

Abortion: Murder of Innocents

TEXT: “Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.” (Deuteronomy 27:25)

THESIS: Abortion equates to murder, the taking of innocent life.

INTRODUCTION:

1. One of the best songs to sing is Jesus loves the little children.
 - a. All the children of the world: red and yellow, black and white.
 - b. They are precious in his sight.
 - c. Jesus loves the little children of the world.
2. God has special plans for every human being because each life is precious to God.
 - a. So much so that God tells us that one soul is more significant than everything else that is physical in the world (Matt. 16:26).
 - b. And, God sacrificed his own Son for every single human being on an individual basis.
 - c. Sadly, the uncomprehensible potential of millions of human beings have been expunged by abortion.
3. Abortion is one of the most highly controversial subjects in our society.
 - a. It lets us know that the sexual activity of people, especially teens, continues at an alarming rate.
 - i. In fact, 67% of all teens have sex by age 18.
 - b. Adults just cannot seem to keep their clothes on and are fueling this fire.
4. Advocates and adversaries of abortion exhibit highly charged emotions about this subject.
 - a. Many have come to just accept abortion.
 - b. But, abortion is far more than a social, or even a political issue though; it is a biblical issue as well.
5. Legalized or not, if abortion is contrary to biblical teaching, it is sinful; and, man must please God rather than himself.
 - a. Peter said so boldly, “. . . We ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29).
6. Therefore, I want to speak on this subject in the following areas:
 - a. Abortion involves killing innocent life.
 - b. The secular world knows that abortion involves taking life.
 - c. The non punishing taking of life has always been styled murder in the Bible.
 - d. What is the magnitude of abortion.
 - e. How Christians should respond to abortion.

DISCUSSION:

- I. UNQUESTIONABLY, BIBLICALLY SPEAKING, ABORTION INVOLVES KILLING INNOCENT LIFE
 - A. Samson and John the Baptist were Nazarites, who through the cooperation of their respective mothers, began observing the Nazarite vows even before they were

ever born.

1. In Jdgs. 13:3-5, “the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”
2. Likewise it is written in Lk. 1:15, “For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.”

B. Isaiah records that Jesus had a mission and a name while yet in his mother’s womb.

1. Isa. 49:1-5, “Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God. And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.”
2. In Matt. 1:18-25 it states about the conception of Jesus and that when Mary was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child.
 - a. An abortion of the child would not be the death of a fetus, but the death of the Savior.

C. David, in Psa. 139:13-16 said about his life in the womb, “For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was none of them.*”

1. David was alive in the womb because his soul was in the child.
2. And, since his soul was in the fetus, Gen. 2:7 calls the form connected with the living soul, a man.
3. James goes further to say that if there is no spirit in the body, the body cannot possibly live (Jam. 2:26).
4. Hugo McCord stated, “A baby’s body is alive in the womb and since a body is not alive without its spirit, it follows that the baby’s spirit is

present during the nine months that precede birth.”

5. This makes perfect sense when we consider that doctors have to kill the body before they can abort it.
- D. Job was alive in the womb and lamented that he had not died there because of the afflictions in life through which he went.
1. He said, “Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!” (Job 10:18.)
- E. The Law of Moses prescribed penalties for the injury or death of an unborn child.
1. In Exod. 21:22-25, “If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.”
 2. This clearly shows that if you hurt a child in the womb, rather it was his life out of the womb or perhaps he lost his hand, the person who caused that suffering, would likewise suffer the same fate.
- F. Jeremiah was sanctified and ordained a prophet while he was yet in his mother's womb.
1. God said about Jeremiah, “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.” (Jer. 1:5.)
 2. God did not view Jeremiah as just a part of his mother before conception and birth.
 - a. He was a living soul.

II. UNQUESTIONABLY, EVEN THE SECULAR WORLD RECOGNIZES THAT ABORTION INVOLVES TAKING LIFE

- A. The State of New York once required a death certificate for each abortion performed in that state.
- B. Medical authorities and scientists attest life begins at conception: First International Conference on Abortion (1967): “The majority of our group could find no point in time between the union of sperm and egg ... and the birth of the infant at which point we could say that this was not a human life. ... The changes occurring between implantation, a six-week embryo, a six months fetus, a one week old child, or a mature adult are merely stages of development and maturation” of human life.
- C. The very nature of abortion indirectly affirms it involves taking human life.
1. An unborn child is growing and if allowed to come to term, it is a replica of his parents; he is not a tumor, a fungus, a parasite or a member of the plant kingdom.
 2. And sadly, abortion advocates subtly shift attention away from the living status of the unborn to the right and choice of the mother.

- D. If there was an unborn child in any stage of development discovered in outer space on some distant planet, without doubt the entire medical and scientific community would unanimously acclaim the discovery of not only life, but human life.
1. However, in the womb an unborn child is reduced in worth to just unwanted fetal tissue; protoplasm.

III. AGGRESSIVE, NON-DEFENSIVE, NON PUNITIVE TAKING OF LIFE HAS ALWAYS BEEN STYLED MURDER IN THE BIBLE

- A. The Bible made provisions for holy wars under Judaism, capital punishment and accidental death whereby such killings were not considered murder by God, such as:
1. Conquering Canaan
 2. Stoning of idolaters
 3. The cities of refuge
- B. All other taking of life is condemned in both testaments.
1. “Thou shalt not kill.” (Exod. 20:13)
 2. “For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill . . .” (Rom. 13:9)
 3. “Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment . . .” (Matt. 5:21, 22)
 4. “. . . Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder . . .” (Matt. 19:18)
 5. Peter said, “let none of you suffer as a murderer . . .” (1 Pet. 4:15)
- C. The Old Testament required that a murderer be put to death.
1. For, “Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.” (Gen. 9:6)
 2. “He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.” (Exod. 21:12)
 3. “A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him.” (Prov. 28:17)
- D. The New Testament condemns un-repented murderers to eternal doom.
1. “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” (1 John 3:15)
 2. “the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers . . . shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” (Rev.21:8)

IV. THE MAGNITUDE OF ABORTION

- A. Since 1973, far more unborn babies have been killed in America than the total number of U.S. soldiers killed in all the wars combined that this country has ever fought.
1. It's numbers are staggering: over 48 million since 1973.

- B. In addition, the magnitude of abortion is further multiplied by the many countries in today's world that also allow abortions:
1. It's numbers are disturbing: 41 million, roughly each year.
 2. Many are having multiple abortions.
 3. In fact, the world record holder of abortions by just one woman is 22 abortions.
- C. Abortion is the cruelest dereliction (negligent and uncaring) of parental responsibility and so sadly, it is the solution of choice by fornicators faced with an unwanted and illegitimate pregnancy.
- D. Truly, abortion is also the most glaring example of people void of "natural affection,"
1. In Rom. 1:28-32 (31), "even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."
 2. Ronald Reagan said, "Abortion concerns not just the unborn child, it concerns every one of us. Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never seem to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee. So, we cannot diminish the value of one category of human life-the unborn-without diminishing the value of all human life."

V. HOW SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN RESPOND TO ABORTION?

- A. Acknowledge and, further teach our children that abortion, though it may be legal, is murder.
- B. Teach our children about moral purity to refrain from fornication because sex education without moral values is a green light to both fornication and abortion.
- C. Collectively and individually let others know of our Bible-based convictions.
1. In Zech 12:1, God is said to not only be the Creator of the heavens and the Earth, but also the One who forms the spirit of man within him.
 2. Let others know that God is the giver of life and this fact alone, makes human life sacred and humans have no right to end human life unless God authorizes them to do so.
 3. Solomon stated, "As thou knowest not what *is* the way of the spirit, *nor* how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all." (Eccl 11:5)
- D. Though individuals may cooperate with others in organized efforts to educate and lobby concerning abortion, breaking the laws of the land is disobedience to that

law and a violation of Scripture.

1. Therefore, sinful (Rom. 13:1-7).
2. Unless, the specific violation of civil law is necessary to follow God's law (Acts 5:29).

CONCLUSION:

1. God is a spirit (Jn. 4:24).
 - a. He created humans in His image (Gen. 1:26).
 - b. Humans are not animals.
 - c. Each human possesses a soul (Eccl. 3:21).
 - d. Unborn babies possess a spirit, and are regarded by God as human (Lk. 1:44).
 - e. How dare we regard them any differently?
2. Abortion is a violation of God's law, and therefore sinful.
 - a. It does not end someone's pain, it begins it.
 - b. It directly destroys another human life and disrupts basic human relationships.
3. The sin of abortion is a reproach to our nation.
 - a. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Prov. 14:34)
 - b. And, abortion represents the loss of natural affection and the general cheapening of human life.
4. Abortion is also the forerunner of euthanasia.
 - a. Who's to say that a handicapped persons or others thought unable to live meaningful lives may not fall victim to a disregard for the value of human life?
5. All life is so precious.
 - a. God wants all to be in heaven.
 - b. He ask that we follow his will, being baptized for the remission of sins to have hope of eternal life.
 - c. He also ask for those not living in accordance to his will, to make your life right with him by repenting of your sins.