



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Praying Through 2 Chronicles 30:1-9, 26-27**

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for all the godly leaders in the Old and New Testaments who set examples for us in word and deed. We thank You for godly kings such as King David and King Hezekiah. Though they were not perfect and made mistakes and sinned as do all human beings, they did not practice sinning, and committing a sin was the exception to their way of life...may this be so for us as well. We pray for You to raise up godly leaders such as these leaders in every area of human life: in business, in church, in education, in government, in medicine, in politics, and other areas too numerous to mention. Indeed, it seems to the casual observer that godly leaders in any of these endeavors are few and far between today. We pray that You would raise up more leaders like King David and our Lord Jesus Christ, for they were godly leaders who sought to know Your will, do Your will, and teach others Your will. We thank You for Jesus Christ, Your only begotten Son, Who gave us a perfect example on how to live as humans, and Who taught perfectly all the things we need to know to live pleasing to You in this life and throughout eternity. He taught us and showed us how to love You with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, as well as how to love our neighbors as ourselves. We pray that even now You would change us and influential leaders in every area of life as You changed the Apostle Paul from one who hated and persecuted Christians to one who loved You, loved and taught Your people about serving You, and who willingly sacrificed and suffered to do Your will without regard to the circumstances. Paul lived, taught, and gave his life for others even as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the other Apostles gave us examples. They have given us examples in how to live, love, and serve You in our time and place. But unlike Paul and all others, Jesus died to take away our sins, save us from the eternal consequences we deserved because of our sins, and rose from the dead to fill us with the Holy Spirit, Who helps us learn and live as faithful followers of You. Help us be Christian leaders in our homes, our churches, and wherever we might be able to influence others to seek Your face, turn in faith and obedience toward our Lord Jesus Christ, and live as You have taught us in the Bible. Help us show and tell what it means to love You and Jesus so much that we obey all His commandments. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.