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Broken Bread

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When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants.--Luke 17:10

Our Lord teaches here that there is no merit in our obedience. Whatever our works may be, however unceasing and self-denying, they never make God our debtor. It is our duty and our privilege to serve Him. He has a full claim on all we are, as well as on what we have. The powers and faculties of mind and body, the influence and opportunities we enjoy, and the time we have at our disposal are all gifts that come directly from Him. With these we have to trade. "Occupy till I come." If at the last we can come to Him, bringing ten or five pounds as the result of our trading, we shall have to say, "Thy pound hath gained" this profit. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name be the glory. The word "unprofitable," though it denotes in English the opposite of profit, is here used in the negative sense, and is equivalent to, "We have not profited or benefited God at all by our services." We cannot, even by our most devoted service, lay God under any obligation to us. Those who serve God best receive far more than they can give.