

KEY SCRIPTURES CONCERNING ABORTION

The Christian's concern with abortion is three-fold:

- Concern for the baby
- Concern for the mother
- Concern for our society.



The fact that the word "abortion" does not appear in the Bible does not mean God is silent on the true value of life. Neither do the words "marijuana" or "heroin" appear in the Bible, but it is not difficult for Christians to decide that these are wrong. The basic question which must be answered is, whether God deems the unborn to be a person. If the answer is "no", the fetus may be disposed of as an unwanted appendix or tumor. If the answer is "yes", then we must treat the unborn with all the love and concern due another person that God demands of us as Christians.

Personhood of the unborn

God knew David as a person before he was born, as related in **Psalm 139:13-15** ¹³For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret,"

Human life begins at conception for the Psalmist David uses the personal pronoun "me" in the above Psalm.

More directly, God speaks to Jeremiah showing the child in the womb is a person. **Jeremiah 1:4-5** ⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you;"

The entity in the womb is a baby. **Luke 1:41-44** ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³"And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me? ⁴⁴"For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

This is the same word (brephos Strong's G1025) Luke uses in **Luke 2:12** "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby ¹⁰²⁵ wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." **Luke 2:16** So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby ¹⁰²⁵ as He lay in the manger. **I Peter 2:2** like newborn babies ¹⁰²⁵ .

The following concerning John the Baptist in **Luke 1:15** ...he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb.

God knows the personalities of the unborn in **Genesis 25:23** ... "Two nations are in your womb; (Jacob and Esau) And two peoples will be separated from your body;"

Paul writes in **Galatians 1:15** But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, ... In these passages God is dealing with the unborn. One He consecrated, another He sets apart for service, a third He fills with the Holy Spirit. There can be no doubt in these instances that the unborn is a person.

Lest there be any reservation that these may be special cases, consider the most unique person of all, our Savior Jesus Christ. Unique as He is, the scriptures tell us that in His human nature He was to be like us in every way. **Hebrews 2:17** "Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest" Is there any question of Jesus' personhood before birth? From the moment of conception to the day He died on the cross, He lived in humanness like you and me. Therefore, we too are persons from the moment of conception. No exception can be made because of our size or shape or where we reside. We are precious in God's sight and we must be precious in each other's sight.

The passages in Proverbs 24:11-12 are especially fitting when considering the sanctity of life and rescuing those who are unjustly sentenced to death. Can these be the unborn children who have no defense except our Christian conscience? **Proverbs 24:11,12 (NIV)** ¹¹ Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.¹² If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?

"Hold back those staggering toward slaughter." Can these be the distressed parents who can only see abortion as the deceptively simple answer to their problems?

"If you say, 'But we knew nothing about this,' does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will He not requite man according to his work?" Can this mean us? With God's help and in Christian love, we can correct this situation.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

First let's consider who creates life: **Where do the preborn come from? What is Man's worth?**

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Genesis 1:27 "God created man in His own image."

Genesis 33:5 "The children whom God hath graciously given your servant."

Genesis 25:21 "and the Lord answered him and Rebekah, his wife, conceived."

Job 10:12 "You have granted me life."

Psalm 8 ¹ O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens! ² From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength Because of Your adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease. ³ When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; ⁴ What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? ⁵ Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! ⁶ You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, ⁷ All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field, ⁸ The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

Psalm 127:3 "Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward."

How does God say we should treat our children?

2 Kings 17:16-18 (New International Version) ¹⁶ They forsook all the commands of the LORD their God ... ¹⁷ They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire.... ¹⁸ So the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence....."

Leviticus 20:1-2 (Amplified Bible) ¹ AND THE Lord said to Moses, ² Moreover, you shall say to the Israelites, Any one of the Israelites or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech [the fire god worshiped with human sacrifices] shall surely be put to death; the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

Jeremiah 32:35 ³⁵ "They built the high places of Baal that are in the valley of Ben-hinnom to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I had not commanded them nor had it entered My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

Jeremiah 7:34b (New King James Version) "For the land shall be desolate."

Now on the surface it would seem that these verses are irrelevant to us today; however, did you know that last year in this country over 1.5 million babies were sacrificed by their parents. They weren't cast into the fiery mouth of Baal; they were aborted instead. The results were the same: they were all very innocent; they are all very dead. **We, as a Nation, are guilty. Since Roe v Wade, January 22, 1973, our laws have allowed the legal killing of innocent preborn babies.**

Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill."

Matthew 5:19 ¹⁹"Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven;"

Matthew 5:21 "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.'"

Matthew 18:10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 22:36-40 ³⁶"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." ³⁸ "This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹ "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' ⁴⁰ "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 25:37-40 ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?' ³⁸ 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?' ³⁹ 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' ⁴⁰ "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'"

Jeremiah 7:6, 22:3, 17 and Exodus 23:7 Do not shed innocent blood

Proverbs 6:16-17 The Lord hates hands that shed innocent blood.

Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man."

Exodus 20:13 "You shall not murder." Murder is wrong according to: **Matthew 5:21, Romans 1:29, 18:21, Revelation 21:8, 22:15**

God's concern for the preborn:

Amos 1:13 "... I will not revoke its punishment, Because they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead..." God's law to Moses specifically covered the life and body of the unborn child in case of accidental damage by struggling men. **Exodus 21:22-24** ²² "If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges decide. ²³ "But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,"

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 ¹⁹ "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live,

you and your descendants,²⁰ by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, ..."

What about the soul?

Matthew 10:28-31²⁸ "Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.²⁹ "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.³⁰ "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.³¹ "So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows."

Only God can destroy the soul, thus His commandment "Thou shalt not kill" is not contingent upon the presence of a soul.

Is the unborn a part of our body to do with as we like? Let's look to:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20¹⁹ "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?²⁰ For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."

What does God say about the unfortunate who are sick, or have a deformity?

Romans 9:20 "On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? "

2 Corinthians 12:7-9a (NIV)⁷ To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."

Ephesians 2:10 (New King James Version) "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 5:20 (New King James Version) "giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,"

Exodus 4:11 "The LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute

or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

How should we treat those who have had an abortion? God Forgives.

I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Galatians 6:1 (New Living Translation) "Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself."

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together, "Says the LORD, Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool."

How are too many Christians looking at the abortion issue? Situation ethics? Worshipping the Earth?

Judges 21:25b "everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

Romans 1:25a "For they exchanged the truth of God for a ^(A)lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator,"

The Christian should follow God's laws, not man's.

Romans 12:2 "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

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