28—39. ST. LUKE. 831   
   
 hoping for nothing again ; and your reward shall be great,   
 and ye shall be \* the children of the Highest: for he is   
 kind unto the unthankful and’ to the evil. % Be ye   
 [\* therefore] merciful, as your Father also is merciful.   
 874 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: % condemn   
 not, and ye shall not be condemned : forgive, and ye shall   
 be forgiven : 58 ° give, and it shall be given unto you; good o Prov.   
 measure, pressed down, [Vand] shaken together, [Vand]   
 running over, shall ¥ men give into your ‘bosom. For 4Ps.tnis.12.   
 \*with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be \*™s!,™,   
 measured to you again. 8? And he \* spake a parable unto   
   
   
   
 § render, BONS. t omitted by many ancient authorities.   
 4 vender, And judge not. UU render, and condemn not. V omit.   
 ‘W not expressed in the original. Better, shall they give, leaving the persons   
 uncertain: see note. % render, spake also.   
   
 to “reward,” Matthew (see note on Matt. $8.] The similitnde is from a very   
 v. 12). 85. hoping for nothing ] fall measure of some dry thing, such as   
 The original is a one. ree corn. That no liguid is by run-   
 renderings of it been given—(1) the ning over, ss Bengel supposes, evident—   
 ordinary one, as in text, not for the three present participles apply   
 any payment them: eo Euthymius to the same measure, and form a   
 and others. is meaning of the word is climax. they give] The subject   
 unexampled, though agreeing with the of this verb answers to the unexpressed   
 context. (2) ‘causing no one to despair,’ agents of it shall be measured again;   
 i.e. refusing one; so the ancient Syriac such agents being indefinite, and the   
 version renders it. (8) ‘not despairing,’ meaning thereby rendered solemn and em-   
 i.e. ‘without anziety about the result. phatic; see on ch. xii. If we are   
 This last sense of the word is best sup- to find a nom., it should be the Angels,   
 ported by examples. But as it is a who are in this matter the ministers of   
 only once occurring the New Testament, the divine purposes. This saying   
 perl the force of the context should is found with a totally different   
 Trevail, and ordinary interpretation Mark iv. 24; one of the many instances   
 adopted, as there is nothing in anal how the Lord turned about, so to speak,   
 to forbid the meaning. sons of the the Light of Trath contained in His de-   
 Highest] Meyer maintains that this must clarations, so as to shine upon different   
 mean ‘sons of God’ in the sense of par- departments of life thought. 39.)   
 takers of the of the Messiah’s From this verse the end is in closest   
 dom, but without reference to state of connexion, and it it impossible that it   
 believers in life, last he says is should consist of sayings together   
 according to the of St. Paul, not of and uttered at different e   
 the three first Evangelists. But surely connexion with what went before is not so   
 this is answered by your Father evident, indeed the spake a parable unto   
 in the next verse, the actual them seems to shew a break. The para-   
 sonship to our Father is a reason bolic saying, implying the of an   
 why we should imitate Him. 36.) uncharitable and unjustly condemning   
 |—equivalent to “perfect,” Matt. leader (the Lord was speaking primarily   
 v. 48, which last the larger description, to His to his office,   
 comprehending in it charity and mercy ; to the assertion 40] that no Christian   
 see note there. 37.) Matt. vii. 1, ought to assume in this respect office of   
 The saying is enriched and expanded judging which his Master never assumed ;   
 here; perhaps it was so uttered by our at rather will well-instructed   
 Lord on some other occasion for the con- tian strive to humble as his Master   
 nexion is very strict in Matthew, and Then follows the reproof of vv. 41—438;   
 would hardly bear this expansion of and vv. 44, 45 and 46—49 shew us, ex-   
 is not in that the leading idea. =~ panded in different what the beam