithfulness to You. May Your Word dwell in us richly so we can better believe, demonstrate, and teach the Scriptures that many might glorify You. In Your 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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