



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 2:13-25

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the love, justice, and mercy that You have shown us and the whole world through Jesus Christ. We thank You that He showed His love and mercy toward all those who truly sought to faithfully worship You in the Temple in Jerusalem, for He drove out those who made true worship almost impossible with their thievery and the marketplace chaos in Your House. We thank You that He showed His love and justice toward those who were defrauding Your children in the Temple. Perhaps some of those who saw His zeal for You and Your House repented of their sins and turned to trust in Him for salvation from sin and to receive His gift of eternal life. We thank You for the discipline that You give to us that indeed leads us back to faithfulness and obedience to You. We also thank You that Jesus Christ came into our world in a human body so as God the Son He could indwell a body of human flesh; so, wherever Jesus went people could be in the presence of God and call upon You and Him. We thank You as well for making our bodies into temples where the Spirit of Jesus Christ can dwell. Father, by Your grace, as children of God, we can always be in Your presence wherever we are, and You are closer than a thought away. Please guide and direct our thoughts as we study the Bible so we will know how to better love You and Jesus, and better express our love for You in acts of obedience. Please help us be the kind of believers that Jesus can trust and can entrust himself to. In Jesus' 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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