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**The Sunday School Lesson**  
 SUNDAY, MAY 1st 1949

**JESUS ANSWERS HIS CRITICS.**  
 Golden Text—He taught them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes. Matt. 7: 29.  
 Exposition—I. By what authority doest thou these things? 11: 27-33.  
 Mere ecclesiastics are always ready to hinder anyone who is doing a real work for God unless he has their official endorsement. It is not enough for them that a man is doing things; they want to know by what authority he does them and who gave him this authority. Jesus instead of answering the questions of the ecclesiastical authorities convinced them out of their own mouth of their unfitness to decide vital questions.

He challenged them concerning the baptism which John the Baptist performed. The chief priests, scribes and elders had never accepted John. His great revival ministry was not done under their auspices. Consequently they, at times, opposed him and at others ignored him. He had not been ordained in "regular fashion" and no matter if God did use him mightily they would have nothing to do with him. They did make an inquiry (Jno. 1: 19-28). It is that way with many of those religious leaders who seem to be more concerned with regularity than they are with the manifest power of God. First, an inquiry, then opposition and sometimes prison. This was the experience of John Bunyan, the converted tinker and drunkard, who could not be restrained from preaching in the streets and calling the people back to God. When Dwight L. Moody began his evangelistic career one of his main difficulties was his religious irregularity, which professional religionists did not approve. Thus it has been the case with many of the Lord's servants, most surely commissioned by Him. But they walked in His footsteps, for that was the treatment he got from the scribes, priests and elders. Jesus met the insincere attitude of these religious impostors with firmness. He put them in a difficult situation. Either they must spiritually endorse John or offend the mass of the people. They refused either. So Jesus refused to be caught in their wiles. He who is on God's side does not have to bend his neck to the hypocritical foe (Eph. 6: 10-18).

II. The First Commandment and the Greatest Sin, 12: 28-34.  
 Jesus had silenced both the Pharisees and Sadducees who had sought to entrap Him and confuse Him. A scribe who had listened was deeply impressed by the reasoning of Jesus. Then he asked a question. Matthew tells us that he did it to tempt, or test Him (Matt. 22: 35). The question was an important one; the answer thoroughly convincing. Man's first duty is to God. God is infinite and man is finite and no number of finites equals infinity; so if a man should do his whole duty toward every member of the human race and fail in his duty toward the one infinite God, where he failed would be far more important than where he did his duty. Our duty to God can be summed up in one word: love. What is love? To love another is to have a desire and delight in his welfare; it is not a mere emotion or affection but the attitude of the whole man. To love God with all the heart and soul and mind and strength, is to have a supreme desire for and delight in God's glory, so that every thing is secondary to that. To do this is to keep the first and great commandment (Matt. 22: 37, 38).

To have failed to do this is to have committed the greatest sin a man can possibly commit, and at some time in our lives all of us have failed to do this, and thus have broken God's first and great commandment; so there is no difference for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3: 23). If at any time in our life we have failed to put God first in everything then we have truly broken the first and great commandment and there is no hope for us except through the atoning blood of Christ (Heb. 9: 22; Rom. 3: 22-26).

There is a second law like the first. It's central word too is "love." Its object—our neighbor, our fellow men. This Second Commandment requires that we have the same desire for and delight in the welfare of our neighbor as we have in our own welfare. The Second Commandment is really involved in the first, for if we love God, whom we have not seen, we must love our neighbour whom we have seen (1 Jno. 4: 20, 21). It is nonsense for a man to pretend to love God if he does not love his neighbour. The scribe who asked the question was a man of spiritual discernment: He assented to Jesus' answer. There are many today who call themselves Christians, who lack the clear moral and spiritual discernment of this scribe. Jesus pronounced this man "not far from the kingdom of God." To see the truth clearly shows that one is not too far from the kingdom. When one submits to the truth, he is in the kingdom.

Another beautiful May tree is the magnolia, but unfortunately they do not always survive in our climate. I first visited Niagara Falls and St. Catharines one year just when magnolias were in bloom all over the city. Tulip trees also. I almost had to wonder if this was Canada or the warm south I was in. When the Niagara peninsula blossoms forth in magnolias, tulips, and peach blossoms, surely there is no more beautiful place on earth. The peach blossoms make one think of that fluffy pink taffy one buys on a stick at the fall fairs. The cherry blossoms, with their rich creamy tints, are no less lovely even if they are less spectacular. "Driving through the country for the next six months brings joy at

**In A Country Lane**  
 By Lillian Collier Gray



This column might carry a subtitle, "Episode with a Skunk." For an episode there was. Friend husband strolling across the barnyard just at the edge of dark last evening met Mr. and Mrs. Skunk face to face. A stone happened to be lying handy, and he swiftly picked it up and fired it at the startled animal, and both beat a hasty retreat, in different directions. I was in the house, much engrossed in a flower garden article in a current magazine, and quite oblivious to what was taking place outside. In somewhat of a hurry, and asking if I'd just go out and hold the flashlight a minute. I followed obligingly not noticing that the rifle had been picked up enroute. But when I detected a strange odour in the air, I suddenly asked, "What am I to hold the flashlight for?" I've got a skunk cornered up here, and if you just hold that flashlight I can fix him." Now I ask you! I admit that a woman with any courage would have obligingly held the flashlight; so I'm not a woman with any courage.

Skunks and porcupines are not in my line. Now if it had been a cat! Anyway, my reply was to beat a hurried retreat to the house. "You can see with the yard light," I called in my flight. What friend husband was thinking about the bravery of women I'll never know. But I do know he wasn't beaten by the situation.

He hunted up a trap, and set it in a likely place — and Mr. Skunk obligingly got caught in the trap. There he was an hour later when the trapper went to investigate. A "whopper" he was, too. Too big to be the one we met up with in the yard. So now we know there were two, and dear knows how many more. It will be a battle from now on until the last skunk is caught. For chickens and skunks in one barnyard are no combination to keep around.

We have had other skunk experiences in our rural living throughout the years. But the one this episode recalled most clearly took me away back to the days when as a very small girl we used to go to grandmother's every now and then for the evening. Grandmother and grandad lived only a half mile away on the other side of a cedar swamp, where the road was heaved into ridges every spring when the old logs of the corduroy road came up with the frost.

I always loved that ride. Sometimes it was frogs we heard in a deafening chorus; sometimes the air was lighted with myriads of fireflies; again we would listen to the cries of the loons and whip-poor-wills. And quite often the drive would be made less pleasant because of the strong odour of skunk. On these occasions, dad was always sure to say to mother, "Jack Singer must have been around." That wasn't the man's name, but will serve the purpose now. Jack Singer was a mah, I knew, for I asked. And I puzzled and puzzled my brain to know what relation this queer husband must be to a skunk. Surely Jack Singer wouldn't be a very nice person to go to visit or to meet up with. I was glad I didn't know any people like Jack Singer. It was years before the mystery was solved. Jack Singer added to his income by trapping skunks. He wasn't any relation to a skunk at all.

My how fast the lawn grows these days. It has been mowed twice and is ready for the mower again. However, it's rather pleasant exercise these lovely warm days. Nice grubbing in the flower beds too. But why must weeds grow so fast? A friend we call "The man of the trees" gave us three shrubs last week, and yesterday I was thrilled to see the forsythia flaunting three tiny yellow blossoms on its very top. It always seems to me the forsythia is the very essence of spring.

every turn of the road. But the highways are too crowded for pleasure. The side roads with their hills and streams and woods, where it is quiet enough to hear the songs of the birds, are the places where one may drive and rest. If you come to a particularly lovely spot, no one cares if you stop the car and tramp around for a while. Halton has so many, many places where one would like to have a picnic. But one is always made indignant by the sight of papers, egg shells, cartons etc. left behind by careless people who have picknicked there.

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The most popular governmental policies are those which lead large sections of voters to believe that they will be given something "free." There is no vote-getting appeal half so potent as the offer of "free" government gifts which come in the form of government cheques. It is almost impossible for the average voter to realize that he pays to the government, in direct and indirect taxes what the government sends him in the form of personal remittances. If all "free" government schemes were to be called "tax-paid", voters might eventually come to realize that they are out the considerable book-keeping cost involved in taking their money away and giving it back to them in order to give governments the appearance of rich and generous parents.—The Scene.

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 Going West—9.05 a.m. (flag), daily; 6.31 p.m., daily; 12.45 a.m., daily except Sunday (flag).  
**Sunday**  
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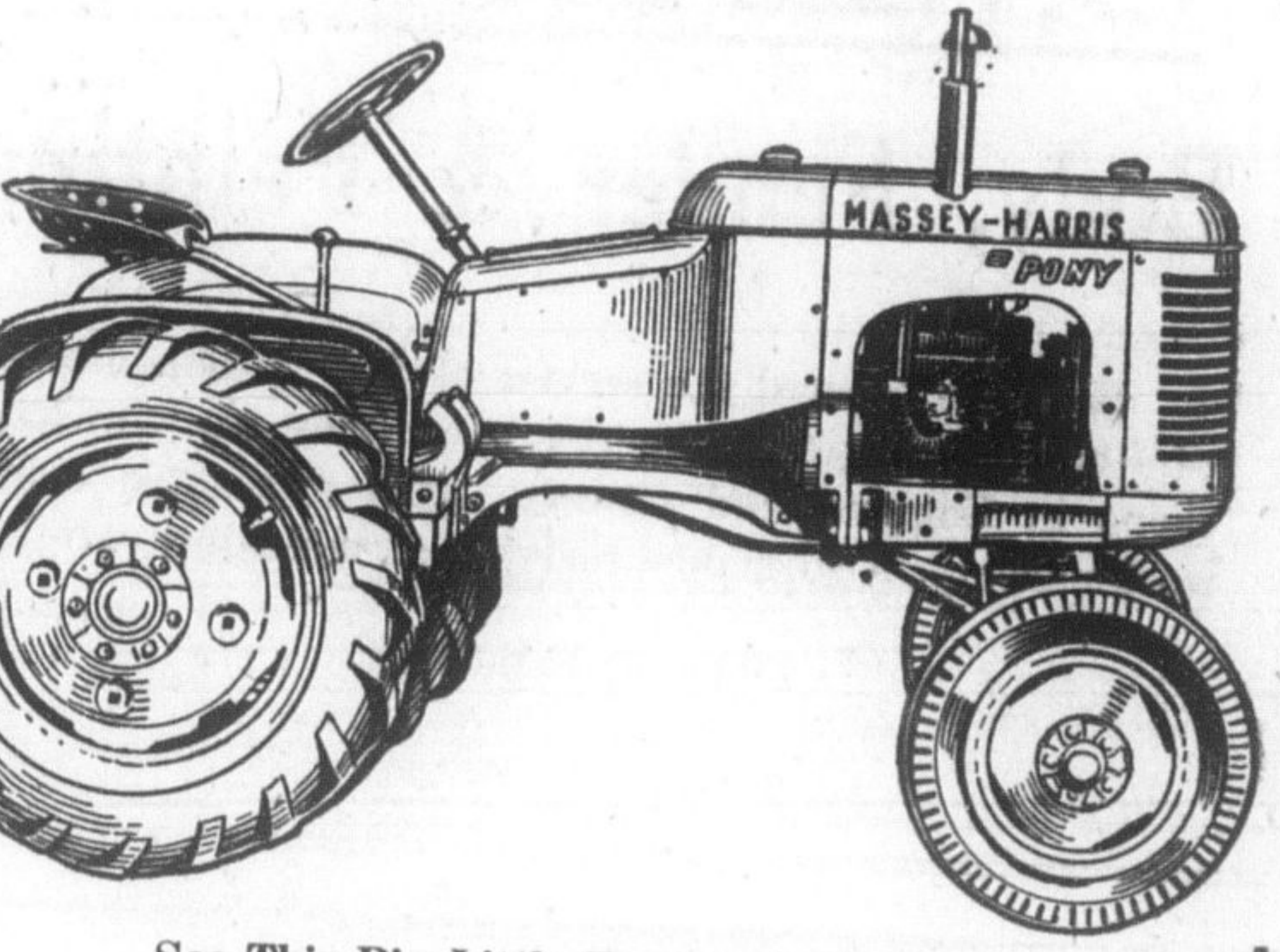
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