

honour both to *us*, and to our Master, and we must seek to reach it as nearly as we can.

*The Church expects it.* She has given you many advantages. She gives you her property to use. Her chapels, her mission rooms, and her schools. She gives you your support. It is her bread you eat, her clothes you wear, her houses you inhabit. *She* is faithful to her engagements to you, and she has a right to expect *you* to be faithful to your engagements to her.

*Your fellow ministers expect it.* They have laboured, and you enter into their labours. With much toil, and care, and sacrifice, they have gathered churches together, and they expect you to guard, and teach, and feed, them. Others of them are your contemporaries, and they labour on in the various fields to which they are appointed, in the sure confidence that you will do your part in that department intrusted to your care.

*Above all, God requires it.* We are but your fellow-servants, *He* is the great proprietor; as Paul says in the next verse, "He that judgeth me is the Lord." Remember your obligation to Him. He awoke you from the sleep of sin. He pardoned your iniquities. He renewed your nature. He qualified you for the ministry, and called you into it. He opened your way, and has led you to this day. And why has all this been done? not just that you may wear a black coat, and be called Reverend, but that you may labour in His vineyard, and do the work which He appoints. If you neglect this, He will say as He did to the unjust steward, "How is it that I hear this of *thee*? Of *thee* for whom I have done so much; of *thee* to whom I had committed such precious treasures; of *thee* whom I had honoured so highly? Dishonour and anguish shall be thy portion for ever."

And now we separate. You know your office, you know