

# STUDIES FROM THE DESIRE OF AGES

## Chapter XLVIII - "Who Is the Greatest?"

- A. When the collector of the temple tax questioned Peter about Christ's payment of the tax, why did Peter answer so hastily?
- B. Relate Lucifer's desire to be the greatest, as set forth in [Isaiah 14:12-14](#), with the desire of the disciples to be the greatest. In what ways are they similar or different?
- C. Many times people interpret [Matthew 18:17](#) ("Let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican") as instruction to never again communicate with an erring person. How did Jesus mean for this passage to be understood?
  1. What were the implications of the question, "Doth not your Master pay tribute?"
  2. Should we necessarily antagonize those who do not believe as we do? Give examples of times you have or others have...
  3. What did Lucifer desire, what did he not desire?
  4. What is the "principle that bears sway" in heaven?"
  5. What happens when someone feels that "they are a necessity for the success of God's great plan?"
  6. This statement is given on page 429, "You can never perish while you do this-never." What is she talking about?
  7. Why did James and John stop the man from casting out demons in Jesus' name?
  8. How does God feel toward those who turn people away from heaven?
  9. How can we (or when do we) misrepresent Christ's character by calling ourselves Christians?
  10. If we have advantages (spiritually) over others, what is our responsibilities?
  11. What is our responsibility toward someone that has a problem? After the church takes action, what liberties do we have?
  12. What does it mean, "Whatsoever ye bind...?"
  13. Personal views: List a favorite section or some new thought from this reading.