

The Bible and Abortion

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Many people know about the horrible thing Susan Smith did to her two small boys. She shocked the nation when it was found that her boys had not been kidnapped as she had said at first, but were drowned by her. Because her boyfriend did not want children, she decided to strap her children in their car seats and run her car into a lake.

The prosecuting attorney showed on a video reenactment how it would have taken several minutes for the car to go under the water. No doubt the horrified boys cried for their mommy! Later a police diver testified how when he reached the scene under the water-a little hand was pressed to the window of the car.

Is this crime any worse than a "mother" who for her own selfish reasons deliberately goes into a "doctor" to have the life snuffed out of her unborn infant? Studies show the little one in the womb struggles to avoid the knife, forceps, saline solution (salt water) or vacuum tubes that are used to take the life from the baby.

How often does abortion happen in the United States? This crime is happening more than a million and a half times every year. More than FOUR THOUSAND deaths every single day. Is it right, is it Scriptural? Today, according to the law, it is legal to abort a baby through the ninth month of pregnancy under certain circumstances.

The Bible makes no distinction between babies in the womb and those already born. The Greek word "brephos," used to describe the baby in Elizabeth's womb, is used interchangeably for both prenatal (Luke 1:41, 44) and postnatal babies (Luke 18:15-17). It means "an unborn child, an infant, "brephos," a baby.

When does life begin? God's Word states very clearly that life begins at conception. "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me." Psalm 51:5 (It is not saying here that intercourse in marriage is sin, but that at the moment of conception the sin nature is passed on from the parents to the soul of the unborn).

At the moment of conception the unborn fetus becomes a "real person." We also see this in other Scriptures. Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; and I ordained you a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5) God knew Jeremiah when he was in his mother's womb; God sanctified him and ordained him to be a prophet even then.

The Bible also tells us that John the Baptist was "filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb." God sent His angel to Zacharias to tell him that his wife would bear a son and even told him what his name would be (Luke 1:11 – 17). God knew John and that he had a

distinct purpose for his life on earth...a purpose that he alone could fulfill. How many "John the Baptists, and Abraham Lincolns" have been aborted in our day, God only knows.

When Mary visited Elizabeth and Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary; the baby leaped in her womb; and she comments that the baby leaped for joy. If the unborn can feel joy can they also feel pain?

Whether you may personally think it's fair or not doesn't change the fact that the pre-born child has already been brought into this world and no one has the right to destroy his or her life. All people, born or unborn, have the same value in God's eyes. God created each of us in His own image, and He loves each one of us. (Genesis 1:26, John 3:16)

Abortion is Murder, and one less person is in the world when it is finished.

We are having our American Holocaust with more than 35 million and more killed so far. America will be judged by God Himself for the innocent bloodshed in our land! This happened to Israel in history when the people,

"...shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and daughters...and the land was polluted with blood. Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against His people. (Psalm 106: 38-40)

Question: Is the protection of the life of the mother a reason for an abortion? C. Everett Koop M.D. (former U.S. Surgeon General) has said: "In my 36 years of pediatric surgery, I have never known of one instance where the child had to be aborted to save the mother's life. Protection of the life of the mother as an excuse for an abortion is a smoke screen."

Question: Isn't birth control just another form of abortion? It depends on what you use. Some methods do cause abortions and should not be used, such as the intrauterine device (IUD), the morning-after pill, and several types of birth control pills such as the "mini pill": and the RU 486.

Question: Is it fair to bring an "unwanted baby" into the world? It's too late to ask that question after a baby has been conceived. Whether you may personally think it's fair or not doesn't change the fact that the pre-born child has already been brought into this world and no one has the right to destroy his or her life. All people, born or unborn, have the same value in God's eyes. God created each of us in His own image, and He loves each one of us. (Genesis 1:26, John 3:16)

Question: What about rape or incest? It's a strange sort of justice that would kill an innocent child for the crime of its father! Two wrongs never make a right. One violent act does not condone another. Whether a person kept the baby or gave it up for adoption, after all, that baby would be half the mothers no matter who the father is. We might be surprised if we really knew which people were conceived this way. Do you think if we were to ask them, "Are you glad you were born?" They would say, "No, I wish I had been aborted."

Question: What if we know a baby is going to be deformed, should we let them be born into a life of misery? Since when did God give us the right to decide if a person should live or not? What if a country decides girls aren't as important as boys? This type of thinking is what led the Nazis to do away with the Jews, because they were not considered worthy to live.

The answer to all of these questions can really be found in these verses in Psalm 139: 13-16. "For You have formed my inward parts; You have covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them."

Gianna, a girl aborted, but lived to tell about it would tell you it is wrong. Mother, don't sacrifice your child on the altar of selfishness. Jane Roe of Roe vs. Wade (real name Norma Lea McCorvy) has renounced her stand on pro-abortion. She now says, "I think it is wrong, I must take a pro-life stand."

There is a solution to this problem of abortion in our country. Every mother could carry her baby to term, then keep her child or give it up for adoption. Abortion is wrong according to the Bible. What is the punishment someone should receive who commits such a crime? The Bible says: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23) You see abortion is as horrible as the thing Susan Smith did to her children, but the Good News is that she can be forgiven, and so can you if you have had an abortion. Jesus loves you and that is the reason He died on the cross for our sins. Ask Jesus to forgive you and invite Him into your heart and you will be saved.

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