

What Does the Bible Say About Abortion?

Introduction:

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court ruled that all state laws that protect unborn babies from death are unconstitutional. Here is what the court stated:

"We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy, and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus, the judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer."

As a consequence of this ruling, over 50 million, American, unborn babies have been murdered, up to the present day. Now, consider the utter absurdity and irresponsible nature of this decision. They didn't know when life begins; there was no satisfactory consensus/agreement among doctors, philosophers and theologians, and so, at that point of man's knowledge, they could not issue a judgment that would prohibit abortion! Even from a very basic, elementary and logical standpoint, such a statement ought to greatly concern us. Suppose, you don't know when life begins; suppose that they were right in that respect (now of course, we know better, but just suppose), wouldn't it be incumbent upon the court to presume *life*, rather than take a chance otherwise? Isn't the onus on "pro-choice" supporters, to prove that the unborn child is not *life* at conception? Do we err on the side of murder, when we are unsure of a thing?!

That said, our primary conviction concerning this matter, comes from the Author of Life Himself, and not mere, corrupt men, who serve a godless, selfish agenda. As most of you should know, this afternoon, during the luncheon, we will have Doreen Gelesko with us, providing us with information about the "Crisis Care Pregnancy Center." To that end, Pastor Doug and I have decided to commit the whole day toward addressing the matter of abortion.

For the Am sermon, I will concentrate my focus, primarily on motivating us to be actively involved in opposing abortion, and taking a stand for the unborn. And for this Sunday School hour, I thought we might spend our time considering various Scriptural texts that would speak to the whole topic of "abortion," from the standpoint of God.

I. What Does the Bible Say About Abortion?

1) Genesis 1:26-31: Man is uniquely created in the image of God

2) Genesis 2:7: Man is a living soul. Man is not merely a material being, he is a spiritual being as well.

3) Genesis 9:1-7: Can eat animals, but not man. Shedding man's blood is a capital crime because man bears the image of God.

4) Exodus 20:13: Self-explanatory; not murdering, positively promoting/saving life

5) Exodus 21:22-25: Injury of the unborn is punished in like fashion

6) Job 31:15; Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5: Interfering with God's marvelous handiwork

7) Psalm 51:5; Psalm 58:3: We are corrupted from conception. The affects of sin, meet and infect us, from conception.

8) Genesis 25:22-23: Jacob and Esau struggle in the womb

9) Luke 1:41, 44: John the Baptist leaps for joy, in the womb

10) Luke 1:15: John the Baptist is filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb (not from birth, but from the womb- see point #9)

11) Luke 1:41, 44 (unborn John) & Luke 2:12, 16 (newborn Jesus); Luke 18:15- Same Greek word, describing these infants/young ones

12) Matthew 5:27-28; Hebrews 13:4; Ex. 20: What is one main root of abortion? The sins of fornication/adultery! This often, vital connection is left unchecked (without excusing marital abortion; rape abortion...etc)

13) David & Bathsheba (David fasts for the life of the unborn child; does not consider abortion an option, though he had formerly had Uriah murdered)

Amen!