

Structure of Chapters 6 & 7

Chapter 6	Chapter 7
6:1-9, 20-25 The commands & the procedures of learning them well	7:1-5, 17-26 Holy war & the procedures of executing it
6:10-19 The (heart) relationship with Yahweh	7:6-16 The (contractual) relationship with Yahweh

God's Design of Society

LIFE (<i>protected</i>)	LIFE (<i>jeopardized</i>)
MARRIAGE & FAMILY (strong & functioning)	MARRIAGE & FAMILY (weak & dysfunctional)
LABOR & PROPERTY (respected & productive)	LABOR & PROPERTY (demeaned & wasted)
INTEGRITY of COMMUNICATION (consistently states truth)	INTEGRITY of COMMUNICATION (deceitfully professes truth for agendas)
HEART ALLEGIANCE (to God)	HEART ALLEGIANCE (to self)

“The State has become a pseudo-family, educating children according to its standards and presuppositions, funding health care, paying for men’s retirement, and so forth. To do this, the State must decapitalize the family through taxation. The State, unlike a biblically defined family, does not create wealth. It consumes wealth as it redistributes it from one group to another. . . . Voters do not recognize the cause-and-effect relationship between the State’s offer of support for the aged. They do not recognize the implicit legal claim which the State is making: reducing the ability of economically successful men to pass on wealth to their heirs. As voters transfer more and more responsibility to the State for the care of the aged, the State steadily becomes the substitute heir.” p 786

Deuteronomy commentary

Era of Defining the Authority of the Church (canonic Scripture), Christology, and Trinity.

Marcion (d 160) “influenced by Gnostic dualism, he believed the Old Testament and Paul’s letters to be irreconcilable.”

“He distinguished between an Old Testament Creator-God, who was wrathful, and the New Testament God, who was a loving Redeemer. He argued that Christians should shun the Old Testament God and the Old Testament books. . . .”

John Hanna, Our Legacy, 41, 76

“[Parents today] cry out to the state: ‘We can’ t control our children. . . .They rebel against our authority continually. Therefore, we must arrest drug dealers, convict them, imprison them, and throw away the key!’ ” What they do not say is this: “This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice. He is a drug addict. Stone him to death. So shall other people’ s sons learn to fear.”

Sons and daughters in today's world of unprecedented wealth are nevertheless willfully destroying themselves, squandering their inheritance, not in some far country, as the prodigal son did, but in the bedrooms of their parents' homes. They are perfect examples of the rebellious son of Deuteronomy 21. Here is why the drug trade flourishes: parents have given their children enormous wealth without guidance or restrictions and have sent them into the government's tax-funded schools, which have become the primary marketplace for drugs, especially in the early stages of addiction. *The modern public school is a State-funded illegal drug emporium.*

The question here is the primary locus of enforcement. *The biblical locus of primary law enforcement is the family.* The Bible acknowledges that the institution with the lowest cost of obtaining accurate information should be the initial law enforcing agent. This is obviously the family in cases of gluttony, drunkenness, and drug addiction. Any attempt by parents to shift the locus of primary responsibility to either school or State is illegitimate.

This passage in Deuteronomy offers a solution: execution of rebellious heirs. But modern man is too humane for this. . . .He prefers statism to family responsibility. . . . He is ready to send all drug dealers to prison for decades until the day he is told that his child supported his or her habit by luring other men' s children into the heartless addiction; then he cries out for a tax financed drug rehab program rather than prison for his supposedly victimized child. He prefers a massive and costly prison system that clearly is not working to low-budget whipping or stoning that would work very well. . . . He ignores the Bible' s warnings: *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap”* (Gal. 6:7).