
*“They were the potters who lived at Netaim and Gederah;
they stayed there and worked for the king.”*

— 1 Chronicles 4:23



OTTERS were not the very highest category of workers, but “the king” needed potters and, therefore, they were engaged in royal service, although the material of their profession was nothing but clay. We, too, may be engaged in the most menial part of the Lord’s work, but it is a great privilege to do anything for “the king.” Therefore, we will stay with our calling, hoping that, “even while you sleep among the campfires, the wings of *my* dove are sheathed with silver, its feathers with shining gold.” There also lived at Netaim and Gederah those having rough, rustic hedging and ditching work to do. They may have desired to live in the city, amid its life, society, and refinement, but they kept their appointed places, for they also were doing the king’s work. The place of our habitation is fixed, and we are not to leave it on a whim or just to suit our fancy, but seek to serve the Lord in it, by being a blessing to those among whom we reside. These potters and gardeners had *royal company*, for they lived with the king and, although among hedges and plants, they lived with the king *there*. No lawful place or gracious occupation, however menial, can debar us from communion with our divine Lord. In visiting hovels, swarming tenements, workhouses, or jails, we may go *with the king*. In all works of faith we may count upon Jesus’ fellowship. It is when we are in His work that we may count on His smile. You unknown workers who are occupied for your Lord amid the dirt and wretchedness of the lowest of the low, be of good cheer, for jewels have been found upon dunghills before now, earthen pots have been filled with heavenly treasure, and unhealthy weeds have been transformed into precious flowers. Live with the King for His work, and when He writes His chronicles, your name shall be recorded.