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# Bible Talk

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This week the question is: **Should abortion be allowed in cases of rape, incest, and the life of the mother?**

Scripture teaches that an unborn baby is a human being. In Jeremiah 20:1-18, the prophet Jeremiah was lamenting his miserable life. He had so many heartaches and problems that he wished he had never been born. Listen to what he says:

## **Jeremiah 20:15-17**

<sup>15</sup> Let the man be cursed

Who brought news to my father, saying,  
“A male child has been born to you!”

Making him very glad.

<sup>16</sup> And let that man be like the cities

Which the LORD—overthrew, and did not relent;  
Let him hear the cry in the morning

And the shouting at noon,

<sup>17</sup> **Because he did not kill me from the womb,**

**That my mother might have been my grave,**

And her womb always enlarged with me.

If Jeremiah had been aborted while in his mother's womb, his mother would have been his grave. Clearly, the pre-born baby is a human life.

**Q:** Can a human life be terminated because that human was conceived in rape?

**A:** If an unborn baby's life may be terminated because that baby was conceived in rape, is there any limit to this thinking? Suppose the baby is born and the mother decides five years down the road that she wished she had not had the baby. May the mother kill a five year old child because it was conceived in rape? What if the child reaches the age of ten or twenty or thirty? At what age is a person safe from murder if that person was conceived in a rape? The point is: It is wrong to punish a baby, child, teen, or adult simply because they were conceived in rape. It is not the fault of the baby. Killing innocent human life is murder.

**Q:** What about abortion in cases of incest? Can a human life be terminated because it was conceived in incest?

**A:** The same questions we previously asked apply here. At what point does it become wrong to take a human life because of incest? If the life of the baby may be terminated because it was conceived in incest, is the life of that child always in jeopardy because it was conceived in incest? If the child reaches the age of ten years old, may the mother now decide to kill her child because he was conceived in incest? At what point does murder become wrong? The answer is: Murder is always wrong. Murder is the taking of innocent human life. It is forbidden by God in His holy scriptures.

**Q:** What about abortion in cases where the life of the mother is in jeopardy? Is it right to kill a baby to save the mother's life?

Before answering this last question, let's change the situation slightly. Suppose a little three year old toddler wanders out into the street in front of an oncoming vehicle. Suppose the only way to save the life of the child is for the mother to jump out in front

of the oncoming vehicle and push her baby out of the way to save his life. Should the mother say to herself: "I'm not going to die for my baby to live. My life is more important than the life of my baby"? This kind of thinking is abhorrent. A mother's natural reaction should be to protect and save her baby's life—even if it means she herself dies in the process.

In the Bible (2 Kings 6:26-30) a story is told of two women who shared a house in the city. A terrible famine had depleted all the food in the city—there was nothing to eat. These two women decided to kill their babies, boil them, and eat them so they could live. Is the life of the mother more important than the life of the baby? The answer is: "No." God expects fathers and mothers to protect the lives of their innocent children—that is the job of fathers and mothers—even if protecting them means the father or mother has to die in the process. Abortion is no justifiable in order to save the life of the mother.

Simply put: There is no justifiable reason in scripture for killing an innocent baby. When babies were offered as human sacrifice to false gods, the idea behind sacrificing those babies was to save the lives of the fathers and mothers from impending death. Such thinking is considered abhorrent and cowardly on the part of the fathers and mothers who did these things. The same is true of those who advocate abortion of innocent babies in in cases of rape, incest, and to save the life of the mother.

**Jeremiah 19:3-7**

<sup>3</sup> and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will bring such a catastrophe on this place, that whoever hears of it, his ears will tingle.

<sup>4</sup> "Because they have forsaken Me and made this an alien place, because they have burned incense

in it to other gods whom neither they, their fathers, nor the kings of Judah have known, and **have filled this place with the blood of the innocents**

<sup>5</sup> (they have also built the high places of Baal, **to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal**, which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind),

<sup>6</sup> therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that this place shall no more be called Tophet or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter.

<sup>7</sup> And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hands of those who seek their lives; their corpses I will give as meat for the birds of the heaven and for the beasts of the earth.

This passage clearly demonstrates what God will do to those who kill innocent babies.

- Those who have already aborted babies need to seek forgiveness from God for what they have done—it is a sin.
- Those who are thinking about getting an abortion need to reconsider and not do this.
- Those who advise women to get abortions need to repent and seek forgiveness from God and stand against the murder of innocent babies.
- Doctors, nurses, and other helpers working in abortion clinics need to repent and seek forgiveness from God for the murder of innocent human life.

- Politicians and law makers who approve and help pass laws allowing for abortion need to seek forgiveness from God for allowing the murder of innocent human life.

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