

# The Rise of Molech

## Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation

### 2 Sacrificing Children to Molech- Part 2

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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** again 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 I told you on the last broadcast that 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.

Now notice as you look at verses 24-30- God said that both the people of ancient Egypt and ancient Canaan engaged in every single one these immoral acts. These abominations were *common* among the pagans. In fact- part of what it means to *be* "pagan" is to engage in these sinful activities and think they are okay. And it is no mystery to

find out that female dominated homes and religious ceremonies were commonplace in *both* these ancient cultures. So there is a connection between strong and godly men and sexual purity being taught, valued, and maintained within a civilization.

And then God says here that if His Own people ever lose their value for His Ways and become deceived and begin to emulate the pagans of either Egypt or Canaan and do what these evil people did- then God will drive them from the Land *in the very same way* that the pagan nations before them had been spewed or vomited out. And again- the burden for this lies with men to first teach what Biblical purity is and then to maintain it.

Now "Molech" was a name that was developed by the early Jews to describe one of the false gods of the land of Canaan. And the name, "Molech" is actually Hebrew and is a derogatory "put down" of the pagan "god" of the Canaanites. The Canaanites didn't call their deity, "Molech". They called him either "Adrammelech" or "Anammelech".

But according to the false religion of the Canaanites- Molech was a very angry "god" who had to be appeased. And the best way to appease him and to have a good crop or a good harvest or to stop a famine was for the father to sacrifice his *own* children to him.

So children were sacrificed or "dedicated" or "passed over" or burned alive to Molech in the Valley of Hinnom near what is modern day, Jerusalem. So killing a baby is "sacrificing it to Molech". It is buying into the logic that says that murdering a baby is good; that it is right; that it is proper; that it is correct. It is agreeing with the doctrine that says that killing a child who didn't ask to be here will make your life better. That is *exactly* the paganism of the ancient Canaanites and Egyptians and is precisely *why* they sacrificed their children to Molech.

So think about this. The very person charged by God with the development and training and protection and sustaining of children- the father- was the one that offered his own child to this pagan god.

Mothers were not allowed to do this- the father sacrificed his own child.

So the systematic murder of babies in both the Canaanite and Egyptian cultures was the direct result of cowardly and effeminate men who refused to stop it and who turned their heads and pretended they didn't know what was going on.

And this should leave us absolutely stunned. How do men get to the place where they offer their own child to a false god to be destroyed?

How does a man allow a baby to be killed and think it's worship? What kind of god would ask for a baby to be sacrificed? I do not respect any religion like that. I do not respect people who enjoin a religion like that either. I condemn a religion like that and the people who are part of it.

But when I become dumbfounded at the brutality and wickedness of those ancient pagan cultures- I then need to ask some questions about our *own* culture. What has to happened to the soul of a man who has the time and inclination to impregnate a woman but who cannot seem to find the time or the inclination to support the woman and child? What do you call a man like that? Here is what God calls him:

### **1Timothy 5:8**

**But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.**

... and notice that Scripture doesn't call a man like this an "unbeliever" it says he is a "faith denier" and is *worse* than an unbeliever. So make no mistake about this, dear friends, the New Testament puts the responsibility on the valuing and the preservation of life and the development of the family unit squarely on the shoulders of men.

So what is it that motivates a man to drive his "woman" to a clinic to have her living child ripped apart and thrown in a garbage can while he sits in the parking lot listening to the game? How do men get to a place where they put pressure on a woman to kill their child? According to the latest statistics- 82% of all abortions in this country are performed on women who were pressured by a man to do so. So much for female advancement. And that means that 82% of all abortions are performed on babies whose father knowingly and willingly sacrificed the baby to Molech. And while we rightly condemn the woman- what does that say about the soul of a man like this? It says he is a faith denier and is worse than an unbeliever.

So I say that even though we like to brag about how sophisticated and technologically advanced we are- in reality- we are descending back in gross paganism. And My point, dear friends, is that God has called men and husbands and fathers and sons and brothers to first know and then to live out and then to teach from Scripture- and *not* from natural law- what is distinctively the Christian position; the Biblical position as

it pertains to the life of children who are, right this minute, on their way to be offered to Molech.

It is my contention that the holocaust of murdered babies in this country is the direct result of men not knowing and not proclaiming and not implementing a Biblical Worldview- a Biblical Morality as it pertains to human sexuality and everything that flows out from that.

You see, the Book of Genesis tells us that in His beautiful Creation, God created first the Man. And from the Man- God created the first Woman. And the first man, Adam, was designed, equipped, and commanded to provide, protect, and lead his wife and the rest of Creation in glorifying his Creator, and was entrusted with the task of providing for and protecting God's world.

The first woman, Eve, was designed to joyfully support and strengthen her husband in fulfilling his roles- while, according to the meaning of her name, become the mother of all the living.

And God designed these glorious distinctions between the Man and woman *on purpose*. They are not *arbitrary* or the result of coincidence or some cosmic accident or the happenstance of random and accidental mutation. These distinctions were wired deeply into our very beings. And so when God looked at His Design for Man and Woman in this "complementarian harmony", behold, it was very good.

So rather than cower in fear- men today should take the lead in celebrating the great *distinctions* between men and women. And they should teach and implement the God- ordained gender distinct roles within the home and church and society at large that inspired Scripture proclaims.

And yet as the third Chapter of the Story unfolds- the first couple tears down God's Authority and asserts *themselves* as their own ultimate authority. And this is the very essence of "human free will"- a desire to be "autonomous"- or "self- ruled" rather than "theonomous" or "God- ruled". And as a result- God's Declaration of Goodness was not good enough for them.

And in addition to that- God's adversary- the cast out arch- angel Lucifer- tempted the woman- first in an attempt to manipulate her mind and heart. Knowing God designed the Man to be the head- satan subverted God's Arrangement and tempted the woman to pretend she could be her *own* authority. The serpent approached the woman as a

perversion of God's created order to strike chaos into the perfect unified bond of man and wife.

The serpent's forked tongue hissed lies to Eve and made her question the legitimacy of God's Command to not eat the fruit from a single tree in the Garden. And the result of her listening to the serpent was that Eve doubted God's Goodness. Why would God withhold something so obviously attractive from her? What was she missing out on? The only way to find out was to bite the fruit. She would "become like God", said the serpent.

But what did Adam do? He didn't. Adam failed in his *primary* mission- to protect the Garden from God-rejecting lies. Secondly, he passively went along with satan's lies and he abdicated his responsibility to protect Eve from satan's schemes. So instead of leading her *away* from Satan's lies- Adam reinforced the lie himself by willing participation. And so even though Eve was the first to disobey God- it was Adam's failed leadership that condemned the human race.

### **Romans 5:12**

**Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned —**

God held Adam accountable for his role as leader, and he was found wanting. Instead of crushing the serpent underneath his foot, he stood idly by. He failed God, he failed Eve, and he failed all of Mankind. Adam and Eve, the first couple, designed to bear fruit and give life and multiply small replicas of God's image, were the ones who introduced death.

Now when reading fiction, we typically don't expect the beginning to repeat itself. But Adam and Eve are no fiction, and we see through all of Scripture this same theme of Creation and Fall. And it is this tragic true story within the true story of the biblical narrative that we see playing out in the abortion industry.

Every day the cunning serpent whispers in the ears of women with unplanned pregnancies, darkening the doors of abortion clinics, promising death is the way these women will regain control over their lives. Instead, death greets them at the door, and crushes the life out of their baby, God's image-bearer, whose life ends violently. Satan manipulates these women with a promise of freedom and personal



fulfillment — if only they would get rid of “it,” the “fetal tissue,” the crushable pieces of flesh that promise an inconvenience and interruption to all of her plans. Surely God would not give her something that would infringe upon her personal right to be unencumbered by the life of another.

Millions of deceived women have bitten the apple of these lies and now live with the inescapable guilt. They have decided to usurp God’s Authority over life and wield their *own* authority to take life away. Women bow down to the golden idols of “freedom.” Today, women have broken their political shackles of oppression and created their *own* autonomous islands where they can do whatever they please. And weak men stand by- helpless to stop it.

So today women say they are liberated. And yet in their blindness, they’ve stepped right into satan’s trap. It is those who live in ignorance of Eve’s tragedy that are truly the shackled ones.

God made women to bear and nurture life. But instead of fulfilling Eve’s namesake (“life”), they are deceived into exacting death from their wombs. They’ve traded the lives of their children for the preferred version of their own. God intended for women to flourish as they put themselves on the backburner to love and prioritize their children. Now women are front and center, and children go down the garbage chute. And weak men stand by – helpless to stop it

So what about the men? Like Adam, they stand idle. They have failed to protect the women. They have *abandoned* their post as leader — leaving women and children in the gutter to fend for themselves. They have made it easy for women to choose death over life. They have driven women to abortion clinics, dropped them off at the curb, and killed time fondling the latest tech gadget — meanwhile their own flesh and blood is cut to pieces and sold as a nameless collection of tissue specimens.

Men have perverted and abdicated their roles by actively and passively taking a backseat in the abortion industry. Their abuse and abandonment paved the way for women to demand their “rights.” Instead of “women and children first,” it has been men first. His servant leadership has failed because he does not want to lead by service. He wants sex without responsibility.

And this is why men rarely talk about Abortion. And I’m not talking about the word “Abortion.” We hear this word a lot it in the

public square. But we rarely hear about *it- especially from men. Men always* talk about Abortion as though it was something else.

Men say that Abortion is “fundamentally about a woman’s right to reproductive freedom”. Or Abortion is “a litmus test for judicial nominees”. Or Abortion is “symptomatic of what’s wrong with the social discourse in America”.

But *none* of those things is what Abortion really *is*. Abortion is the intentional killing of unborn children. It is sacrificing babies to Molech. And men need to say that. **Proverbs 18:21** says,

**Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.**

... and Abortion is a clear example of this Truth. The sacrificing of children can be *tolerated* and even *championed* in a nation that says is “under God” as a “social good” so long as men don’t rise up and call it what it really is.

When we call Abortion “an individual’s right to privacy” it can be written into the legal code. When we call Abortion “a compassionate choice offered to a frightened girl to save her future” or “to save a child from an undesirable quality of life” you can swing popular opinion. When we call Abortion “a liberation of women from the social and economic oppression of male dominance” and passionate people will march on capitols chanting demands to preserve the human right of abortion on-demand. But when strong and godly and holy men call Abortion what it really is- it will change.

Listen, you will never hear the street marchers chant, “*We will fight for the right to kill our children!*” Because when men call Abortion *what it is*- uneasy consciences will awaken out of a euphemistic stupor to realize that millions of the most defenseless human beings on the planet are being denied the self-evident, Creator-endowed human right to life and are being systematically sacrificed to Molech.

Death is in the power of logic contradicting, term redefining, and deceptively clinical tongues. Men have allowed legal child-killing on-demand for 44 years because we’ve called it something else.

And that’s why Christian men- the “**salt of the earth**” and the “**light of the world**” (**Matthew 5:13–14**) must speak the Truth about what Abortion is with relentless clarity. “Godly men speaking Truth destroys

carnal arguments" (**2Corinthians 10:5**) by not yielding the ground of clear Truth. Because life is in the power of truth-speaking tongues.

Therefore, men must say:

“Abortion kills children”

... and we need to say that loudly and often. We need to remember that the only reason that the Nazis could gas human beings right next to a city of educated and “churched” citizens was because the men of that city acted like it wasn’t happening. But it *was* happening. And Abortion is happening now. Babies are being sacrificed. And so God would have men say this.

- ✓ **Even our legal code demonstrates that we know this** because it grants an unborn child the rights of personhood in areas such as tort, criminal, and property law, making legalized Abortion a schizophrenic, arbitrary, and tragically defective legal ruling.
- ✓ Abortion is mercilessly violent. Children with heartbeats, brainwaves, and a nervous system that allows them to feel pain are literally torn to pieces.
- ✓ “93% of all abortions [in the United States] are performed on healthy mothers, with healthy babies . . . Less than 1% are performed because of rape or incest.”<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ The number of children killed by abortion every year dwarfs the Holocaust and other homicidal horrors of history.
- ✓ Approximately 3,300 children are killed by abortion *every day* in the United States. Americans kill 1.2 million unborn children every year.
- ✓ The World Health Organization estimates between 40 and 50 million children are killed around the world by abortion, approximately 125,000 every day.
- ✓ Abortion is inherently racist as the overwhelming majority of all babies who are aborted are children of color
- ✓ Abortion is inherently sexist as unborn girls are killed at a much higher rate than unborn boys. Estimates are as high as 163 million unborn girls have been intentionally killed since the

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<sup>1</sup> Abort73

1970's- simply *because they were girls*, resulting in what some are now calling a "gendercide"<sup>2</sup>

Here's the point: truthful tongues in godly and holy men save lives. Legalized Abortion is an evil that occurs and is tolerated because of deceptive *words*. And the only cure is when strong, godly men speak truthful words that clear the fatal fog with clarity.

Now I don't know if our speaking truth will succeed in helping to change the Abortion laws in this country. World Magazine recently reported some encouraging developments. But we are not called to simply win- we are called to be faithful to speak Truth.

However, history *does* show that the faithful, relentless, prophetic witness of broken and trembling men over many years results in the remarkable spread of the Gospel and the end of thousands of horrible social evils from the individual to the national levels.

So men must speak up. We must call Abortion what it is: the unthinkable, inexcusable systematic slaughter of children to the pagan god Molech. And men must teach our boys to be godly husbands and fathers and men must teach our daughters to be godly mothers and wives. And that will help to make Abortion irrelevant.

So even though Satan's tactic succeeded, it was only a temporary setback, because even in the beginning we catch a glimpse of the Restoration that was to come. God said in **Genesis 3:15** as He cursed the Man,

**And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.**

There was hope for Eve to bring true life into the world, because Christ came through her lineage. Adam's and Eve's offspring would be the Savior of their race — our Savior — Who has already come to crush the head of Satan. Jesus was once a fetus in his mother's womb. What better way to spite Satan's child-killing efforts than to come into the world as a newborn baby? Satan hates life and will stop at nothing to destroy it, but the little human life that Jesus embodied would destroy Satan and the cycle of death forever.

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Back in Romans, Paul went on to say:

**Romans 5:17**

**For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**

Adam brought death to all mankind, but Jesus Christ came to bring life again. The recurring theme of creation and fall does not stand alone in Scripture; it is followed by restoration. God is storing up his wrath against the wicked of this world; he will come back in judgment with righteous vengeance against the remaining evil, even on the behalf of dead unborn children. The abortion industry will be abolished in the end.

For now, we offer the forgiveness and the life of Christ to fellow sinners who have taken the bait of death. As Christians, we fight daily to reinstate God's Authority over our lives and take ownership of our God-given roles in order to cultivate life here on earth. We realize the joy we are seeking in personal freedom is a joy we can only find in God. It is a *superior* joy in Christ that we offer to the world, because it is the superior joy we have tasted. So satan's twisted lies are empty- they have *always* been empty.

But the twisted stories of sin, and the reign of death, will all come to an end. It will culminate in a grand finale of the final Restoration of all things under the sovereign Reign and Rule of God- made possible through the cries of a Baby in a manger Who grew up without sin; Who died, and Who rose again. And *that* is a Story *greater* than Satan's schemes and *greater* than the Abortion Industry.

And that is *our* Story. That is our Story that makes sense of every tragedy we live out right now. And men must tell that Story over and over.

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