Jesus—#42 "Tradition" (12-1-10)

Texts: Matthew 15:1-20

Desire of Ages, p. 395-398

In this study, what new, or renewed insight have you found about Jesus?

1. Why did the rabbis of Jerusalem send another deputation to Jesus? (395.1)

2. What had the Jewish leaders developed to “guard” the Law of God? (395.2)

3. Why do you think tradition was regarded as more sacred than the Law of God? (395.2)

4. What observance among the Jewish people was most strenuously enforced? (395.3)

5. As the people focused on trifling distinctions what was their attention turned from? (396.1)

6. Why does Satan try to stir up disputes over minor questions? (396.3)

7. What are some of the most important questions we should have settled in our mind? (396.3)

8. What does controversy among God’s people generally bring? (396.3)

9. Instead of defending Himself, what did Jesus do? (396.4)

10. What was “corban”? (396.4)

11. How was corban used to break God’s Law? (396.4)

12. Why were the people bearing heavy burdens that God had not imposed? (397.1)

13. How were the rabbis setting themselves above God? (397.2)

14. What is it that defiles a person? (397.4)

15. Why do some people get angry at the remnant people of God in the last days? (398.3)

16. On our own: In your own experience, have you found traditions to be more helpful, or more harmful?