

THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

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Ps. 139:13-17

God thinks about us continually from prior to conception. vs. 17

I. The Beginning Of Human Life.

- A. Created in God's own image.
 - 1. Spirit, soul and body.
 - 2. Told to multiply, given dominion.
 - a. Gen. 5:1-3 Adam begat Seth (3rd son) in his own image.
- B. The womb experience.
 - 1. Reins; Erected, formed with guidance (plan). vs. 13
 - 2. Covered; Protected. vs. 13
 - 3. Fearfully; Reverently, holy, sanctified. vs. 14
 - 4. Wonderfully; Distinctively, separate identity and personality. vs. 14
 - a. 2 nations in Rebekah's womb. Gen. 25:23
 - b. Prophets known. Jer. 1:5; Isa. 49:5
 - c. John the Baptist Holy Ghost filled from his mother's womb. Lk. 1:15
 - d. Jesus.
Mt. 1:18-20 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. :19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. :20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
 - 5. Marvelous; Miraculous .vs. 14
 - 6. Substance; Heb. *ostem*, Frame of bones, skeleton, secretly and hidden from the world. vs. 15
 - 7. Curiously wrought; Embroidered, diversified physically. vs. 15
 - 8. Lowest parts; Mother's womb. vs. 15
 - 9. Substance; Heb. *golem*, Wrapped and unformed, Mass, embryo. vs. 16
 - 10. Book; Register. vs. 16
 - 11. What science tells us today. *

II. Satan Hates And Fights The Fruit Of The Womb.

- A. It was prophesied that the Messiah would come from the woman's seed.
Gen. 3:14-15
- B. Perpetrates infant slaughter.
1. Molech, Chemosh. Dt. 18:10
 2. Herod kills male children 2 and under. Mt. 2:16
 3. Nazi Germany, Russia, China, etc..
 4. U.S.-One abortion every 26 seconds since Roe v. Wade, Jan 1973. An average of over 1.3 million annually.
 - a. "Partial birth" abortion is legal.
 - b. Live birth abortion was recently acted against by congress.
 - c. The abortion drug RU 486 was recently approved by the FDA.
 - [1.] The first time in history that the FDA has approved a drug that kills.
 - [2.] Condoned and encouraged by the Clinton administration.
 - [3.] Had previously been blocked from this country for 12 years by the first Bush administration.
 - d. Margaret Sanger, married to the inventor of 3 in 1 oil, founded Planned Parenthood.
 - [1.] Was a Nazi sympathizer and hoped abortion would eliminate racial minorities. (*Ironically, the majority of minorities support the policies of abortion that were designed to eliminate them.*)
 - e. A woman's choice? What about the child's choice?
 - [1.] The wisest choice should be made prior to conception.
- C. Innocent Blood.
- Ex. 21:22. *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.*
- Ex. 23:7 , *and the innocent and righteous slay thou not:*
- Matt. 2:18 *In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.*
- Matt. 18:10, 14 *Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.*
1. To the abortionist doctors, who incidentally took an oath to preserve life.
Deut. 27:25 *Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.*
 - a. God's people commanded to protect innocent blood or it will be required of them.
Dt. 19:10 *That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.*

2. Abel's blood cried to God from the ground. Innocent blood has a voice. Gen. 4:10 *And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.*
 - a. Does the blood of nearly 42 million aborted children in America also cry out to God?
3. Murder for hire. ** Statistics.
 - a. Billions of dollars have been made by abortionists. It's big business!
 - b. Aborted babies have been sold for research, beauty products, harvested for organ transplants, and Hitler style experiments for three decades!
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4. A twisted perspective.

Isa. 5:20 *Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

 - a. Several years ago the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruled that goldfish cannot be awarded as prizes in games of chance. Citing that the practice violates the state's anti-cruelty law and would have, "*tendency to dull humanitarian feelings and corrupt the morals of those who observe them.*"
 - [1.] This same court upheld mandatory state funding of abortions.
 - b. It is illegal to ship pregnant lobsters (regardless of which trimester!) to market. A violation that carries a \$1000 fine and up to one year in jail penalty.
 - c. Liberal politicians claim that they are the compassionate ones while anti-abortion, pro-life people are insensitive.
 - [1.] The politically correct terminology of "pro-choice," propagated by the liberal news media, euphemizes an act of cold blooded murder.

III. The Church's Responsibility.

- A. Historically. ***
- B. Today.
 1. Realize abortion is murder.
 - a. God forgives. 1John 1:9
 2. Assume responsibility for not exercising authority.
 3. Repentance. 2Chron. 7:14
 - a. Apathy.
 - b. Inactivity.

4. Repair the breach. Isa. 58:12
 - a. Pray and seek God's will.
 - b. Consider getting involved.
 - c. Stand.

Prov. 24:11 If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?

*** Science speaks.**

Some say human life begins at birth. But doctors and scientists tell us that long before then, even before the mother feels her unborn baby's movements within, the miniature infant wakes and sleeps, squirms about, squints, swallows fluid, breathes, hiccups, digests, hears, tries to cry, can feel pain, flexes his or her fingers, punches, kicks and even sucks his or her thumb - or toes. All of this vigorous activity occurs in *the first half of pregnancy!*

Most pregnancies aren't even detected until the sixth week. By then, the baby's heart has been beating for 3 weeks, brain waves can be read, the nervous system has been complete for about two weeks and he or she is about to begin moving, although the mother will not feel it for *3 1/2 months more.*

By the 8th week the baby's skeleton, head face, arms, legs, fingers (with fingerprints), toes, circulatory and major muscle systems are complete, and all of his or her bodily organs are present in rudimentary states.

By the 12th week the baby already shows a distinct individuality in both appearance and behavior, with facial expressions resembling those of his or her parents.

By the 16th week the baby's eyelashes have grown.

By 16 1/2 weeks all 20 milk-teeth buds are in place.

By the 20th week hair appears on the baby's head.

By the 22nd week the baby can open his or her eyes.

Scientists agree that a new life begins at conception:

A. W. Liley, M.D. (world renowned Research Professor in Prenatal Physiology) has stated "*biologically* no stage of development can we subscribe to the view, that the unborn child is a mere appendage of the mother. *Genetically*, the mother and baby are separate individuals from conception."

In its special issue **The Drama of Life Before Birth**, LIFE magazine states, "The birth of a human really occurs at the moment the mother's egg cell is fertilized by one of the father's sperm cells," that is, at conception.

At conception a *genetically unique individual* begins life. All of the characteristics he or she will have as an adult are already determined - including eye color, skin pigmentation, sex and intelligence potential. This new individual's life will consist of continually overlapping, progressive stages of growth and development from that instant through childhood, adolescence, maturity, old age and death. All that is needed is nourishment and time to grow.

This life did not begin at birth. Birth is only a change in the place of residence of an already-living, active person.

Babies Cry In The Womb.

Researchers at Auckland University in New Zealand have revealed that unborn children begin to cry in the womb at 28 weeks into pregnancy. The scientists played a 90 decibel noise through a speaker placed on the stomachs of pregnant women and the babies cried because the noise was uncomfortable. Researchers recorded the cries using ultrasound scanners. "It was strikingly like an infant crying. Even the bottom lip quivers," professor Ed Mitchell told the London Sun newspaper. Mitchell said the results of the study, coming days after a disputed study claiming unborn children don't feel pain until about the same time, show that legislation requiring giving babies anesthesia before an abortion are necessary. "Maybe this is a wake-up call. We actually still do things to babies without anesthesia," he told the Sun. Pro-life groups say the results aren't surprising because babies born prematurely -- as early as 23 and 24 weeks into pregnancy, cry after their birth -- showing they have the physical capacity to do so long before the results the New Zealand scientists found.

****Abortion Statistics 1/06**

1 out of every 67 deaths in the WORLD is an American abortion.

1 out of every 4 deaths in America is an American Abortion.

Half of the deaths in the world are from abortions.

Abortion is the leading cause of death in the world. It kills as many people as ALL of the other causes of death combined..

We have lost more Americans through abortions (64 times more) than we did in all of our wars (12 wars) combined.

The world kills more people through abortion than all of the deaths in the America combined (22 times as many).

The D-Day invasion of France (WWII) was the bloodiest in history. There were 53,714 allied soldiers killed in the "Battle of Normandy." Yet, our world kills more people than that in just 9 hours through abortions.

America has lost 589 soldiers in its first year of fighting in the Iraq War. The world, however, kills more people than that in just 6 minutes through abortions.

*** * * Witness of the Church in History**

The Didache (a second century catechism for new converts) " You shall not slay a child by abortion."

Clement of Alexandria (2nd Century) "For these who conceal sexual wantonness by taking stimulating drugs to bring on an abortion wholly lose their own humanity along with the fetus.

Athenagoras, a second century philosopher answering a charge that Christians were cannibals because they ate the body and drank the blood of Jesus, "How could we kill a man - we who say that women who take drugs to produce abortion are guilty of homicide and that they will have to answer to God for this abortion? One cannot at the same time believe that the fetus in the womb is a living being - as such in God's.. care - and kill one already brought forth into the light"

John Calvin - "The fetus, though enclosed in the womb of it's mother, is already a human being and it is a most monstrous crime to rob it of the life which it has not yet begun to enjoy. If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man's house is his place of most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a fetus in the womb before it has come to light."

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