



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 10:1-10

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for providing the way of salvation for us, even Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for the difference He makes in our lives today and will make in the future. Thank You for the abundant life we will enjoy with You, Jesus, and those who love You throughout eternity. Thank You for warning us about spiritual thieves and bandits who would seek to rob us of our trust in You, in Jesus Christ, and in Your Word as true in all that the Bible affirms. Please fill us with Your Holy Spirit and give us wisdom so we can discern truth from error and flee from those who would seek to kill and destroy our relationship with You and all that is good, true, and beautiful. Please help us hear the voice of Jesus in the Bible as the Bible is rightly proclaimed and taught to us. Please help us hear the voice of Jesus in the words of those You have appointed to lead us in the way of righteousness and truth. Please help us know immediately when we hear the voice of a stranger, and please help us flee to Jesus before we are in any way misled by the evil one. Thank You for calling us into Your sheepfold, into Your family, and thank You for the safety You provide us and for the pastures and still waters that restore our souls. Please help us share the truth of Jesus Christ with others that those who enter the sheepfold through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior will be saved. Please guide and direct our thoughts so our words might become the voice of Jesus to those who need to learn the truth about His saving grace and righteousness and believe in Him. 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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