

be partial or erroneous in their estimate of him, but the Lord cannot misinterpret a man. Then too, God's commendation is of Him who has the sole right to our service and homage, and who alone can reward it. The reasons of this "Well done" may be manifold, according to the all-embracing views of that God who sees the wide-spread and beneficial effect of faithful service. He may say, "Well done," because of a *moral wealth* that goes out from the services of a faithful servant. You remember such service enters into the *moral life of the race*, beneficially affecting the fortunes of the world to the end of time, so that when the memory of the servant shall be forgotten, his work shall linger as the salt of the earth. The reformer may die, but not the reformation; the martyr may perish, but not his testimony to the faith; the preacher may reach his grave, but those he has taught to love God will fear Him still—all this God observes. Or He may say, "Well done," because in that servant *the whole redeeming plan is fulfilled*. Or He may say, "Well done," because of the *perfect mastery over Satan and his work of ruin thus gained* by him that overcometh. That "Well done," from whatever cause expressed, is the climax of the rewards of eternity.



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