

Discussion Questions on S.S. Lesson

Discussion Questions on the Sunday School Lesson, The Clash with Religious Authority, for Sunday, May 8.

1. On what grounds do men claim authority?
2. How is the recognized power and authority of many to be related to the power and authority of God?
3. When is argument helpful and when futile in controversial difficulties?
4. When is the voice of the majority to be accepted and when ignored?
5. Why is the commandment to love God with all the heart the greatest of all?

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

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This lesson deals particularly with the replies of Jesus to an inquisitive committee sent by the religious leaders to demand that he give an account of himself, and to an honest scribe who asked an honest question and received an honest answer.

V.27. "And they came again to Jerusalem; and as he was walking in the temple, there came to him the chief priests, and the scribe and the elders." The rulers were aware that Jesus' exercise of authority in cleansing the temple lowered their prestige and that they were losing their power of authority. Love of power in men interferes with proper recognition of God to whom all men should be subject.

V.28. "And say unto him. By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?" In this verse is seen the real clash; it involved the issue of whether or not Jesus was the Son of God and as such was clothed with divine authority.

V.29. "And Jesus answered and said unto them. I will also ask you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things." By asking this question Jesus avoided a premature declaration and put his enemies into confusion. Here is a suggestion for all who have to meet issues with enemies - so proceed as to confuse the critics and allow the truth to do its office work.

V.30. "The baptism of John, was it from heaven or of men? answer me." Was John the Baptist a real messenger sent from God, or was his work of origin only? This had a bearing on Jesus' authority. John had introduced Jesus as the greater than himself and able to perform divine functions. If John spoke with authority then Jesus was speaking with authority.

Vs. 31,32. "And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say From heaven, he will say, why then did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people; for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed." The critics dared not answer either way, the reason fundamentally being they wanted

the applause of the people.

V.33. "And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things." Since silence gives consent, Jesus at once makes good his claim to divine authority and at the same time put his critics in a position of being non-plussed and defeated.

V.28. "And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?" Here was a brilliant man who was capable of all men to ensnare Jesus; he started by drawing Jesus out in arguments. One never gets far in religion by arguing, for religious controversies lead to oppositions more and more marked.

Vs. 29,30,31. "And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment. And the second is like unto this, namely, this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

Jesus spoke with authority and a definite understanding that won the public approval. In these two recognized commandments were found in condensed form the ten commandments, the first one quoted above covering the first four, and the last one (loving one's neighbor) covering the last six of the ten commandments. Here was a final answer to the shrewd question asked Jesus. In these two commandments the love of God is especially stressed. This is fundamental in the Christian religion. Heaven will not be heaven if on this earth we have not learned to love God supremely.

Vs. 32,33. "A the scribe said unto him, Well Master, thou hast said the truth; for there is one God and there is none other than he; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifice." Jesus won a great victory in capturing the mind of this scribe and in securing his agreement.

V.34. "And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question. Jesus having captured his mind now sought to capture his heart, but in it all freedom of the will was respected.

Our Preacher Says

There is no sentiment so tender as that of mother. No memory is more sacred than that of mother. From her we received our ideals. No one could understand us as she did. No one loved us as she did. No prayers lifted our soul like hers. No kiss was so sweet as hers. We now know what she hoped we would become, and in our failure to reach her goal for us we are filled with regret. Mother's Day serves to arouse that inward urge to rise to our full stature and not disappoint her.

Book Review

The Seen and the Unseen, by Bertha Scher, the William-Freder-

ick Press, is written to enable those who hunger and thirst for more than bread to make use of the power of God, ever available to us, in our every day living. When we live the ideal of our true self for which we were created, God is with us. The Unseen becomes the Seen in our consciousness. The purpose of certain repetitions is to charge the subconscious mind.

Clericus Says:

Clericus says: "To love God with all the heart involves a surrender of one's self into his hands with a thoroughness that includes the whole life. When we yield all the heart to him, holding nothing back, we can love him with all the heart; for he himself responds to our consecration with a sense of his presence that inspires our love which brings satisfaction and joy?"

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Sunday Service

St. Mary's Church

Very Rev. Msgr. Seimetz, pastor
6:00 a.m. Low Mass.
7:30 a.m. Mother's Day Mass.
9:00 a.m. Children's Mass.
10:15 a.m. High Mass.
Prayer hour Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Holy Communion Sundays

First Sunday, St. Agnes Sodality
Second Sunday, Holy Name Society.

Third Sunday, St. Mary's Society.
Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

First Methodist Church

Gerald H. Jones, minister
The Church At Study—9:30

The classes will meet immediately at the appointed hour. The assembly will be held at 10:10. Mr. Lowell Smith will be in charge of this period.

The Church at Worship—10:20

The Festival of the Christian Home will be celebrated in the service of worship. Miss Helen Haubold will sing an anthem appropriate for the day. Mrs. Walter Krick will use as her solo "Songs My Mother Taught Me" by Dvorak. The pastor's sermon will be "Homebuilders are Worldbuilders" following the general theme for all churches. Byron Stitzer and Roger Pollock will act as acolytes.

The Youth Fellowship

Dr. Jones will lead the Youth Fellowship at the 6:00 meeting.

Church Conference

Dr. F. E. Fribley, district superintendent of the Kokomo district will preside during a portion of the meeting at the annual Church Conference. All members 18 years of age and over will have the privilege of voting upon the new officers and receiving reports from the various organizations.

Wednesday

The service for prayer begins at 7:00. The two choirs will rehearse at 7:00 and at 7:45.

Thursday

At 1:45 the Executive Meeting of the Woman's Society will be held. At 2:30 the general meeting will begin. Mrs. Robert Mills has the devotions. Mrs. Lloyd Cowens will present the lesson. Circle I will act as hostesses.

Zion Lutheran Church

West Monroe and Eleventh Streets
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"The Marks of the Godly Home" will be the theme of the pastor's pulpit message at both the 8 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. services on Sunday, Mother's Day.

The infant sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goetz and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reidenback will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 10:30 service. The choir will sing at this service.

A Silver Anniversary Service of Lutheran Institutional mission work in Fort Wayne will be held at Concordia College gym, Sunday evening at 7:30.

The adult class of Christian instruction will meet Monday evening at 7:00.

The Walther League will hold a business meeting with election of officers on Tuesday evening at 7.

The choir will rehearse on Wednesday at 7.

The Annual Mother-Daughter banquet sponsored by the Zion Missionary society will be held Thursday evening at 6:30. Reservations are to be made by Monday evening with Mrs. Herman Krueckeberg, Mrs. Frank Braun, or Mrs. Wilbert Steele.

First Presbyterian Church

Five Points, Decatur
A. C. E. Gillander, pastor
Church school, 9:30 a.m., Lewis Smith and Dick Heller, co-superintendents. Even the change of time last week did not hurt our good attendance much.

Divine worship, 10:30 a.m., Mother's Day. The pastor will preach on, "Christian Parenthood, the only cure for juvenile delinquency." All Decatur ministers are using a similar theme. The choir will sing, "Oh, Happy Home, Where Thou Art Loved the Dearest," and there will be a soprano solo by Miss Helaine Foley. The congregation will be given opportunity to vote on their bulletins

on whether two identical services on Sunday mornings would be desirable, one at 8:30, the other at 10:30.

Westminster Fellowship, 5:30. Kaye Runyon, leader. Subject, "How to build permanent popularity." Mrs. Gillander will be present while the pastor goes to Avilla and Fort Wayne on presbytery business.

Choir rehearsal, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

World Friendship Guild, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., meeting at the home of Mrs. Don Norquest, 138 Harvester Lane, Stratton Place.

First Baptist Church

R. H. Hammond, pastor
Bible school 9:15 a.m. Classes for all and all welcome. Ralph Kenworthy, superintendent.

Morning worship 10:30 a.m. Subject: "Mother's Prayer." We invite you to worship with us.

Prayer meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Ralph Kenworthy, leader.

First Christian Church

E. E. Isenhower, minister
Lloyd Rhodes, supt.
Mother's Day: Sunday morning at 9:30 you will find a welcome here at the First Christian church. The theme of the morning service will be: "Home Builders Are World Builders." The oldest and youngest mother present will be presented with a gift.

Junior Church at the same time Mrs. Isenhower in charge.

Mid-week service Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Church of the Nazarene

North Seventh & Marshall Sts.
Ralph A. Carter, pastor
Unified services, 9:30 a.m.—11:10 a.m. Leo Merriman, Sunday school superintendent. We especially desire to have as many mothers present as is possible. Message: "Home Builders are World Builders."

Juniors, 6:45 p.m. Mrs. George Anspaugh, supervisor.

Youth Service, 6:45 p.m. Evelyn Hicks, president.

Adult study group, 6:45 p.m. George Anspaugh, president.

Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Message: "Son Remember."

Monday 7:30 p.m. Church board meeting.

Monday 7:30 p.m. Young peoples' Missionary society.

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Peter Varonoff, missionary from Odessa, Russia, will speak on, "What's Happening Inside Russia."

Friday 7:30 p.m. Cottage prayer service.

Church of God

Cleveland St.
Two Blocks Northwest of Hospital
Bernice A. McCurdy,
Dwight R. McCurdy, ministers
"Mother's Day"

9:30 a.m. Divine worship. Sermon, "Home Builders Are World Builders."

10:30 a.m. Church school, Mrs. Floyd Mitchell and Mr. Emery A. Hawkins general superintendents.

6:00 p.m. Tune in W F T W "Christian Brotherhood Hour."

6:45 p.m. Shining Lights, Miss Norma Agler in charge.

6:45 p.m. Youth Fellowship, Miss LaVon Strickler, president. Mrs. Guy Agler, counselor.

7:30 p.m. Regular Sunday evening service, sermon, "Shall We Live Again."

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Girls choir practice.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, regular mid-week prayer meeting.

8:30 p.m. Wednesday, sanctuary choir practice.

What our church stands for: For the church of Galilee. For the truth which makes men free.

For the bond of unity which makes God's children one.

For the love which shines in deeds.

For the life which this world needs.

For the church whose triumph speeds the prayer: "Thy will be done."

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LESSON PRAYER:

Lesson prayer: We acknowledge thee, O God, as the supreme ruler of the universe to whom we pledge our loyalty and obedience. Grant that we may keep ourselves constantly surrendered and express thy will in Christian service.

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Missionary Church

Tenth and Dayton Sts.
H. J. Welty, minister
9:00-11:00 Unified services. Marvin Rupp, supt. A special service for mothers is being arranged. Message, "A Mother's Influence."

7:00 Children's gospel hour.

7:30 Evening service. Hymn sing and chorus time. Message, "Confidence in the Valley."

Wednesday 7:30 Bible study and prayer meeting. We shall continue our study of the first chapter of the Book of Ruth.

Let's honor our mothers by attending the House of Worship this Sunday. You are cordially invited to attend our services.

Zion Evangelical and Reformed

William C. Feller, Pastor
Church School at 9:00 a.m. Wesley Lehman, superintendent.

Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Festival of the Christian Home. Sermon: "Home Builders are World Builders." Every family of the church is urged to be present and to sit together as families.

There will be no Youth Fellowship meeting this Sunday evening.

The regular meeting of the Churchmen's Brotherhood will not be held Monday evening, but each member is urged to attend the opening meeting of the Michigan-Indiana Synod, in Grace E and R church, Fort Wayne.

The Michigan-Indiana Synod will meet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in Grace Church, Fort Wayne.

Church family night carry-in supper and program on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Senior choir rehearsal on Friday evening after the family night program.

Come and worship with us.

Trinity

Evangelical United Brethren
Madison at Ninth
John E. Chambers, Minister

9:15 a.m.—Sunday School; Chalmer Barkley, superintendent. Lesson study: "Jesus Answers His Critics."

10:30 a. m. — Divine Worship. The service begins with the organ prelude by Mrs. Herald Hitchcock. The Junior Choir will sing the anthem "Dear Little Mother" and the Senior Choir the anthem "The King of Glory." The sermon will follow the theme suggested by Christian Family Week, "Homebuilders are World Builders."

Honor Mother on Mother's Day by worshipping God in the church of your choice.

6:30 p. m. — Youth Fellowship and Christian Endeavor Societies for all ages.

7:30 p.m.—The Evening Service. Miss Beverly Holder will preside at the organ. Sermon on the third of the Ten Commandments, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

Tuesday 6:00 p. m.—Mother and Daughter banquet at the church for all mothers and daughters of the church. A covered dish dinner will be served and dessert, rolls, coffee will be furnished by the committee: Mrs. Herald Hitchcock, Mrs. R. L. Schindler, Mrs. Kenneth Reed and Mrs. Vincent Hanni. Mrs. Hubert Cochran will be the leader.

Wednesday 7:00 p. m. — Bible study and Prayer service for all age groups.

8:00—Choir rehearsal.

Directors of religious education, common in American churches, have hitherto had no place in the church life of South Africa. Now the Methodist Church, which is conducting a drive in work among youth, has appointed its first such director.

Do You Know

1. In what city was the temple located?

2. Who first designed the plan of a temple at Jerusalem?

3. Who built the temple?

4. Under what Roman general was the temple destroyed?

5. What is the Great Commission?

Do You Know Answered

1. Jerusalem.

2. David.

3. Solomon.

4. Titus.

5. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

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