

# STUDIES FROM THE DESIRE OF AGES

## Chapter LXVI (66) “Controversy”

- A. Jesus was “charged with exalting the last six commandments above the first four.” On what basis was He accused of doing this?
- B. “While peaceably subject to the laws of the land, they should at all times give their first allegiance to God.” To what degree is the church keeping its balance between these two principles?
- C. “When God has His rightful place on the throne of the heart, the right place will be given to our neighbor.” How does your relationship with your “neighbors” demonstrate the quality of your relationship with God?
- D. Read [Mark 12:28-34](#). What is the central matter of true religion according to this passage? In what way did the lawyer understand this principle? What did he not yet understand?

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1. What did the Pharisees hope to accomplish by sending young men to meet Jesus?
2. They began with, “We know that Thou sayest and teachest rightly,” why?
3. Jesus’ answer gives us a great principle of living within a nation. What is that principle and how is it practical?
4. What were some of the basic beliefs of the Pharisees?
5. How did the Sadducees accept the Scriptures?
6. The Sadducees were fewer in number, yet were often appointed as Priests? Did they openly proclaim their beliefs in that position?
7. What was the Sadducees belief concerning the nature of man? How does the hope of the resurrection destroy this belief?
8. How did the Pharisees divide the Law and how did they practice Law keeping? What do you think they hoped to accomplish with the question of which is the most important of the Ten?
9. Explain the importance of Jesus’ answer?
10. Jesus said the man was near the kingdom. Why did He say this or how was this man different from the others?
11. Jesus basically asked two questions. How did their answer to the first keep them from answering the second? Why did they stop asking questions from that time on?
12. Personal views: List a favorite section or some new thought from this reading.