

Morning Sermon February 10, 2019

“The Abortion Mindset” Romans 1:28; Job 39:13-17

In two landmark decisions – Engel v. Vitale on **June 25, 1962**, and Abington School District v. Schempp on **June 17, 1963** – the Supreme Court declared school-sponsored prayer and Bible readings unconstitutional. *We did not like to retain God in our knowledge, we banned Him from our schools, therefore He has judged us with a debased / failed mind! On **January 22, 1973** murder was made legal. Now Planned Parenthood teaches sex ed in our schools ...*

I. *The abortion mindset is God’s judgment on us for not retaining God in our knowledge –*

²⁸ **And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; Romans 1:28**

1. *See this verse as part of a passage describing God’s judgment and wrath –*

¹⁸ **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness Romans 1:18**

We live in a world which is already condemned by God -

- A. *Wrath is God’s fierce righteous anger*
- B. *It is said to be revealed from heaven, meaning not so much the sky but rather from God’s invisible, spiritual dwelling place*
- C. *It is revealed against:*

all ungodliness – atheism, idolatry and even half-hearted passionless Christianity

and unrighteousness of men – lawlessness and immorality

- D. *God’s wrath is against the suppression of truth - **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness Romans 1:18***

*Primarily they suppress the truth about God, they do this through idolatry – **Romans 1:19-23***

- *In Paul’s day truth was suppressed by bowing worshipping animals*
- *In our day we do the same, believing in evolution – worshipping animals, man-made global warming, worshipping the earth!*

E. *When men suppress the truth about God. Or exchange it for a lie, God gives them up:*

²⁶ **For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. Romans 1:26**
This means God judges people by giving them up, letting them go according to their own sinful ways –

²⁶ ... **For even their women exchanged the natural use (Gave up being mothers) for what is against nature. ²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. Romans 1:26-27 (homosexuality and sexual disease)**

2. *Romans 1:28 describes God giving people over to a debased mind – this is God’s judgment -*

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Romans 1:29-32 speaks to all the various sins which are the fruit of a debased mind, including -

sexual immorality / murder / haters of God / violent / proud / boasters/ inventors of evil things / unforgiving / unmerciful; ... ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

3. *However, if somehow these verses don’t convince you abortion is included “Murder” as the fruit of a debased mind, consider the ostrich*

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- ¹³ **“The wings of the ostrich wave proudly,
But are her wings and pinions like the kindly stork’s?
¹⁴ For she leaves her eggs on the ground,
And warms them in the dust;
¹⁵ She forgets that a foot may crush them,
Or that a wild beast may break them.
¹⁶ She treats her young harshly, as though they were not hers;
Her labor is in vain, without concern,
¹⁷ Because God deprived her of wisdom,
And did not endow her with understanding. Job 39:13-17**

Abortion, baby-killing, is beyond bird-brained stupidity!

II. *The abortion mindset is our norm as sinners, it is us, it is our reality, it is our default state, without God's mercy – This we are twice told –*

¹² **There is a way *that seems* right to a man, but its end *is* the way of death. Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25**

1. *Consider the first son, born into our world, Cain, murdered his brother Abel –*
 - A. *God respected Abel's offering but not Cain's, therefore Cain was angry – Genesis 4:1-5*
 - B. *God warned Cain about this anger – Genesis 4:6-7*
 - C. *Cain ignored God's warning and murdered his brother – Genesis 4:8*
 - D. *By the end of Genesis 4 Lamech, Cain's descendant, is bragging about murder! This is the way of man -*
2. *Abortion was supposed to be safe, legal and rare, it is / was called pro-choice. Maybe we did not realize how often women would make or be forced or coerced to this "choice."*
 - A. *Because death is our way - Proverbs 14:12 We have often chosen death ... 60 million and counting killed!*
 - B. *Murder of children has long been seen as a choice, a solution by ungodly men, even rulers in government –*

²² **So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river ... Exodus 1:22**

III. The abortion mindset is Satan's mindset, murder, is Satan's goal and delight. Jesus comes that we might have life –

¹⁰ **The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. John 10:10**

⁴⁴ **You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he**

speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. John 8:44

1. *Note in John 10:10 Jesus and the Thief, Satan are portrayed by Jesus as opposite of each other:*

The thief (*Satan*) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. *But Jesus says - I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly. John 10:10*

2. *Battle between Jesus and the Devil -*

- A. *The Devil's goal is murder, his main weapon is lies –*

... He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. John 8:44

A LIST of LIES, don't believe them ---

- B. *Jesus' goal is our life, even abundant salvation and His weapon is truth –*

⁴⁵ **But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. John 8:45**

⁵¹ **Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." John 8:51**

3. *We are called to submit to God and resist the Devil –*

⁷ **Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7**

4. *Christ makes sure His people are well, alive! Satan pulls his own fast to Hell –*

2 And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. Ephesians 2:1-3

Application – Resist death, resist lies, realize evil wears a disguise! Let God's Word, rule in your heart, communicate to others, death is NOT SMART! Get to know God – John 17:3 and make Him Known!