

nothing but what they have received. Instead, therefore, of looking upon their labours and sacrifices in the work of the Lord with proud self-complacency, they are rather humbled by the thought of their own unprofitableness¹. Though they do not deny, or disclaim, the good, of which they have been the instruments, or the graces and virtues which they have been permitted to show forth, they at the same time feel, most unaffectedly, their own sinfulness and weakness, and turn with humble thankfulness to the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, as that by which alone their sins have been pardoned, and they themselves "out of weakness made strong²." Here, alone, do their souls find repose.

And such a character as this cannot be formed without the exercise of a strong faith and much patience. There is a great deal in man himself, and still more in the world around, to hinder the growth of any one of these features, and much more of them all in combination, and in due proportion. Wherever their lot has been cast, in whatever circumstances they have been trained; whether at one time it may have been, in deep retirement, like Moses in Midian; or at another, in the throng of secular business, like Daniel in

¹ Luke xvii. 10.

² Heb. xi. 34.