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Abortion: A Right That's Wrong
Jeremiah 1:5

INTRO: Is it ever right to deliberately kill the innocent, to kill those who can in no way defend themselves? Friends, abortion truly is a right that is wrong. Think of the unborn, think of them in their mother's womb. Can they in any way protect themselves? Can they in anyway stop the abortionist? A mother's womb should be the safest place a child could ever be. For the millions who have been aborted, it was the most dangerous place.

All innocent life should be protected. We must stand, as Christians, for the sanctity of life. John W. Whitehead of the Rutherford Institute says: "The sanctity of human life is the priority issue. It covers the entire spectrum of threats to human life including abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. I not dealt with effectively, it spells the death of this country".

The most blatant attack on the sanctity of life in this country is abortion. Abortion is murder; it is a violation of the sixth commandment. "Thou shalt not kill" (Ex 20:13).

1) LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION

- a) Psalm 139:14-18 vividly pictures the development of a baby in the womb. The words of these scriptures tell us that God prescribed us before birth.
 - i) In verse 16, the Hebrew word for substance is *golem* meaning embryo. Dr. Henry Morris says: "God is watching over each embryonic human being from the moment of conception. The baby is 'unperfect,' not 'imperfect,' until it is ready for delivery, but it is always truly human, with an eternal soul" (Defenders Bible 669). This word *golem* is used in Gen 2:7 where God formed man out of the dust of the ground.
 - ii) Now notice with me the word "continuance" in verse 16. "In continuance" is the same as days in the Hebrew. Think of it+ God oversees the day by day development of that little life in the womb.
 - iii) "Fashioned" in verse 16 is the Hebrew word *yatsar* speaking here of Divine activity in forming the baby in the womb. Man has no business destroying what God is doing.
- b) Isaiah 49:5 tells us that God treats us as persons before birth. Not only did God form us, He has a purpose for us 49:1.
 - i) God counts every little baby, every tiny package of humanity, as a person before birth (Jer 1:4-5).
 - ii) Isaiah 44:2, 44:24, and Job 10:8-9 assures us that God is at work, forming the baby in the womb.
- c) In Psalm 51:5, we are boldly told that life begins at conception.
 - i) "Here in Psalm 51:5, the Psalmist is relating his sinfulness to the very inception of life; he traces his development beyond birth. . . to the genesis of being in his mother's womb. Even to the very hour of

- conception” (Dalglish 121).
- ii) A baby is the work of God; and when a baby is aborted, man is interfering with God’s work.
- d) When an abortionist takes a human life, he is taking that which is precious to God.
 - i) In Genesis 1:26-27, God said: “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness....”
 - (1) Human life is precious to God. That is why He says: “Thou shalt not kill.” Abortion is killing; it is murder.
 - (2) “In God’s estimation, it is so precious and so unique He commands that it be protected, it must be preserved. It alone represents “the image of God”” (Swindoll 17).
 - (3) Life is so important to God that no one has a right to end it by murder.
 - ii) There are three things that we need to see as God sees them concerning the unborn. Three things for which we need wisdom:
 - (1) God sets apart human life as distinct, unique, and valuable.
 - (2) God preserves, and He protects human life as no other life on earth.
 - (3) Life begins at conception and life continues to develop in the womb as God works. God shapes the child into the precise kind of person He wants the child to be.

2) STAGGERING STATISTICS

- a) Heartbeats and brain waves.
 - i) Unborn children have detectable heartbeats at eighteen days (two and one-half weeks) after conception. Essentially 100% of all abortions occur after the seventh week of pregnancy.
 - ii) Unborn children have detectable brain wave activity at forty days (just over five and one-half weeks after conception).
- b) Why are babies aborted?
 - i) Reasons for abortions:
 - (1) 1% are victims of rape.
 - (2) 1% had fetal abnormalities.
 - (3) 4% had a doctor who said their health would worsen if they continued the pregnancy. During 35 years of medical practice, Dr. E. Everett Koop says: “Never once did a case come across my practice where abortion was necessary to save a mother’s life” (Hybole 22-23).
 - (4) 50% said they didn’t want to be a single parent, or they had problems in current relationships.
 - (5) 66% stated they could not afford a child.
 - (6) 75% said the child would interfere with their lives (source Alan Guttmacher Institute Research Division of Planned Parenthood, NY, NY).

- ii) 94% of children killed by abortion are killed for reasons of convenience.
- c) When are children aborted?
 - i) 50% of all abortions are performed at 8 weeks.
 - ii) 25% at 9-10 weeks.
 - iii) 14% at 11-12 weeks.
 - iv) 5% at 13-15 weeks.
 - v) 4% at 16-20 weeks.
 - vi) 2% after 20 weeks.
- d) How are children aborted?
 - i) D&C+ baby cut in pieces and scraped from the uterine wall. Parts must be reassembled to be sure all are out.
 - ii) Suction+ tube is inserted into uterus and connected to a strong vacuum. The baby is torn to bits and sucked into a jar.
 - iii) Salt poisoning+ saline injection+ used after 16 weeks (4 months).
 - (1) A long needle is inserted into the baby's sac; fluid is removed then a strong saline solution is injected.
 - (2) The helpless baby swallows the poison and is burned alive.
 - (3) It takes an hour for the baby to die by this method. The baby kicks and jerks until dead.
 - iv) Hysterectomy or C section+
 - (1) This method is used during the last three months of pregnancy.
 - (2) The womb is entered by surgery through the wall of the abdomen. The baby is removed and left to die by neglect, or it is sometimes killed by direct act.
 - v) Prostaglandin chemical abortion+ uses chemicals developed by Upjohn Pharmaceutical Co.
 - (1) Chemicals cause the uterus to contract intensely, pushing out the developing baby.
 - (2) Contractions are so severe that some babies have been decapitated by them.
- e) How many children are aborted?
 - i) In the US+
 - (1) 1.31 million in 2000 - down from 1.61 million in 1990.
 - (2) 21.3 abortions per 1,000 women.
 - (3) Over 4,000 per day.
 - (4) Over 180 per hour.
 - (5) From 30-40 million little American babies have been aborted since 1973. (Listen to the evil words of the founder of Planned Parenthood, Margaret Sanger: "The most merciful thing that a large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.")
 - ii) In 2000, there were 25 abortions per 1,000 teenagers.
 - iii) The District of Columbia has the highest rate of abortions: 68.1 abortions per 1,000 women.

3) THE MORAL ISSUE

- a) We need a guide in the sex crazed world we live in; and the Bible is that guide.
 - b) The Bible says that sexual immorality is to be avoided (I Thes 4:3). "Abstain"-- "hold ones self off, refrain, abstain."
 - i) Miss America Erika Harold publicly and fervently advocates chastity before marriage.
 - ii) Hebrews 13:4 says that "Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled....." Stay out of bed until you are married.
 - iii) In a cartoon, a grandson asks his grandfather: "Gee granddad, your generation didn't have all these social diseases. What did you wear for safe sex?" Without hesitation Granddad answered: "A wedding ring."
- 4) FORGIVENESS
- a) There is forgiveness for the sinner, no matter how great the sin.
 - i) Eph 1:7, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...."
 - ii) Col 1:14.
 - b) Friend, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Believe the Gospel (I Cor 15:3-4).
 - c) Child of God+ there is cleansing for you (I John 1:9).
 - d) Avoid sin by staying close to God (Psa 119:9).

CONCLUSION: God places special value on human life and commands that it be protected. "We do not have freedom over all the conditions of our life, but we do have freedom over what stand we take toward them" (Victor Frank 1).