



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 7:14-24

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for Jesus who faced death to teach us what we need to know until His hour came and He died on the cross for our sins – that we might be justly and mercifully forgiven by You and receive the gift of eternal life. Father, the more we learn about Jesus and about what He taught, the more we find ourselves amazed at His teaching. No one before or since Jesus has courageously taught the truth to friend and foe alike. We thank You for working so closely with Jesus that His teaching was the result of Your teaching. We also thank Jesus for expressing Your teaching in a way that we could begin to understand but not totally comprehend. O Lord Jesus, we want to know Your will so we can do Your will readily and completely without complaining or hesitation. We know, Jesus, that Your teaching is from God and that the Bible truthfully reveals who You are and what You taught. Please help us believe more and more in You and what You taught each day. Please fill us with Your Holy Spirit to guide and empower us to live according to the Truth, for you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lord, we do not want any falsehood or untruths within us; we only want to live, teach, and show forth by our behavior the truth of Your Word. We want to glorify and honor You by always saying and doing what will bring You glory. Please prevent us from falsely judging by appearances and help us judge with right judgment according to the leading of Your Word, the Bible, and Your Spirit. 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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