



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through James 1:1-8

Lord Jesus, You truly reign as Lord of the universe. Thank You for saving us from our sins and granting us the gift of eternal life. You deserve our eternal service in Your Name. Thank you for inspiring Your brother, James, to write a letter that speaks to us and gives us courage and hope for these days. Thank You for adopting us into Your family, because we love You and our brothers and sisters who serve You too. Please remind us to rejoice when we face trials, tests, troubles, and tribulations, because we can trust You and the many promises to us in the Bible. Please help us remember what our trials and tests can produce in our lives as Christians when we keep on enduring them and praying for the wisdom to meet each day's challenges. Thank You for using the trials we face for our good and the good of others as we mature in our faith and learn how to obey You more completely. Please use our trials to increase our trust in You and demonstrate to others the many blessings that come from faith in You and Your saving presence in our lives—now and forever. Please help us show forth Your love, forgiveness, and faithfulness even in our sufferings, so others may be drawn to faith in You and not doubt You or the Bible, but completely trust You and the Scriptures. Please show us in Your Word and by Your Spirit the answers to any and all doubts that the devil and this world might sow into our minds and the minds of others. Please save us from being misled by the doubts of others and instead strengthen our faith through answers found in the Scriptures. 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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