

I have always found in my scientific studies, that when I could get the Bible to say anything upon the subject, it afforded me a firm platform to stand upon, and another round in the ladder by which I could safely ascend.—*Lieut. Maury.*

I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once a year. My custom is to read four or five chapters every morning immediately after rising from my bed. It employs about an hour of my time, and seems to me the most suitable manner of beginning the day. In what light soever we regard the Bible, whether with reference to revelation, to history or to morality, it is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge.—*John Quincy Adams.*

I can easily conceive why the Bible was one of the four volumes which always lay on Byron's table; and it would be easy to fill a lecture with testimonies, written or unwritten, which painters, sculptors orators and poets, have rendered to the most thought suggesting book in the world.—*Hamilton.*

From the time that, at my mother's feet, or on my father's knee, I first learned to lip verses from the Sacred Writings, they have been my daily study and vigilant contemplation. If there be anything in my style or thoughts to be commended, the credit is due to my kind parents in instilling into my mind an early love of the Scriptures.—*Daniel Webster.*

I am of opinion that the Bible contains more true sensibility, more exquisite beauty, more pure morality, more important history, and finer strains of poetry and eloquence, than can be collected from all other books, in whatever age or language they may be written.—*Sir William Jones.*

I will hazard the assertion that no man ever did, or ever will become truly eloquent, without being a constant reader of the Bible, and an admirer of the purity and sublimity of its language.—*Fisher Ames.*

I rest in the Bible as the only Book in which is found true eloquence and wisdom.—*Picus Mirandula.*

There is no book like the Bible for excellent learning, wisdom and use.—*Sir Matthew Hall.*

No writers, from the invention of letters

to the present time, are equal to the penman of the books of the Old and New Testament, in true excellence, utility, and dignity.—*Dr. Hartley.*

Every word and syllable of the Bible ought to be adored; it not only cannot be enough admired, but it cannot be too much admired.—*Boileau.*

### “NOTHING.”

It is very hard for even many truly saved ones to cease trying to be *something* in the flesh, and be willing to be reckoned *nothing* in the world. “Though I be **NOTHING**,” was the language of one who had been in “*the third heaven*,” and who could say, “*I knew a man in Christ.*”

To be “**NOTHING**” here, and glory in it, we must know our position as “*quickened together with Christ*,” and seated with Him in heavenly places. If we know that “our citizenship is in heaven,” we can afford to be *nothing* here. But there can be no peace for our restless hearts unless we are “*in Christ Jesus*,” and consciously lifted out of self, sin, and circumstances, and are living above the good or bad opinion of “*this present evil world.*”

Oh, how sad that any follower of the rejected Jesus should court the smile of His murderers, and regard it as a great point gained to stand well with the world that despised and crucified their Lord!

When heartily willing to be *nothing* in the flesh and to be *nowhere* in the world, the peace of God shall rule in our hearts, and we shall then live above the power of circumstances, as pilgrims and strangers seeking a city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Jesus, our beloved Redeemer, “made Himself of *no reputation*,” and He said, “The servant is *not greater* than his lord.” If “He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross,” surely we ought to do the same. We are followers of one whom the world put to death on a cross, as an expression of its hatred and rejection of Him; and are we not by faith identified with Him? What says the apostle? “*I am crucified with Christ. . . . God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ whereby the world is crucified unto me,*