



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 ignorant 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.

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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 from 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 "one greater than himself and able to perform divine functions. If John spoke with authority then Jesus was speaking with authority.

V.31. "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; then we fear 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.

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## Sunday Service

St. Mary's Church  
Very Rev. Msgr. Seimetz, pastor

8:00 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 Krich will use as her solo "Song 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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(Where beauty of Sanctuary and Service invite to Worship.)

"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 Goetzl and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reidenbach 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.

For the life which this world needs.

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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 Are 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.

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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 Norquist, 138 Harvester Lane, Stratton Place.

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

First Baptist Church  
R. H. Hammond, pastor

Church 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.

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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.

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Zion Evangelical and Reformed

William C. Feller, Pastor

Church School 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: Chalmers 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, "Home-builders are World Builders."