

THE BIBLE ON ABORTION

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In one year in the United States, more unborn babies will be killed than soldiers who were killed during World War II. In fact, if the figures are correct concerning the number of abortions performed in one year in the United States, the number of unborn babies killed in the United States each year will be about equal to or will exceed the number of soldiers who have been killed in ALL the wars the United States has been involved in.

So many today decry the loss of our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan which number somewhere around 5,000 deaths. And while this is a great loss, few are saddened by the number of unborn babies killed and most seem to want to promote the idea of abortion. It is a strange world we live in!

Like so many other issues, the one thing not considered by many involved in the discussion of abortion is, "What does the Bible teach us?" We can talk about the health and emotional issues of abortion, but even if one can have an abortion without any lingering issues, the question still is "Is abortion acceptable to God?"

When life begins has always been a big part of the discussion on abortion. Establishing that is critical to the understanding of abortion. So what does God teach us on the subject of abortion? (Emphasis mine, c.c.)

1. When does life begin?
 - a. *"Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is **a man child conceived**" (Job 3:3)*
 - b. Logically, since humans produce humans like dogs produce dogs, then what the mother is carrying during pregnancy has to be another human being from the point of conception. Both logic and the Bible uphold this idea. Therefore, the baby is not a fetus or a blob, but a human being whose life must be protected.

2. Is the baby a child in the womb?
 - a. *"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"* (Jeremiah 1:5)
 - b. *"And it came to pass, that when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, **the babe** leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost"* (Luke 1:41)
 - c. It is easy for us to see that when Jeremiah was in the womb he was Jeremiah. When John was in Elisabeth's womb, he was John and he leaped in the womb.

3. What does God think about taking innocent life?
 - a. *"These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are **an abomination** to him: a proud look, a lying tongue, and **hands that shed innocent blood**, an heart that deviseth imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness*

that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren” (Proverbs 6:16-19)

- b. Murder is one of the works of the flesh and those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:19-21).
- c. An innocent child in the womb has done no wrong, and to take his or her life through abortion is murder.

Abortion is sin and calling it “a woman’s choice” does not make it any less of a sin. Even if the child is the result of incest or rape, it is still wrong to kill the innocent child through abortion. It is our prayer that those who support abortion will cease to do so and begin to protect the life of the innocent babies. Odd, isn’t it, that in our country you can go to jail for killing an eagle but nothing will be done if you kill a baby through abortion? Even stranger, if someone murders a pregnant woman and the act also kills the baby she is carrying, the murderer will be charged for two murders, but if the pregnant woman decides to end her child’s life through abortion, she will be not be charged with a crime!

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