



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### Praying Through John 7:37-44

Lord Jesus, thank You for making the truth about You and Your purpose in coming into our world loud and clear. Thank You for expressing Your great love for us by actually crying out in the temple to save as many as possible. Thank You for inspiring the Apostle John to truly record Your words for us in His Gospel and also in the Book of Revelation after You ascended into heaven. Lord Jesus, when we came to You, we were thirsty—spiritually, mentally, and morally thirsty and You satisfied our thirst far beyond what we could have imagined. Please forgive us when we stray from You, and please draw us back to You for the spiritual and moral healing and refreshing we need. Please remind us to read and study the Bible as God’s objective, truthful revelation to us that teaches us the reality of God, ourselves, and our situation before You. Please fill us with Your Holy Spirit to overflowing so we can share Your love and truth with others in a way that will lead them to turn to and trust in You. Please help us overcome daily temptations, remind us of your commandments, and help us stand strong against the fleshly desires that tempt us to do wrong, and please help us overcome the temptations of the world and the devil that would mislead us. As we read and study the Bible, please reveal yourself to our minds and hearts as You truly are. Please help us come to You, receive You, and learn more about You daily and forever as our Lord and Savior. Please protect us from those who would lay hands on us for evil purposes that we might continue to love and serve You and others. 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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