



Cornerstone Church OF KNOXVILLE

#1:

“How great a pleasure it is to discern how the most wise God is providentially steering all to the port of his own praise and his people’s happiness...O reader! If your heart is spiritual, and well stocked with experience, if you have recorded the ways of Providence towards you, and will but allow yourself time to reflect on them; what a life of pleasure may you live!”

John Flavel

The Mystery of Providence

#2: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

#3: 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

#4:

“Faith is a firm and certain knowledge of God’s goodwill to us which, being founded on the free promise given in Jesus Christ, is revealed to our minds and sealed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.”

John Calvin

Institutes of the Christian Religion

#5: Genesis 50:20

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

#6: John 20:29

Jesus said to him “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

#7:

“To comprehend the nature and power of faith, we should turn to God’s Word with which it has so close a link and affinity that nothing else can gauge its measure. For the Word is faith’s objective and its goal, to which it must forever look; if it turns away from it, it is no longer faith...The Word is the foundation on which faith rests and is supported; once it is removed, faith immediately topples. If the Word is withdrawn, faith ceases to exist.”

John Calvin

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#8:

“Now the faith of Peter’s readers was being rewarded with scoffing, rejection, and persecution; but when the Lord Jesus returns, the scene will be reversed.”

Edmond Hiebert

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