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 bBom.17, works: for \*they say, and do not.. \*°¥For they bind   
   
 © Acts 10. heavy burdens [fF and grievous to be borne], and lay them   
 Gal. vi. on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move   
 achvi23% them with one of their fingers. 5 But ‘all their works   
 07. 8: they do for to be seen of men: \*they make broad their   
 ‘xxii. phylacteries, and enlarge \* the borders of their garments,   
 ii.   
 seats love the synagogues, 7 \* rooms at feasts, and the chief   
 f James in the markets,   
 sill and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. 8¢ But be not ye   
 “" called Rabbi: for one is your Master [® even Christ]; and   
 ® And call no man your father upon   
 all ye are brethren.   
 the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.   
   
 TF omitted in some ancient authorities.   
 § literally, their hems. t render, place. & omit.   
 religious using such titles,   
 lous traditions superadded thereto, and ing dominion over the faith others. It   
 blamed below. 4.) The warning was, must be understood in the spirit not in   
 imitate them not—for they:do not them- the letter. Paul calls his ‘son?   
 selves what they enjoin on others. And in the faith, 1 i. 2, and exhorts the   
 this verse must be strictly connected Corinthians (1 Cor. xi. to be followers   
 with ver. 8. The burdens then are of him as he of Christ. To understand   
 not, as so often misinterpreted, human and follow such commands in the slavery   
 traditions and observances ;—but the of the letter, to fall the very Pha-   
 severity of the law, which they enforce risaism against which our Lord is utter-   
 on others, but do not observe (see ing the caution. See (e. g.) note   
 ii, 21-23): answering to the weightier here. Rabbi: i.e. ‘my master :’ an   
 matters of the law of ver. 28. The expression used, and reduplicated here,   
 irksomeness and unbearableness of these by scholars to masters, who were   
 rites did not to the Law én itself, called by their name by their   
 as rightly explained, were created by So the Lord says, John xiil. “ye call   
 the rigour and ritualism these men, who me Master and Lord, and ye say well, for   
 followed the letter lost the spirit; so I am.” The Teacher is probably not   
 t all their in enforcing and am- Christ, as supplied here in the received   
 ifying ceremonies. 5—7.] But what- text, but the Holy Spirit (see John xiv.   
 ever they do perform, has but one motive. 26: Jer. xxxi. 38,34: Ezek. xxxvi. 26,   
 phylacteries were strips of 27), only so¢ here named, because this   
 ment with certain of Scripture, promise was only given in private to the   
 viz. Exod. 11—16 and 1—10: Deut. disciples. If this so, we have God, in   
 xi. 183-21; vi. 4—9, written on them, His Triunity, here declared us as the   
 and worn on the forehead between the only Father, Master, Teacher of Chris-   
 eyes, on the left next the heart, and tians; the only One, in these relations,   
 on the left arm. The name in the text on whom they can rest or depend. They   
 was given because they were considered are all Srethren: all equal—   
 as charms. They appear not to have none by office precedence nearer to God   
 been worn till after captivity; and than another ; none standing between his   
 are still use among the rabbinical brother and God. ‘ And the duty of all   
 Their use appears to have arisen from a Christian teachers to bring their   
 superstitious interpretation Exod. xiii. to the confession the Samaritans in   
 9: Deut. vi. 8, 9. See Joseph. Antt. iv. iv. 42: “ Now we believe, because of   
 8. 13. The hems or fringes, com- thy saying, for we have heard Him our-   
 manded to be worn for a memorial, Num. selves, know that this is the Saviour   
 xv. 38. See note on ch. ix. of the world.’ 9.) Literally,   
 6, 7.] See Mark xii. 38, 39: Luke xx. not any Father of you on earth; no   
 46, 47. On the uppermost place at ‘Abba’ or ‘ (see account of the   
 feasts, Luke xiv. 7. 8-10.) The faneral of John Wesley, and More’s   
 prohibition is loving, and in any