

The Rise of Molech

Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation

1 Sacrificing Children to Molech- Part 1

Welcome again my beloved in Jesus Christ. Now beginning on today's we're going to take a short "vacation" from our verse by verse "journey" through the Gospel of Luke and begin this new year by examining a very serious subject that I preached in my Church at the beginning of 2016 entitled, *"The Rise of Molech; Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation"*. So let's open our Bibles and read **Leviticus 18** together:

1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'I am the Lord your God.

3 'You shall not do what is done in the land of Egypt where you lived, nor are you to do what is done in the land of Canaan where I am bringing you; you shall not walk in their statutes.

4 'You are to perform My judgments and keep My statutes, to live in accord with them; I am the Lord your God.

5 'So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the Lord.

6 'None of you shall approach any blood relative of his to uncover nakedness; I am the Lord.

7 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, that is, the nakedness of your mother. She is your mother; you are not to uncover her nakedness.

8 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness.

9 'The nakedness of your sister, *either* your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether born at home or born outside, their nakedness you shall not uncover.

10 'The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for their nakedness is yours.

11 'The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, born to your father, she is your sister, you shall not uncover her nakedness.

- 12 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; she is your father's blood relative.
- 13 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is your mother's blood relative.
- 14 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother; you shall not approach his wife, she is your aunt.
- 15 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife, you shall not uncover her nakedness.
- 16 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness.
- 17 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and of her daughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are blood relatives. It is lewdness.
- 18 'You shall not marry a woman in addition to her sister as a rival while she is alive, to uncover her nakedness.
- 19 'Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness during her menstrual impurity.
- 20 'You shall not have intercourse with your neighbor's wife, to be defiled with her.
- 21 'You shall not give any of your offspring to offer them to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God; I am the Lord.
- 22 'You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.
- 23 'Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion.
- 24 'Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled.
- 25 'For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants.
- 26 'But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments and shall not do any of these abominations, *neither* the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you
- 27 (for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled);
- 28 so that the land will not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you.

29 'For whoever does any of these abominations, those persons who do so shall be cut off from among their people.

30 'Thus you are to keep My charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which have been practiced before you, so as not to defile yourselves with them; I am the Lord your God.'"

Now there are occasions when sinful behavior becomes so prevalent and rises to such a grotesque level that it warrants the Church to cry out against it. The practice of Abortion in this country is one of those occasions. By any measurement- Abortion today is a holocaust of unfathomable proportions and is a blight upon our nation. So I am compelled by the Holy Spirit to take a short "vacation" from our verse by verse "journey" through the **Gospel of Luke** and begin this new year with a sermon series on the horror of Abortion.

Now the words that we just read were originally written by Moses as he was being moved along by God the Holy Spirit some 1,450 years before Jesus was born. And that makes these words to be "inspired" or "breathed out" by God. And as we have discovered- for words to be "inspired" means that they are also:

- ✓ Inerrant
- ✓ Infallible
- ✓ Authoritative
- ✓ Relevant
- ✓ Sufficient

... so that means that these Words- along with all the other Words in all 66 Books of the Holy Bible are "Divine Absolute Truth". And that means that these Words are trustworthy and reliable and so we are correct to preach and teach them as being true. And we are correct to develop Doctrines from these Words. And we should develop how we look at "Right" and "Wrong" and alter the way we live our lives- based upon what these Words say.

And the development of "Right and Wrong" and the implementation of Morality that form the basis of law within a particular society is what is called "A Civilization". And the United States is part of what is called, "Western Civilization" which is a civilization that is based upon the Morality that was established by the

Holy Bible. Other civilizations are based upon the "morality" that is taught in the Qu-ran or the Bhagavad- Gita or the sayings of Confucious or some other religion.

And so all cultures are based upon civilizations and all civilizations are based upon law an all law is based upon morality and all morality is based upon some religion. So you cannot have either a culture or a civilization without having a morality that is based upon a religion. And the choice is not whether we ought to have Christianity as the core of our nations' soul- but we are either going to either have a nation that is based upon Biblical Morality or we are going to have a nation that is based upon somebody *else's* morality- but understand this- there will *always* be a morality that is dominant within a culture or civilization.

And that is the basis of the titanic struggle that is going on for the very soul of this nation. As fewer and fewer people in this country honor and respect the Word of God as being Absolute Truth- the "morality" that is *not* based on the Bible and that is based on some other false religion is gaining popularity. And in America- whatever is popular eventually dominates the culture. And so we are living in a time when Western Civilization is being systematically dismantled before our eyes. And so the immoral and brutal behavior that typifies these pagan cultures is rushing into the mainstream of the United States.

And so we now murder babies. And we murder them by the millions and we murder them by hacking them to pieces or by burning them to death with saline solutions- techniques that we copied from Nazi Germany and the Russian Gulags. And recently we found out that we murder babies and then sell their body parts for research and for makeup and for shampoo. And we murder them and call it "choice". But as a culture- we murder babies. And right now it is *unborn* babies but we are now creeping up to the line (and have periodically already crossed it) where we can murder babies who have *already* been born. And then why not murder the elderly- because after all- they're in the way and they cost so much money; and why not murder the sick and the mentally impaired because the very logic that allows us to rip living human beings from the womb would be the same to murder already born babies who have mental handicaps.

And the mantra of the politicians and the lawyers and the judges is that they want Abortion to be "Safe, Legal, and Rare". And I understand why people who don't believe that the Bible is the Word of God would want the first two- even though I will tell you that Abortion is *not* safe in this country. I will tell you that many thousands of women get horrific medical problems from Abortions every year and even more than that have to go through psychological counselling as it dawns on them that they have murdered their baby.

But I find it very curious that these people would want Abortion to be "rare". Why is that? Because if there is nothing *morally* wrong with murdering babies- then why not promote it? If Abortion is no different than removing gal stones- why restrict it at all? Why not brag about it and try as hard as possible to get as many women to engage in it as possible? Why would these people want Abortion to be "rare" unless it was exactly what it is- murder? Maybe *that* is why it is against the law in the United States to show a picture of an aborted baby on network television. They would answer by saying that it is always a very "painful decision". But why is the decision to kill a human being "painful" unless there was a morality attached to it? And why is there a morality attached to it if it we are not talking about a human life and the sin of taking it?

Now there are many people today who will say everything I just said to you. There are many who speak out and who protest against abortion every day. And I am grateful for all of them. But where I am in the minority- is when I tell you that the rescuing of our nation from this pagan "worldview" or this pagan "morality"- the morality and worldview of the ancient Canaanites and Egyptians that allows for babies to be murdered with impunity- does *not* lie in *any* candidate who is currently running for office nor does it lie in the Halls of Congress where laws are made nor in the Courtrooms where jurisprudence is adjudicated nor does it lie in the major centers of economic influence.

I would remind you that the very arguments that allowed for and that sustained slavery in this country are the same that allow for and that sustain abortion. Businesses owners promoted slavery while lawyers defended it and politicians wrote it into law. And the Judges arbitrarily declared that black people were not human beings and thus not entitled to any Constitutional protections or due process. And so

human beings were bought and sold like cattle until the men of the Church rose up in moral outrage and demanded change.

Today abortion is big business. Hundreds of millions of dollars are to be made by hacking living human beings to death and many more hundreds of millions are there by harvesting baby parts to companies willing to ignore what they are doing.

There are doctors in this country who, although they took an oath to preserve life, will, nonetheless, kill your baby. These monsters will be happy to stick a pair of scissors into the back of the head of the baby and suck out its brain- not because the life of the mother is in jeopardy- but for the very worst of all possible reasons- for money. And lawyers defend the right for a woman to choose and politicians write that into law. And in 1973- a single judge- who had not one day of medical training- arbitrarily ruled that unborn babies were not human beings and thus not entitled to any Constitutional protections or due process. And so we murder babies. And we will *continue* to murder babies until the men of the Church rise up in moral outrage.

So you cannot go to the politicians or to the lawyers or to the judges or to the business owners for help. I will tell you that the solution to the problem of having and valuing a Biblical Worldview or a Biblical Morality that will dominate our culture which will result in murdering babies to stop- lies solely in the Church of the First Born. It lies in the men and women and children who make up the visible Church of Jesus in this nation. Because only by having strong and godly families will abortion ever be eliminated from our nation. And having strong and godly families is the sole purview of men.

Please hear me when I say that only when fathers and husbands and brothers and sons are once again visited by the Spirit of the living God; only when men throw off the shackles of radical feminism that has cowered them and that has deceived women and only when men once again step into their God ordained roles as the priests and prophets of their homes; only when men begin to see the need to grab the horns of the altar and to weep between the porch and the altar and rise up early and stay up late and cry out to God; only when fathers begin to take up the mantle and lead their families *spiritually* and not merely economically- only when they begin to catechize their families and teach the Fundamentals of the Faith to their wives and children; only when the sound of praying and singing and worshipping drowns out the noise

of television and video games; only when men invest time in their children's souls will families once again be strong and godly and holy. Only when men rise up and say,

Joshua 24:15b

... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord

... will we see any of this change. Politicians and political parties simply don't have the ability to make families strong and godly and holy. But fathers and husbands do. Congressmen and Judges cannot speak into children's lives like a father. The importance of homes being led by strong and godly men are indisputable. The statistics are clear: the overwhelming majority of all criminals; of all juvenile delinquents; of all gang members; of all so-called "troubled youths" come from a home where there is either no father at all or a home that is dominated by a woman where there is no strong and godly father leading the family. So the key to building strong, godly, and holy families lies in the hands of strong, godly, and holy men.

But when men are compromised with pornography and when men are caught up in the cares of this life and the deception of money and the lust of other things and are too weak kneed to overcome the godless feminist ideology that has deceived the majority of the women of this country; when men abdicate their God-given role to lead their families- sexual immorality of every sort abounds. And when sexual immorality rules- illegitimate pregnancies soar. And the result is that the unwanted and unloved children are sacrificed to Molech.

But when the families are led by the father and husband to fast and pray; when the father leads the family to be strong in the Word and strong in the Faith; when we once again realize that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and all sexual expression of every sort other than between one man and one woman for one lifetime within the covenant of Holy Matrimony is strictly forbidden by God; when families that are led by a husband and father like that come to Church- they influence the Church! Their zeal for God and their passion for Truth and their personal holiness and their love for Jesus is infectious. And these godly and holy families- who were first influenced by godly and holy men cause the local church to be godly and holy.

And when godly and holy Churches populate the community- the lights of the Church will be on and the doors unlocked and the Abortion clinics will be shut down and boarded up. Because godly and holy Churches will influence the culture around them. And the culture that is influenced by godly and holy Churches that was influenced by godly and holy families that were influenced by godly and holy men- will then influence the leaders. And those leaders- who were influenced by the godly and holy culture influences the nation that- in turn- will transform the world!

Now *that* is a much harder proposition than simply voting for the "right candidate". But that was the formula that occurred during what was called, "The First Great Awakening" in new England during the early days of the 18th Century. And it was *that* godly and holy formula that caused men to rise up and form a nation.

And I would suggest to you that unless we begin with the beginning- with men- teaching, training and holding men- both young and old- accountable to not simply *know about*- but to actually *observe* all things that Jesus said- every effort to "transform the culture" that bypasses this fundamental starting point- is nothing more than simply re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic before it hits the ice berg.

Listen, it is *impossible* to have a godly and holy nation without having a godly and holy culture that *dominates* that nation. And it is impossible to have a godly and holy culture without having godly and holy Churches. And it is impossible to have godly and holy Churches without having godly and holy families. And it is impossible to have godly and holy families without having godly and holy men- *leading* those families. So the rescuing of our nation from pagan moralities that seeks to dominate us- begins and ends with men. And nowhere is that more true than with the issue of Abortion.

Now I want to begin this Sermon Series on Abortion by looking carefully at verse 21 that Brother Andy just read to you:

You shall not give any of your offspring to offer them to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God; I am the Lord.

Now I want your eyes to fix on the phrase, "**offer them to Molech**" that Moses wrote here because this has to do with ungodly and immoral

pagans sacrificing their own children on the altar of the pagan god, "Molech".

Now as we discovered when we were going through the Series on "Human Sexuality and the Sovereignty of God" last Summer- we found out that the entire Book of **Leviticus** is about Holiness. The words, "**holy**" and "**holiness**" are mentioned 87 times in this inspired Book. Everything that Israel understood about worship began with the fundamental premise that God Himself is Holy and therefore those who follow Him must *also* strive for holiness.

And the issue of Holiness- in the two senses of God Himself being Holy and that those who follow after Him also striving for holiness- was transferred into the New Testament as well. You can't read very far into any of the 27 books of the New Testament and not see some wording or statement that *commands* and *expects* God's people- who were saved by Grace alone through Faith alone in the finished Work of Christ alone- to pursue Biblical Holiness *on purpose*.

And as I've told you many times, you will never stumble accidentally into holiness. Nobody trips and falls into holiness. You must *consciously* pursue holiness with resolute conviction or it will never occur in your life. And that means that you are consciously choosing "this" over "that"; you are consciously *not* doing "this" while you are doing "that"; and you are doing "that" on an *ongoing* basis in the Power of the Holy Spirit to the Glory of God.

And lest somebody has deceived you into thinking that holiness is somehow *optional* – as though *some* saved people pursue holiness while others- who are equally saved simply choose not to – let me tell you what the Bible says. The writer of **Hebrews** said this in **Hebrews 12:14**

Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

... so here we see that if anybody plans on seeing God in Heaven at all- then they must *pursue* "Sanctification"- which is just another words for "Holiness". And the truth is that Sanctification or the ongoing pursuit of Holiness is the "by-product" of *already having* the new Divine Nature that was given through the miracle of the New Birth. And so if a person is *not* manifesting this byproduct- at least in *some* way- there is no reason to believe that he is saved.

In other words- saved people do not ever sit on their "double-wides" but they are *busy*- rejecting sin in *all* its forms and *embracing* Jesus Christ and *all* that goes with Him. And they are doing this- *constantly*- on an *ongoing* basis.

Now I have told you previously how that the word, "Sanctification" was literally *invented* by the Christian Church to try to explain what the Bible taught about pursuing Holiness. The literal word should have been "Holification". And if I was alive back then I probably would have made that the word- but I wasn't and so we are stuck with Sanctification- which literally means: "being made holy". And this is a huge part of Biblical Christianity. In fact, the ongoing pursuit of Biblical Holiness is one of the key ingredients that is grossly lacking with far too many in the modern church.

But it's *not* lacking with God. In fact, the very Purpose of God chastening us or disciplining us or God exposing our weaknesses and *forcing* ongoing transformation upon us after we are saved- is so that we may share His Holiness with Him in Heaven. Please turn with me to read what the writer of Hebrews said about this in **Hebrews 12:4-11**

4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM;

6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us* for *our* good, so that we may share His holiness.

11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

So those who are *not* “**trained**” by God’s discipline in their lives are those who will *not* see the “**peaceful fruit of righteousness**” yielding in their lives.

So true, Biblical Holiness is all about our behavior *after* we are saved. So how we live our lives either proves that God has sovereignly changed our nature or it reveals that we are merely deceived about some emotional experience we had and we are still lost. And the fact that every time the subject of Holiness comes up- people get real nervous and scream out, “*Legalism*” proves how far the American Church has fallen and proves that we need to spend time on this subject.

Now because there is so much confusion about Sanctification or Holiness in our day- compels me to begin this series by saying right off jump street that honestly striving for Holiness *cannot* and *does not* save anybody. We are saved by Grace *alone* through Faith *alone* in the finished Work of Christ *alone*- and *not* by any works- not even striving for Holiness.

But *after* we are saved- the very *same* Holy Bible that teaches that Salvation is *not* by human works also *commands* that people who have already been saved by Grace through Faith alone- pursue Holiness. So pursuing Holiness on purpose after you are saved- *proves* that your Salvation is real and that you are not simply *deceived* about what God did for you.

And we must understand that the gross *lack* of holiness in the modern Church is *not* simply about losing some rewards in Heaven. It is about going to Heaven in the first place. Read verse 10 again with me:

For they [our earthly fathers- verse 9] disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

So Holiness is a real big deal with God. And there are two main ways that the Bible repeatedly and clearly teaches that we are to maintain godly purity on this earth:

- A. With our money and possessions
- B. With our sexuality

The Bible in both the Old and New Testaments talks about these two issues in relation with purity of heart more than anything else. And it is no coincidence that the Bible also teaches in both the Old and New Testaments that false teachers and heretics *always* and in *all* cases manifest ungodly behavior in these two areas as well.

So where there is no ongoing, deliberate pursuit of Biblical Holiness, either out of ignorance or as a result of being deceived by false teaching, there is almost *always*- excesses and abuses with money, possessions, and sexuality.

This nation just recently saw the largest and most widespread child abuse scandal in the history of the world in the Roman religious system- which completely and utterly *dismantled* any moral authority that these people may have had. And sexual and financial abuse is also historically common place in the small, independent cults- where the spiritual leaders all claim to hear directly from God. And when the Church is neck deep in worldliness and sin and compromise- the larger culture around it- descends into more and more immorality.

Now the entire concept of the Old Covenant was a holy people (the priests), with holy garments, and a holy land (Canaan), at a holy place (the tabernacle), using holy utensils and holy objects, celebrating holy days, living by a holy law, that they might be pleasing to a holy God as a holy nation. And the Book of **Leviticus** was written so that people could see what that look like.

Now as I said- the entire second half of the entire Book- from Chapter 17 on- is called, "The Holiness Code" because it details *how* the Israelites were to live as God's holy people. And **Leviticus 19:2** gives the underlying command and motivation:

Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

And **Leviticus 18** is about holiness as it relates *specifically* to human sexuality and maintaining a family unit that is pleasing to God. And sexual immorality is at the root of almost all abortions in this country. And while this Chapter does *not* tell us everything we need to know about sex- it *does* give the basic limitations on behavior that

Almighty God imposes on all those who seek to love and serve Him. For example, God has said that:

- ✓ Sexual intimacy with blood relatives (Incest) is sinful (**Leviticus 18:6-27**)
- ✓ Being intimate with a rival wife (Polygamy) is sinful (**Leviticus 18:18**)
- ✓ Being intimate during menstrual cycles is sinful (**Leviticus 18:19**)
- ✓ Adultery is sinful (**Leviticus 18:20**)
- ✓ Being intimate with animals (Bestiality) is sinful (**Leviticus 18:23**)
- ✓ Being intimate with people of the same sex (Homosexuality) is sinful (**Leviticus 18:22**)
- ✓ Killing our children (Abortion/Infanticide) is sinful (**Leviticus 18:21**)

... so one of the main Ways that God exercises His Lordship over His people is by *limiting* or *restricting* their behavior- *especially* as it pertains to human sexuality. And as you read these verses- you see how the accountability for maintaining Biblical purity lies with the men. So God holds men accountable for knowing and maintaining sexual purity within themselves and the larger society around them. Because when sexual immorality is prevalent- sacrificing children to Molech is big business.

Well, I have to stop right here- but please join me again on the next broadcast as we continue our examination of "The Rise of Molech- Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation". May God help us all.

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