

John Flavel

Quotes

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No doctrine is more excellent, or necessary to be preached and studied, than Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

~John Flavel

Did Christ finish His work for us? Then there can be no doubt but He will also finish His work in us.

~John Flavel

The carnal person fears man, not God. The strong Christian fears God, not man. The weak Christian fears man too much, and God too little.

~John Flavel

The law sends us to Christ to be justified, and Christ sends us to the law to be regulated.

~John Flavel

What a mercy was it to us to have parents that prayed for us before they had us, as well as in our infancy when we could not pray for ourselves!

~John Flavel

As God did not at first choose you because you were high, He will not now forsake you because you are low.

~John Flavel

Suppose that by revenge you might destroy one enemy; yet, by exercising the Christian's temper you might conquer three—your own lust, Satan's temptation, and your enemy's heart.

~John Flavel

The Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying.

~John Flavel

To see a man humble under prosperity is one of the greatest rarities in the world.

~John Flavel

Whatever be the ground of one's distress, it should drive him to, not from God.

~John Flavel

He is bread to the hungry, water to the thirsty, a garment to the naked, healing to the wounded; and whatever a soul can desire is found in Him.

~John Flavel

They that know God will be humble. They that know themselves cannot be proud.

~John Flavel

He feels all our sorrows, needs, and burdens as his own. That is why it is said that the sufferings of believers are called the sufferings of Christ.

~John Flavel

Jesus, our head, is already in heaven; and if the head be above water, the body cannot drown.

~John Flavel

Christ is so in love with holiness, that at the price of His blood He will buy it for us.

~John Flavel

The Providence of God is like Hebrew words-it can be read only backwards.

~John Flavel

One word of God can do more than ten thousand words of men to relieve a distressed soul.

~John Flavel

Regeneration expresses those supernatural, divine, new qualities imparted by the Spirit to the soul, which are the principle of all holy action.

~John Flavel

Let all Arminians know: we have as high an esteem for faith as any men in the world, but yet we will not rob Christ to clothe faith.

~John Flavel

Grace makes the promise and providence the payment.

~John Flavel

Brethren, it is easier to declaim against a thousand sins of others, than to mortify one sin in ourselves.

~John Flavel

Affliction is a pill, which, being wrapt up in patience and quiet submission, may be easily swallowed; but discontent chews the pill, and so embitters the soul.

~John Flavel

That which begins not with prayer, seldom winds up with comfort.

~John Flavel

Providence so orders the case, that faith and prayer come between our wants and supplies, and the goodness of God may be the more magnified in our eyes thereby.

~John Flavel

Jesus Christ is in every way sufficient to the vast desires of the soul.

~John Flavel

Observed duties maintain our credit; but secret duties maintain our life.

~John Flavel

Christ bounds and terminates the vast desires of the soul; He is the very Sabbath of the soul.

~John Flavel

The heart of a Christian, like the moon, commonly suffers an eclipse when it is at the full, and that by the interposition of the earth.

~John Flavel

To keep the heart then, is carefully to preserve it from sin which disorders it; and maintain that spiritual and gracious frame, which fits it for a life of communion with God.

~John Flavel

Guilt is to danger, what fire is to gunpowder; a man need not fear to walk among many barrels of powder, if he have no fire about him.

~John Flavel

Providence is like a curious piece of tapestry made of a thousand shreds, which, single, appear useless, but put together, they represent a beautiful history to the eye.

~John Flavel

The more afflictions you have been under, the more assistance you have had for this life of holiness.

~John Flavel

God's unspotted faithfulness never failed any soul that durst trust himself in its arms.

~John Flavel

Oh sirs, deal with sin as sin, and speak of heaven and hell as they are, and not as if you were in jest.

~John Flavel

It is the duty of the saints, especially in times of straights, to reflect upon the performances of Providence for them in all the states and through all the stages of their lives.

~John Flavel

When God gives you comforts, it is your great evil not to observe His hand in them.

~John Flavel

The opening of your hearts to receive the Lord Jesus Christ is not a work done by any power of your own, but the arm of the Lord is revealed therein.

~John Flavel

What, at peace with the Father and at war with the children? It cannot be.

~John Flavel

Some providences, like Hebrew letters, must be read backwards.

~John Flavel

Christian, thou knowest thou carriest Gunpowder about thee, desire those that carry Fire to keep at a Distance from thee; 'tis a dangerous Crisis when a proud Heart meets with flattering Lips.

~John Flavel

The Spirit must therefore first take hold of us before we can live in Christ, and when he doth so, then we are enabled to exert that vital act of faith, whereby we receive Christ.

~John Flavel

O my soul, I am now addressing myself to the greatest work that ever a creature was employed about - I am going into the solemn presence of God about business of everlasting importance!

~John Flavel

Where there is no want, there is usually much wantonness.

~John Flavel

Christ comes with kingly power, to rescue sinners, as a prey from the mouth of the terrible one.

~John Flavel

It is better to be as low as hell with a promise, than in Paradise without one.

~John Flavel

My soul is of more value than ten thousand worlds.

~John Flavel

No repentance, obedience, self-denial, prayers, tears, reformation or ordinances, without the new creation, avail any thing to the salvation of thy soul.

~John Flavel

That soul is dead to which the Spirit of Christ is not given in the work of regeneration; and all its works are dead works.

~John Flavel

The Lord's supper is memorative, and so it has the nature and use of a pledge or token of love, left by a dying to a dear surviving friend.

~John Flavel

Afflictions have the same use and end to our souls, that frosty weather hath upon those clothes that are laid and bleaching, they alter the hue

and make them white.

~John Flavel

Providence is wiser than you, and you may be confident it has suited all things better to your eternal good than you could do had you been left to your own option.

~John Flavel

Scripture knows no other way to glory, but Christ put on and applied by faith.

~John Flavel

A saving, though an immethodical knowledge of Christ, will bring us to heaven, John 17: 2, but a regular and methodical, as well as a saving knowledge of him, will bring heaven into us, Col. 2: 2, 3.

~John Flavel

For the infinite glorious Creator of all things, to become a creature, is a mystery exceeding all human understanding.

~John Flavel

Christ's resurrection is the ground-work of our hope. And the new birth is our title or evidence of our interest in it.

~John Flavel

We are not distinguished from brutes by our senses, but by our understanding.

~John Flavel

If time be a ring of gold, opportunity is the rich diamond that gives it both its value and glory.

~John Flavel

The soul of the poorest child is of equal dignity with the soul of Adam.

~John Flavel

When our needs are permitted to grow to an extremity, and all visible hopes fail, then to have relief given wonderfully enhances the price of such a mercy

~John Flavel

A hot iron, though blunt, will pierce sooner than a cold one, though sharper.

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