



**Revivals And Church History :: God's presence so thick it swept the ships**

**God's presence so thick it swept the ships - posted by ZoeZeal, on: 2005/12/28 1:11**

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It was recorded in a very old book and was read to me some time ago. I am searching to find out which one. If I find it I will post the answer here, but thought I'd ask if anyone else had heard this amazing revival story.

**Re: God's presence so thick it swept the ships - posted by Willo (), on: 2005/12/28 8:48**

I am not sure who said it, but I heard that when Finney preached it had that affect on the sailors on the ships

**Re: God's presence so thick it swept the ships - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/12/28 9:47**

I believe you'll find thoughts accountants by John Flavel in some of his writtings. Ive read some of hi stuff on-line but have read accounts as you described in his writtings---the set of books I have from him is 6 or 7 book all pretty wordy. But check on-line first .

**Re: John Flavel - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/12/28 11:24**

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A ramblers rambler ;-)

Right up my alley.

Haven't come across this in reading him, but it is very intriguing, will do some digging as well. Would love to find this, more so, would love for it to happen again.

**Re: God's presence so thick it swept the ships - posted by crsschk (), on: 2005/12/28 16:32**

Well I must admit, it sure is a lot of fun searching. Have yet to come across it but here is a couple of interesting links:

(<http://biblestudy.churches.net/CCEL/F/FLAVEL/GRACE/GRACE.TXT>) <http://biblestudy.churches.net/CCEL/F/FLAVEL/GRACE/GRACE.TXT>

(<http://www.scripturestudies.com/Vol6/F7/cla.html>) Navigation Spiritualized

**Conviction as ships drew near American Ports at the time of Finney - posted by Laineve (), on: 2005/12/28 18:59**

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A book entitled "When the Fire Fell" by George T.B. Davis catalogues the accounts of the Spirit of God moving upon the a "multitude of seamen" as they drew near the American ports around the time that God was using Finney.

You could try another book by the Rev. John Shearer his book "Old Time Revivals" was used in "When the Fire Fell" and

d may give a more comprehensive account of seaman being saved!