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*Lesson from the first to the sixth verse of the sixth chapter of St. Matthew.*

*Mrs. Arnold.*— Connected with the duty of inquiring into and relieving the wants of our fellow-creatures, you find in your lesson to-day a very useful admonition against seeking the praises of men as your reward for the performance of this duty. There is indeed no one of our duties so liable to be made an excuse for vain-glory and self-love, for it is one which so generally engages the esteem and admiration of others, that people who are covetous of praise, are induced very often to make great personal sacrifices, for the sake of gaining a character for benevolence and charity, and are at the same time so unconscious of their own corrupt motives, that they look upon their performance with as much approbation as they expect to obtain from others. Like all our other works, those are too often snares of Satan to lead us further and further from the paths of sincerity and humility, and to strengthen in our hearts the sins of presumption and self-righteousness; but believe this, my dear children, that you are never in greater danger of incurring the anger of God than when you think