



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 12:27-36

Lord Jesus, thank You for showing us how truly human You became when You entered the world as the Word made flesh. We know that You totally understand our nature and daily life in this world as we face and fight temptations from this world, the flesh, and the devil. Thank You for showing us that a person totally committed to obeying God can still feel troubled about the future. Help us remember that we can depend on God to be with us wherever we go and whenever we suffer. Please help us seek the glory of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Because we love You and others, we want to glorify You and want to see You honored and exalted as You deserve. Lord, we do not need to hear You speak to us from heaven because You have spoken to us truly in Your written Word, the Bible. Thank You for defeating the devil and for the assurance You have given us that the devil will be driven out of the world and we can enjoy eternal life with You forever. We pray that You would help us exalt You in ways that will draw others to faith in You, even as we have been drawn to faith in You. Lord Jesus, You took on many titles from the Scriptures that tell us about You. You also fulfilled many prophecies in the Bible about You. We look forward to Your return as Messiah and King of Kings and to the day when the devil will be finally and forever separated from us. In love for You and others, help us walk in Light and Truth. Help us never be misled into the darkness because You have made us children of light. If we are ever misled into darkness, shine Your light and lead us out. 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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