

What is a Human Life Worth?

A Topical Sermon to Mark the End of Roe v. Wade

I. Every human life bears the image of God.

Genesis 1:27 – “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

Genesis 5:1 – “When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.”

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I. Every human life bears the image of God

Genesis 2:7 – “The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living soul.

NOTE: Genesis 9:6 Explains that this is why murder is wrong

James 3:9 Says this is why it is wrong even to curse another human being

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II. Every human life exists by the will of God

Deut. 32:39 – “I am he, and there is no god beside me...I make alive”

Gen. 30:22 – “God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and [God] opened her womb.”

Job 10:12 – “You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit.”

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III. Every human is the special handiwork of God

Job 10:11 – “You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews”

Job 31:15 – “Did not he that made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us[all] in the womb?”

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III. Every human is the special handiwork of God

Psalm 139:13-14 – “You formed by inward parts. You knit me together in my mother’s womb.. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

Note: This applies to all human life, regardless of physical or cognitive ability:

Exodus 4:11 Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?

John 9 Jesus tells us why. He says, “it was not because [you] sinned, or [because your] parents [sinned]. But that the works of God might be displayed in [you].” ***IOW, so that God’s strength can be manifested in human weakness

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IV. God has a special place in his heart for children

Mark 10:14 – Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

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Matt 18:1-6 – The disciples of Jesus asked him. “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” **2** and calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them **3** and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **4** Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. **5** “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, **6** but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”

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NOTE: Scripture makes no distinction between the child inside the womb and the child outside.

In the **OT**, The Hebrew word “yaled” is used of children outside the womb in Gen. 21:8, but of those inside the womb in Exod. 21:22

In the **NT**, the Greek word “brephos” is used of children outside the womb in Acts 7:19, but of those inside in Luke 1:41

In light of these truths, how should we live?....

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V. God calls us to stand up for the vulnerable; to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves; to safeguard the lives of the unborn...

A – **Proverbs 31:8** “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

B – **Isaiah 1:16** Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.

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C – Zechariah 7:9 “Thus says the LORD of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, that fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart.

D – James 1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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Note: This is exactly how Christ lived

- 1 – He ministered to the outcast
- 2 – He ministered to women
- 3 – He ministered to the hungry
- 4 – He ministered to the helpless
- 5 – He ministered to children
- 6 – He ministered to us in our time of need

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Note:

Romans 5:6-8 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly, For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.