



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 18:33-40

Lord Jesus, You indeed created all things as the Word of God, and You indeed came into our world as the Word made flesh. We owe all that we are, have, and will be to You. We acknowledge You as King of the Jews and King of the Universe, as Lord of lords and Lord over all that exists, as our Savior and the Savior of the world. With longing hearts, we look toward the day when You will return to our world as You promised, and we pray that Your Spirit would keep us faithful to You day-by-day and moment-by-moment as we continue living in this world with the trials and temptations before us. Please grant us wisdom as we read and study Your Word written, the Bible. Please lead us daily to live according to Your Word of Truth and Way of Life that we might not sin against You, others, and ourselves, but live as faithful representatives of the people You plan for all Your children to become. Show us how we can best live so others will see that Your kingdom is not from the world but living in Your kingdom is the only hope for anyone living in this world. Please help us engage in the spiritual warfare that You require of us as we engage with the world, our own fleshly desires, and the devil. Please cleanse us from all unrighteousness and forgive us for all our sins. Help us testify to the Truth, the Truth of God, the Truth of what it means to be a human, and the Truth of how to totally trust in You for all things in all situations. Help us listen to Your voice knowing that You speak the Truth, and please help us belong to the Truth as You are the Truth and we witness to the Truth in this world. 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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