

"Pro-Life in a Culture of Death"
Ps. 139:13-16
1-18-15 Sun. AM

On this, the sanctity of human life Sunday, I think it would be timely and needful to share what Scripture says about the sanctity of human life, in light of the culture of death around us.

Stats on abortion- 55 million plus since Roe vs Wade 1973
61.8 % performed less than 9 weeks by suction aspirator.
1.5 % by chemical injection 21 weeks plus (36-48 weeks)
36 % White
20-24 age 32.6%
Never married 72%

Since we believe in the authority of Scripture for faith and practice, the choice is clear for pro-life! That's not what the president says, what the congress says, what the Supreme Court says, nor Planned Parenthood. We take our beliefs from the Scripture rightly interpreted.

TT- We begin where the Scriptures begins on this issue, and share 5 major truths...

1. God Sets Forth Human Life as Sacred.

Gen. 1:1, "In the beginning God created..."

John 1:3, "All things were made by Him; and without him was not anything made that was made."

God as creator is fundamental to the Christian faith. We worship him and submit to his authority to rule our lives based on His creation.

Life is sacred because we were created and did not evolve. Man is not a little higher than the animals as evolutionist would have us to believe. We are the crown of His creation and set apart for God.

We have purpose because we were created in his image and capable to have a relationship with him and the ability to make moral choices.

2. Satan Does Not Hold Human Life as Sacred.

Jesus came to save, restore, and renew life. Satan comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Abortion is the child sacrifice of the O.T. were they offered up their children to the god of Molech.

Jer. 19: ⁴Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; ⁵They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind: ⁶Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter.

God desires to give life, while Satan wants to take life.

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A. Let's look at the O.T.

God had plans for us before we were conceived or born.

Jer. 1: ⁴Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ⁵Before 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.

John Stott says of Ps. 139, " the Psalmist surveys his life in 4 stages- past, present, future, and before birth. In all 4 he refers to himself as "I." Whether he is in or out of the womb, he has personhood.

There is no difference between "potential life" and "actual life."

B. Let's look at the N.T.

Paul was set apart from His mother's womb. **Gal. 1:15**, "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace."

The baby is human life, not a blob of tissue. The Greek word for babe or baby describes the pre-born and the born- John the Baptist pre-born [Luke 1:41, 44] same as Jesus born [2:12, 16].

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- 4. Abortion has Consequences on a Nation.**

In the O.T. there was a severe punishment for anyone who takes an innocent life and protected by O.T. law.

Exodus 21:22-25 ²² 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*. ²³ And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, ²⁴ Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

Permitting the murder of innocents pollutes the land and brings God's judgment.

Numbers 35:33-34 ³³ So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye *are*: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. ³⁴ Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

5. God is in Sovereign over the "hard cases."

1. The disabled child- God created the disabled or handicapped child.

Exodus 4:10-11 ¹⁰ And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I *am* slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. ¹¹ And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?

2. The child conceived from rape- Children should not be put to death for the sins of their father [Deut 24:16]. Whether rape or no rape, the baby is still a life.

3. The child conceived from incest or adultery- God can redeem even the tragic events of sin [Gen. 38] incest of Judah and Tamar.

4. It's my body I have the right to choose- We do not have an "unqualified right" to our bodies [1 Cor. 3:16-19; 6:18-20; 2 Cor. 6:16-17]. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

The baby in the womb is a separate life and body; therefore, it is wrong to call abortion a "reproductive right," or a "medical procedure."

Q- Why do they hate life so? Why is there a culture of death?

Because Satan, who is their father, hates life! His one goal is to pervert God's creation and His created design.