



BUILDING
STRONG HOMES

Is the issue of abortion a matter of individual liberty or is there a higher moral standard by which we can draw a clear line?



LESSON #9

ABORTION & THE DISCIPLE

2 Important Opening Considerations

1. The beginning of human life is a magnificent thing.
2. Only humans come into being, created by God, and live forever - with God or in hell.

The only being in all the universe
who keeps on originating and
then living forever in the image
of God is man.

#1 DEBATING THE RATIONAL BEHIND ABORTION

- **The Humanistic Worldview** - “Man is the highest standard there is.”
- **The Christian Worldview** - “God is the highest standard there is.”



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DEBATING THE RATIONAL BEHIND ABORTION

A. Historical Situation

- Starting in the *Renaissance* we see a rise of humanism.
- The *Enlightenment* brought about a virtual worship of nature.
- A new belief came about: **If humans are a mere product of nature, anything we do naturally is normal and even good.**



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DEBATING THE RATIONAL BEHIND ABORTION

A. Historical Situation

B. Current Situation

- The two most debated issues in our day are drawn out of that historical background: **Abortion & Homosexuality**



“Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.”

1 Corinthians 7:2-3

“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.”

2 Corinthians 6:18

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry.”

Colossians 3:5

#1 DEBATING THE RATIONAL BEHIND ABORTION

A. Historical Situation

B. Current Situation



You should be awakened to the need to have an intense, gratefully, and joyful and reverence for the gift of human life from conception to eternity.

#2 DISCOVERING THE REALITY ABOUT ABORTION

- Prior to *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision of 1973, about 500,000 illegal abortions occurred every year. By 1975, over 1,000,000 babies were being aborted in the United States.
- Presently, 1 in 3 pregnancies in the US will end in abortion.
- Over 4,000 abortions occur in the US each day accounting for 1 every 21 seconds.
- In 1979 abortions outnumbered live births.



“Never once did a case come across my practice where abortion was necessary to save a mother’s life.”

C. Everett Kopp, MD, formerly the Surgeon General of the United States

#2 DISCOVERING THE REALITY ABOUT ABORTION

- One of the great underlying principles and fundamental axioms of the Mosaic legislation was the sanctity of human life.



#3 DEALING WITH THE REASONING FOR HAVING ABORTIONS

A. Argument #1: The Beginning of Life



Hypothetical Situation

- Two women become pregnant on the same day.
- 6 months later woman A has a premature but healthy baby, and woman B is still pregnant.
- One week later each decides she doesn't want her baby.
- Why should woman B be allowed to kill hers and not woman A?

#3 DEALING WITH THE REASONING FOR HAVING ABORTIONS

A. Argument #1: The Beginning of Life

- Psalm 139:13-16; Isaiah 44:2; Isaiah 49:1; Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 22:9-10



Consistent Teaching in Both Testaments

- **New Testament** - The Greek word “*brephos*” is used to describe unborn, newborn, and youth.
- **Old Testament** - The Hebrew word “*yeled*” is used to describe unborn, newborn, and youth.

#3 DEALING WITH THE REASONING FOR HAVING ABORTIONS

A. Argument #1: The Beginning of Life

B. Argument #2: The Quality of Life

1. The Lord determines capabilities (Ex. 4:11)

2. The Lord retains His image (Gen. 1:26-27)

3. The Lord has a special place for the unwanted (Psalm 68:5)

