



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

Praying Through John 8:48-59

Lord Jesus, we know You are the Son of God, and far from having a demon as some accused You, You are the giver of the Holy Spirit. You died to save people from their sins, and You sent the Holy Spirit into all who keep Your word to guide and empower us to live godly for You. Lord Jesus, we thank You for giving us the assurance that You love all people. We know this by how You lived on earth and welcomed and told the good news of Your coming to more than just Jews, leading to the salvation of Gentiles. Later, you commissioned all who believe in You to carry the good news about You to people and nations around the world. Lord Jesus, in word and deed, please help us honor the Father and glorify You as the Savior of the world and our Lord. We do seek to glorify You even as the Father and the Holy Spirit glorify You. Please fill us with Your love so we can love You and others more each day as You commanded us to love. Please help us love and obey Your word as signs that we are Your faithful children who want to love, honor, and follow You as true children of God. Lord, we thank You for saving us from death; indeed, You have promised that because we follow You we will not even taste spiritual death when our bodies die, if we die before You return. Please remind us to remain humble and to seek to glorify You rather than glorifying ourselves. You are our God and we rejoice that we know You through reading the Bible and through prayer with the help of the Holy Spirit. We look forward to seeing You face-to-face someday, for You are the great “I am.” 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.

© 2020 by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr. All Rights Reserved

Permission Granted for Not for Profit Use.

Contact: P.O. Box 1052, Edmond, Oklahoma, 73083 and lgp@theiblf.com.