



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Praying Through John 7:45-53**

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise and honor You as the King of kings, the Lord over all, and the Creator and Sustainer of all that exists. Thank You for the protection You gave our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ until His hour came when He was to be arrested, tried, flogged, and crucified. Father, as Jesus entrusted His life to You, so we entrust our lives to You, to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit who indwells us to guide us and intercede for us. Please protect us from the evil one and those who would seek to destroy our faith, our loyalty to You under duress, and our very lives. Please prepare us for the time when our hour comes.

Lord Jesus, as we learn about You and read Your words in the Gospel of John, very truly we see that no one ever spoke as You did. Please help us believe more and more in You, love You more and more, and do Your will as You reveal it to us in the Bible—that we might always be Your good and faithful servants and friends. Please help us not to be deceived by those who do not believe in You or the truth of the Scriptures. Please help us know and do Your will no matter what authorities, powers, or rulers may say or do to turn us from obeying You. We pray that Your light might shine forth from us so others will see Your glory and seek to know, believe in, and follow You. Please direct our paths and give us the wisdom to say the right words and take the right actions at the right time. 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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