



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 8:12-20

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for creating natural light so we could learn how You created the world and see the beautiful and magnificent results of Your creation. We also bow before You and acknowledge that because of our sins, You sent Jesus Christ into the world, the Light of the world, for Him to die on the cross to bring about the gracious and merciful forgiveness of our sins. We do not have all the words we need to express our deep love for You and to properly glorify and honor You as our Father and Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Please fill us with the Holy Spirit so we can live, speak, and act in ways that reveal Jesus is the Light of the world. Please help us read and study the Bible and the life and teachings of Jesus as the Holy Spirit gives us the light of understanding so we can avoid walking in darkness and never be deceived into sin by the world, the flesh, for the devil. We know that Jesus' testimony about himself was true and valid and will remain true and valid as we study and learn what He taught about himself. Please help us give true and valid testimony about Him. Please help us to truly know You, Father, and Jesus Christ, Your only Son, as we study and believe with all our hearts the facts about You and Jesus that You have revealed in the Bible. When we are called upon to make judgments, please help us remain true to the Bible and Your holy standards. Protect us from judging according to our desires of the flesh or mere human standards. Please help us to know You and Jesus personally as Jesus has revealed You perfectly in word and deed. 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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