

The Father as 'Tree Surgeon'

I. Introduction

- A) Illustration: All You Need is Love
- B) Thinking about covenant children
- C) God's word and covenant children
- D) Fathers must educate their covenant children
- E) Fathers must educate their covenant children by example

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II. Yahweh requires a God centered education (Deut. 6.1-9)

- A) What subject is morally neutral outside of the lordship of Christ?
- B) Sex education
- C) History
- D) Agriculture
- E) Science
- F) Anthropology, sociology, psychology
- G) Religion
- H) Jurisprudence
- I) Physiology, the importance of rest

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III. Yahweh requires we teach our children to love Him thoroughly

(Deut. 6.5)

- A) Love God not just in religion, but always in all things
- B) Love God through mathematics because all truth is God's truth
- C) Love God's law and muse on it!
- D) Fathers must love God thoroughly if they are to teach their children to think like Christians in God's world
- E) Questions about loving God thoroughly

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IV. Yahweh requires parents to equip and protect their children

- A) Pluralism cannot enter the home (door posts)
- B) Pluralism cannot enter the church (gates)
- C) Pluralism as a worldview is a false theology
- D) Our government funded institutions have a pluralistic worldview
- E) Questions about protecting our children from a pluralistic worldview

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V. Yahweh requires fathers to train their children in the use of divinely powerful weapons (2 Cor. 10.4-5)

- A) Fathers must train the next generation to fight against pluralistic strongholds and speculations in opposition to the knowledge of God
- B) The next Christian generation must not be the frontline as warriors in the parents' battle against pluralism
- C) Christians must not allow pluralism to take their children captive
- D) The goal of God's army is absolute conquest by taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ
- E) Fathers must protect their children from the world until such time as they are called to duty as Christian warriors in the world.