



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 7:25-36

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming into our world as One sent from God, not as an angel, but the Son of God, the Word of God made flesh Who has always been God and with God the Father. Thank You for the deep love You and the Father show us and have shown us and the world. Thank You for sending the loving Holy Spirit into the hearts of all those who receive You as their Lord and Savior. Thank You for the power of God poured into our lives and transforming us into children of God. Please continue to cleanse us from all sin so we can be of holy, loving use to You and others. Please use us to draw others to You—the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lord Jesus, we feel humbled and choose to humble ourselves when we think that for many months as You walked upon this earth, and not just for a weekend, You experienced hatred and were despised by some of those You came to save. Even today, we are sorrowful when we think of how unbelievers in our world ridicule You and the truths You took great pains to share with us about the true God You revealed in word and action. Please help us become more willing to suffer for You and the truth that people desperately need to hear and believe. Lord Jesus, we know and believe in You as the Messiah, and we trust in You as the Savior of the world—we praise You for the gift of eternal life that You bestow on all who believe in and follow You. We thank You for staying in our world and teaching long enough for us and others to learn in the Bible all that we need to know about saving grace through faith in 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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