

A Biblical View of Abortion

The topic of abortion has long been a divisive issue in society, yet for those who hold to the authority of Scripture, the Bible provides clear guidance on the sanctity of human life. A faithful Christian must approach this subject with respect for Jehovah God's laws and a firm belief in the Bible's authority over moral decisions.

The Sanctity of Life in the Bible

The Holy Scriptures consistently affirm that human life is sacred and that the Creator is the giver of life. In Genesis 1:27, the Bible says, "God created man in his own image. In God's image he created him; male and female he created them." This foundational verse establishes that human beings possess intrinsic worth from the moment of creation.

Further, Psalm 139:13-16 highlights God's intimate involvement in the formation of life in the womb:

*"For you formed my inmost being.
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will give thanks to you,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Your works are wonderful.
My soul knows that very well.
My frame wasn't hidden from you,
when I was made in secret,
woven together in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my body.
In your book they were all written,
the days that were ordained for me,
when as yet there were none of them."*

This portion of the psalm details God's sovereignty in human development, but it also reveals that life is known and valued by the heavenly Father even before birth. Each person is part of God's divine plan, and his or her purpose is woven into their being before they take their first breath.

The prophet Isaiah likewise affirms this divine involvement. Isaiah 44:24 says,

"Jehovah (Yahweh), your Redeemer, and he who formed you from the womb says: I am Jehovah, who makes all things; who alone stretches out the heavens; who spreads out the earth by myself." This further

indicates God's hand in every life, confirming that no human life is accidental or insignificant.

The Commandment Against Murder

The Bible clearly condemns the taking of innocent life. In Exodus 20:13, the Sixth Commandment states, "You shall not murder." This commandment demonstrates the Creator's regard for life and provides a moral boundary that prohibits the destruction of innocent persons. The shedding of innocent blood is consistently condemned throughout the Scriptures as an abomination to Almighty God (compare Proverbs 6:16-17).

The prophet Jeremiah also illustrates God's foreknowledge and purpose in a child's life. In Jeremiah 1:5, God speaks to the prophet, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I sanctified you. I have appointed you a prophet to the nations." This reveals that the Lord appoints life and purpose to each individual even before birth. To tamper with this divinely ordained plan is to reject God's sovereignty.

The Bible warns of severe consequences for shedding innocent blood. Deuteronomy 27:25 states, "Cursed is he that takes a bribe to slay an innocent person." Abortion, in its deliberate termination of a vulnerable and defenseless life, clearly violates this biblical principle.

The Value of Children

The Bible speaks of children as a blessing and a heritage from the Creator. Psalm 127:3 states, "Behold, children are a heritage of Jehovah. The fruit of the womb is his reward." Such language affirms that each child is a divine gift, not a burden or an inconvenience to be discarded.

We also read in Luke 1:41-44 about the unborn John the Baptist leaping in Elizabeth's womb when Mary, pregnant with the future Messiah, entered the room. This account reveals the personhood and spiritual awareness of the unborn, further reinforcing the Bible's view of life beginning before birth.

Jesus' own love for children is powerfully displayed in Matthew 19:14, where He says, "Allow the little children, and do not forbid them to come to me; for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to ones like these." Christ's teaching reveals God's unique tenderness toward the young and demonstrates the tragedy of ending an unborn life.

Respecting Jehovah's Laws

As Christians we are called to uphold God's commandments and to resist the world's ideologies that contradict His revealed Word. Deuteronomy 30:19 issues a clear moral call:

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore choose life, that you may live, you and your descendants."

Choosing life is not only a personal preference; it is an act of obedience to the will of the Creator of the universe. The Bible repeatedly warns against shedding innocent blood, a sin which brings judgment upon a people (compare Proverbs 6:16-17; Deuteronomy 27:25). The ancient Israelites were warned that their disobedience, including the sacrifice of children to false gods, would result in divine punishment (compare 2 Kings 17:17-18).

The Holy Scriptures show that God demands justice for the oppressed and innocent. Proverbs 31:8-9 instructs believers, "Open your mouth for the mute, in the cause of all who are left desolate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and serve justice to the poor and needy." Christians must therefore speak for those who cannot speak for themselves — including the unborn.

The Christian Response

The Bible calls believers to defend the weak and the innocent. Proverbs 24:11-12 exhorts us:

"Rescue those who are being led away to death! Indeed, hold back those who are staggering to the

slaughter! If you say, 'Behold, we didn't know this,' doesn't he who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, doesn't he know it? Shall he not render to every man according to his work?"

Christians are entrusted with the responsibility to uphold the sanctity of life through prayer, education, and compassionate outreach to those who struggle with difficult circumstances. While the world promotes abortion as a "choice," the Bible affirms that life is a sacred trust given by Jehovah God, and every effort must be made to protect it.

Furthermore, Christians must extend mercy and forgiveness to those who have participated in or experienced abortion. Jesus' redemptive work offers healing to those burdened by guilt, and the Body of Christ must provide guidance and support to help them find spiritual restoration. 1 John 1:9 tells us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The Lord's mercy is wide enough to restore those who repent and seek Him.

Christians must also provide practical support to mothers facing difficult pregnancies, genuinely demonstrating Christ's love in tangible ways. This may involve supporting crisis pregnancy centers, providing resources for single mothers, or advocating for pro-life policies that protect the unborn.

For those who believe in and follow God's Word, the matter of abortion is not a political issue but a deep moral concern. The Bible consistently upholds the sanctity of life from conception, commanding respect for God's creation and His sovereign will. As Christians, we must stand firm on the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, choosing life in accordance with Jehovah's perfect plan. Our duty is not only to speak the truth boldly but also to extend compassion to those who are confused or burdened by past choices. By embracing both truth and grace, believers can faithfully uphold God's laws and reflect His love to a hurting world.

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