



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Praying Through Hebrews 13:9-21**

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise and glorify Your Name for You are worthy to be praised by Your creation, and You are King of the universe. You rule with love, justice, and mercy to bless all You have created. We owe all that we are and will be to You and Your love and grace in our lives. You created us and continuously give us life and light each moment of our existence. You are worthy of our allegiance, and we gladly obey You. We know from the Bible and experience that people can be tempted to believe diverse and strange teachings that dishonor You and the deny truths You have revealed to us in creation, the Scriptures, our conscience, and supremely in the way Your Son lived and taught. By Your grace, please strengthen our hearts and grant us wisdom so we can obey You and show forth Your love and truth by the way we live and talk each day. Thank You for sending Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die in our place to set us apart from the world for holy service to You. Please protect us so we will not be led away from following Jesus and obeying all His commandments. Please give us the courage, faith, wisdom, and strength to live according to Your will and purposes in the Name of Jesus. We thank You Father that no city on earth will be our lasting city; rather, you have prepared a place for us that will be in a lasting city in Your holy presence forever. Please prepare us daily to live in Your holy presence throughout eternity, even as we live now in Your unseen presence. Lord Jesus, we do not know all that You have prepared for those who love You and who seek to do Your will, for those You have called to serve You and others. Please help us praise and thank You continually for the opportunity to help others seek and find You. May we speak about You at the right time and places so we do not throw our pearls of wisdom before those who would dishonor You in response. Help us to always be good and faithful servants and friends of You. Help us share what we have with others that some might recognize that we are children of God and be drawn to faith in You. Help us know the leaders and teachers that we should follow, and the teachings that You want us to believe so we are not misled. Help us learn from Your Word of Truth, the Bible, all that will help us recognize truth from error and by Your Spirit lead us to reject error and warn others where possible. Please teach us how to faithfully follow the Great Shepherd of the sheep and do His will, even our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. Amen.