

Abortion, Hands that Shed Innocent Blood

Int.

1. Aim: To show that the practice of abortion is cold-blooded murder because it is shedding of innocent blood.
2. Murder is condemned in the Bible !
 - a. Prov. 6:17 "...and hands that shed innocent blood,"
 - b. Gen. 9:6 "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man."
 - c. Ex. 20:13 "Thou shalt not kill." Gal. 5:19-21 Rev. 21:8 Rev. 22:5 - condemns murder
 - d. In Greek the word murder means to ruin, to destroy, to perish, to be destroyed, to be killed, or destruction.
 - e. One who intentionally takes the life of another human is called a murderer! An accomplice or conspirator who helps in the murder is also guilty of the same sin.
 - f. Murderers shall not be in heaven!
3. The practice of abortion is a form of murder that has been legalized in our country.
 - a. Jan. 22, 1973 - US SUPREME COURT ruling = 33 years ago today
 - b. Millions of legal abortions have occurred since that date - over 50 million
 - c. Abortion clinics have been established for this purpose
4. Many questions. Is it legal? Should we oppose it? Why is it wrong?
5. We will discuss:
 - a. When does life begin ?
 - b. When does death occur ?
 - c. Excuses for abortions and the answers.

Discussion

I. WHEN DOES LIFE BEGIN ?

A. Theories

1. At birth - when a child takes its first breath
2. Quickening - first movement of the fetus - fetus = unborn 3 months to conception
3. Viability - when it can survive out of the womb
4. Brain function - a short time after conception
5. Conception - when sperm & ovum unite

B. Which is the correct theory? What does the Bible teach? The Bible teaches that conception is the beginning of life! If so then abortion would be murder!

C. Scriptures to show life begins at conception

1. Jer. 1:5 "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."
 - a. Chosen by God while in the womb
 - b. If there had been an abortion then Jeremiah would have been killed
2. Ps. 139:1-6 & 12-16
3. Job 31:15 "Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?"
 - a. God had a part in making him in the womb
 - b. He must have had a part from the beginning or conception
4. Isa. 49:1-5

- a. God called Isaiah from the womb
 - b. If his mother had had an abortion, Isaiah would have been killed
5. John the Baptist - God recognized his life before birth
- a. Lk. 1:15 - John was filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb "For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb."
 - b. Lk. 1:41-44 - babe leaped in womb
 - (1) Babe = [brephos] means unborn child, newborn child or infant
 - (2) Same word used in Lk. 2:16 to refer to Jesus after he was born
6. Jesus "Incarnation" proves life begins at conception
- a. Lk. 1:31 - conceive and bring forth a son
 - b. Christ is an eternal being
 - (1) John 1:1-2
 - (2) Phil. 2:6-8 Likeness of men? When? It was at conception? The fetus in the womb of Mary was not just an organ of her body! It was the Son of God. He began to take the form of a man at conception.
- D. A study of these verses plus many more indicate that life begins at conception.
1. Notice this passage in Exodus 21:22-25.
 2. It is not talking about abortion. But it discusses the penalty for a man who causes a woman to have a miscarriage.
 3. It says "...life for life," which indicates that the baby in the womb was alive.
 4. If it was killed then the man responsible would face death.

II. WHEN DOES DEATH OCCUR ?

- A. Perhaps a good way to define when life begins is to define when death occurs.

- B. Jas. 2:26 "For as the body without the spirit is dead..."
1. Death occurs when the spirit separates from the body
 2. As long as the spirit remains in the body it is alive
- C. The embryo or fetus requires a spirit to be alive
1. If it did not have a spirit it would be dead
 2. At conception the embryo begins to grow - it has life and this continues until death occurs
 3. God gives the spirit
 - a. Zech. 12:1 "The burden of the word of the Lord for I srael, saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him"
 - b. Ecl. 12:7 "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."
- D. The destruction of life by abortion is plain murder. It produces a dead fetus. That implies there must have been life.

III. THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ABORTION

- A. Many Excuses offered to justify abortion:
- B. The excuses examined and answered
1. Legalize to protect from illegal?
 - a. Just because some disobey a law does not mean we change the law to make it legal
 - b. Legalizing has increased the number of abortions
 2. Woman's right to determine if she will give birth

- a. This assumes that the fetus is nothing more than a tumor
- b. If she wants it removed it is her decision
- c. Problem - a fetus is more than an organ of her body or a blob of protoplasm which she can have removed at will.

3. An unwanted baby

- a. Some argue that unwanted babies will be neglected and abused. And if we legalize abortion there will be no unwanted abused babies.
- b. That is not true. Since 1973 there has been a 300% increase in battered babies - G.A. Mays 1, 1980 p. 27
- c. If they really do not want the baby, there are plenty of people who do.

4. Not the sex desired

- a. Tests can determine
- b. That is foolish and immature - No justification for murder

5. Deformed fetus

- a. Does an imperfect child have no rights?
- b. Should we dispose of all people who are not perfect physically, or mentally

6. Mental health of mother

- a. Some are unhappy with the thoughts of having a baby
- b. So an abortion is justified by some to help her
- c. But we ask, "Can a woman's mental health be improved by murdering her

baby?" No!!! Dr. John Grady testifies "I believe it can be stated with certainty that abortion causes more deep-seated guilt, depression and mental illness than it ever cures."

7. Physical health of mother

- a. This is an exaggerated excuse
- b. Dr. Joseph P. Donnelly says "Abortion is never necessary to save the life of the mother."
- c. One Doctor who had performed over 15,000 abortions stated that not one was ever performed because it was absolutely necessary.

8. Birth control method

- a. It is not a method of birth control !!!!
- b. Birth control attempts to prevent a new life from beginning.
- c. Abortion kills the human life that has already begun

9. Population control

- a. There is not a population explosion in our country
- b. Even if it were true that would not justify killing of babies

10. Unmarried teenager

- a. Some say an abortion would be the lesser of the two evils.
- b. But committing one sin [adultery] does not justify the committing of another sin
= abortion which is murder
- c. We must teach young people - Heb. 13:4

11. Rape or incest

- a. It is extremely rare - 10 year study at the hospitals of Minneapolis St. Paul area. Treated 3,500 cause of rape. They had zero cases of pregnancy.
- b. Czechoslovakia - study of 86,000 abortions cases. Only 22 were done for rape.
- c. Suppose it is true - should she destroy the baby?
- d. The trauma has already occurred and will this really help her? Will murdering the baby solve or compound the problem.
- e. She can deliver the baby and allow it to be adopted.
- f. It is a twisted logic that would kill an innocent unborn baby for the crime of its father.

12. Economic hardship

- a. That is an excuse!! Give the child to someone else.
- b. Murder is not the answer
- c. Some would rather have a new car, vacation, etc. instead of having a new baby.
Therefore they get an abortion.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS THOUGHTS ABOUT ABORTION

- A. More concern for animals than babies
 1. Man sentenced in death of a puppy - he got 30 days in jail and a \$300 fine
 2. Jail term for killing a dog - AP Mar. 10, 1995
 3. Federal law makes it illegal to kill eagles. It is also illegal to destroy their eggs and nest.
 4. It is odd that we will protect animals and allow babies to be killed!!

- B. Teen-agers killed Baby
 1. On Nov. 12, 1996 Amy Suzanne Grossberg and Brian Carl Peterson went to a motel room in Neward, Delaware where she gave birth to a 6 lb. 2 oz baby boy. They placed the baby in a plastic trash bag and discarded him in the motel's trash bin. They were arrested and charged with first-degree murder. Served 30 months.
 2. If Amy and Brian had only got a doctor to help them, then they would not have been charged with murder.
 3. If they had hired a hit man, called an abortionist, he could have done the job for them legally. He would have killed the baby and dumped it in the trash can and no questions would have been asked.
 4. Is it not weird logic that in our society the ones who have pledged to help protect and prolong our life are involved in taking innocent babies and killing them? And this is all done legally?

- C. Supporters of abortion will end up in support of euthanasia

1. In April of 1982 a newborn baby was diagnosed as having Downs Syndrome plus some physical deformities. The parents and doctors agreed to let the child starve to death for they judged that its life was not worth sustaining.
2. Aged people, mentally and physically handicapped people may no longer be "wanted" and "useful" ! Therefore they would be eliminated if these people were responsible.
3. Illustration: Is This Where Abortion is Headed?

CONCLUSION

1. Pro. 6:16-17 "...hands that shed innocent blood."
2. I am opposed to the practice of abortion because:
 - a. The Bible teaches it is wrong to murder
 - b. An unborn child has life
 - c. No man has the right to destroy the life of another.
 - d. It leads to other sins.
3. BE ready to give an answer to any one who would ask you about this question.
4. God is the giver of life!
5. "He giveth to all life, and breath" Acts 17:25
6. God decides when life begins, and has revealed to us that it begins at conception.
7. Abortion is murder.

IS THIS WHERE ABORTION IS HEADED?

Dear Mom,

Can you believe it's 2023 already? I am still writing 22 on nearly everything. Seems like yesterday I was sitting in first grade celebrating the century change.

I know we haven't really chatted since Christmas. Sorry. Anyway, I have some difficult news and I really did not want to call and talk face-to-face.

Ted' s had a promotion, and I should be up for a hefty raise this year if I keep putting in these crazy hours. You know how I work at it. Yes, we're still struggling with the bills.'

Timmy's been "OK" at kindergarten although he complains about going. But then he wasn't happy about day-care either, so what can I do? He has been a real problem, Mom. He is a good kid but quite honestly he's an unfair burden at this time in our lives. Ted and I have talked this through and through and finally made a choice. Plenty of other families have made it and are much better off.

Our preacher is supportive" and says hard decisions sometimes are necessary. The family is a "system" and the demands of one member shouldn't be allowed to ruin the whole. He told us to be prayerful, consider all the factors, and do what is right to make the family work. He says that even though he probably wouldn't do it himself, the decision really is ours. He was kind enough to refer us to a children's clinic near here, so at least that part's easy.

I am not an uncaring mother. I do feel sorry for the little guy. I think he overheard Ted and me talking about "it" the other night. I turned around and saw him standing at the bottom step in his pj's with the little bear you gave him under his arm, and his eyes sort of welling up.

Mom, the way he looked at me just broke my heart. But I honestly believe this is better for Timmy too. It is not fair to force him to live in a family that cannot give him the time and attention he deserves. And please, don't give me the kind of grief Grandma gave you about your abortions. It is the same thing, you know.

We have told him he is just going in for a vaccination. Anyway, they say the termination procedure is painless.

I guess it is just as well you have not seen that much of him.

Love to Dad.

Jane