



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 8:39-47

Lord Jesus, thank You for consistently revealing the truth about Your Father and our Father in heaven. Thank You for consistently and repeatedly teaching, for ears hard of hearing, the truth about yourself as One sent by God the Father to teach the true words of God. Please help us live as true spiritual children of Abraham, who welcomed those sent by the LORD, believed those sent by the LORD, and trusted more in the LORD. Please help us remember as we read and study the Bible that You have told us the truth from God, and please fill us with and guide us through the indwelling Holy Spirit so we can rightly understand and apply Your words day-by-day. As we focus on learning more about You and the truths You taught and demonstrated by your life, please help us live as true children of God our Father, for we are totally dependent on You. Please help us love You more and more and fill us with Your love as we prayerfully study the Bible to better understand the truth of Your words. Help us accept Your words in the Bible, even when they seem beyond our understanding sometimes, with the confidence that through the teaching of the Holy Spirit we will come to understand the true meaning and significance of every word You have spoken in the Bible. Please help us maintain our allegiance to You and avoid believing in or serving any other gods besides You. Please protect and defend us whenever the devil or one of his own would try to deceive us and prevent us from loving and trusting 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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