
BIBLE TALK

This week the question is: **What does the Bible say about abortion?**

The issue of abortion has raged since January 22, 1973 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a "*state may not interfere with the actual decision for abortion. Only in the last trimester, may a state ban abortion, and even then abortion may still be performed when there is danger to the life or health of the mother.*"

We are not surprised when atheists and pagans attack and destroy human life, but it is appalling and unbelievable that anyone claiming to be a Christian would become guilty. The Bible teaches very plainly that abortion is murder and those who practice such shall answer to God for their ungodly deed.

In Proverbs 6:16-19 the Bible mentions six things God hates. The second thing on the list is, "*hands that shed innocent blood.*" Shame, shame on anyone claiming to be a Christian and then murders an innocent baby by abortion! Shame on any preacher who will not preach against this ungodly sin!

Thankfully, after forty-nine years, the unconstitutional decision of the 1973 Supreme Court was overturned on June 24, 2022. The Supreme Court reversed the previous decision stating the US Constitution does not guarantee any woman the right to an abortion and the matter is now in the hands of each state to enact each his own laws concerning abortion. Because of "trigger laws" that went into effect the moment of the Court's decision, it instantly became illegal for a woman to have an abortion in

seventeen states (if I'm reading the data correctly) and more states may likely follow.

In this brief study, we will examine why abortion should be banned in all cases of pregnancy—even in cases of rape, incest, or even in cases where the life of the mother is in danger.

WHEN LIFE BEGINS

The controversy surrounding abortion centers around the question of: ***When does life begin?*** To this question we turn our attention.

Does the Bible teach a baby, before birth, is a living soul? Yes, certainly it does.

To Jeremiah God said:

Jeremiah 1:5

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

This passage teaches very plainly that God recognized Jeremiah as a living being while he was still within the womb of his mother.

The Bible says concerning John the Baptist:

Luke 1:41

⁴¹ And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Is it not obvious that life begins within the womb? How could the Bible say John leaped in his mother's womb if he were not recognized as a legitimate living being?

Perhaps the plainest passage illustrating life begins at the point of conception is Psalms 139:13-15. There the Bible says:

Psalms 139:13-15

¹³ For You formed my inward parts;

You covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

Marvelous are Your works,

And that my soul knows very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You,

When I was made in secret,

And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

David declares by inspiration that God knew him and cared for him within his mother's womb. Furthermore, he declares that God made him in the "*lowest parts of the earth*"—a Hebrew expression to describe the dark interior of the mother's womb.

ABORTION IS MURDER

Since God has revealed in His word that life begins at the point of conception, abortion is considered by Him as murder.

Exodus 21:22-25 (NIV)

²² If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows.

²³ But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life,

²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

²⁵ Burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

Notice here that the death of the baby within the womb resulted in the death penalty and specifically the Bible calls it "*life*." The life of the murderer shall go for the life of the unborn child. This is the consistent penalty since an unborn child is a living being.

Exodus 21 describes an unborn baby being killed by an accident. The man striking the woman did not do so intentionally. He was fighting with another man and accidentally struck the pregnant woman who got in the way. Yet he must pay for his crime by being executed. How much more shall God take vengeance upon men who *purposefully* take the life of an innocent child?

SOME OBJECTIONS

Before closing, let us look at some common argument used to support abortion.

1) A woman should have control over her own body.

We can understand men and women who are not Christians saying this, but it is, admittedly difficult to understand how someone claiming to be a Christian could make such an argument. Scripture records this:

1 Corinthians 6:20

²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

A Christian woman cannot argue that her body is her own and she may do with it as she pleases, because her body is **not** her own. The Christian's body belongs to God and it is He that should have control.

Furthermore, consideration should be given for the body of the innocent child. Even if the mother could properly argue that she should have control over her own body, this does not logically give a woman the right to destroy the body of an innocent child.

Abortion boils down to this: Some women today do not want to be inconvenienced with a child. They think only of themselves.

1 Corinthians 13:5

⁵ ... [love] does not seek its own ...

Surely something is drastically wrong when a Christian woman loses all concern for others and seeks only her own well-being.

2) Adam was not a living soul until he breathed.

Genesis 2:7

⁷ And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

The argument says that since Adam was not a living soul until he breathed air, therefore an unborn baby is not a living soul until it takes its first breath of air. Is this a valid argument?

While it is true that Adam was not a living soul until he breathed his first breath of air, this is not true of Adam's offspring. Adam was obviously unique. No other being was created like him and his wife Eve. We have already proven from the Scriptures that God places a living soul within the womb of expectant mother. So there will be no doubt, the wise man Solomon said:

Ecclesiastes 11:5 (RSV)

⁵ As you do not know how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the word of God who makes everything.

To equate the creation of Adam to the procreation of a baby in the womb is not equal comparison.

CONCLUSION

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