



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 12:44-50

Lord Jesus, we praise and glorify You because You made every effort You wisely could in order to teach the truth of God to as many as possible before You went to die on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins. Help us see the importance of reading and receiving Your word of truth as true truth. We thank You for preparing Your disciples in the best way possible to share Your word of truth with the world. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to them so they could write Your inspired Word, the Bible without error, and so we could believe in You and have the help of the Holy Spirit to rightly understand and apply the Bible to the way we live, love, and serve You and others. Please help us and others see You as You want us to see You, with spiritual eyes of faith—ever trusting in You. Please help us learn more about what it means to see You and see the Father as we pray and read the Bible with the Holy Spirit's help. Thank You for coming as light into our world to shine in the darkness. With the help of the Holy Spirit, please help us shine the light of Your truth, the truth of the Scriptures, into our world that those who have been living in darkness might turn to You, the true light of the world, and be saved from darkness and death. Since Your word will serve as judge on the last day, please help us live and speak according to Your word that many might believe Your word and be saved from the lies of the devil. Teach us what we should speak and to whom we should speak so we might wisely help others come to a knowledge of the truth and receive the gift of eternal life from You. We pray in Your Holy Name. 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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