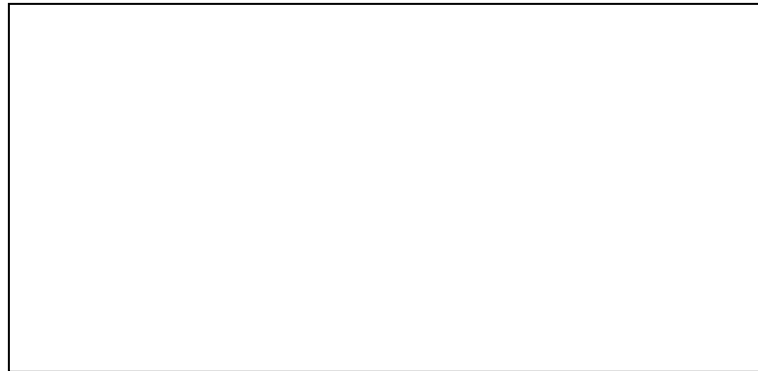


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ABORTION

Murder In Disguise

**"Behold, children
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-Psalm 127:3**

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Society. I've pointed out from Psalm 127:3 that children are a heritage from the Lord. Look at our Nation! Look at our children!! Our children are our heritage, and by way of abortion, this country is slaughtering its future!!!!

CONCLUSION:

We've talked a lot about abortion. By the way, the word "abortion" is just a watered down term for murder. It's used to desensitize people against the disgusting slaughter of unborn, precious children. There's so much more we could say about this awful practice, and why no sane, sensible, right thinking person, especially a Christian, could ever approve of it in any form, under any circumstance.

When I think of abortion, I think of...

1. A Disgusting Slaughter.
2. A Damnable Sin
3. A Debased Society

What does it make you think of?

INTRODUCTION

Abortion is a very dark and depressing subject. It's a subject that is haunting, cursing, and slowly destroying our great nation. Along with the atrocities of accepting homosexuality, Opposing prayer in schools, and punishing those who discipline their children, there is this horrible thing called abortion.

Abortion is the killing of the unborn. It would seem the most dangerous place to be in this nation is not in the inner city, where vicious gangs threaten innocent lives, or in angry prisons, where only the fit survive, but in the womb of a mother, who is being told by those in our society that if she doesn't want the baby, just have an abortion.

I want us to think for a bit about this thing called abortion. When I think of Abortion, I think, in the first place, of a...

I. DISGUSTING SLAUGHTER

I have been spending some time reading about some of the ways this putrid procedure is done. As I read the details and looked at some of the pictures, the images that came to mind were images of cruelty, images of horror, images of cold-heartedness, and images of Downright Disgust!!!!

Abortion is nothing more than a disgusting slaughter of innocent, unborn children! Precious, living babies!

I have learned that after only three weeks after conception, the baby's heart begins to beat and pump blood all by itself. After six weeks, its brain waves can be measured by an electroencephalograph. It's interesting that the end of human life can be measured by the cessation of brain waves, but many ignore the scientific evidence of brain waves in an unborn child. At only seven weeks after conception, the baby is swimming in the amniotic sac with a natural swimmer's stroke and is already kicking. At eight weeks the baby begins to swallow. At nine weeks the parents can watch their baby moving around inside the uterus on an ultrasound scanner. At ten to eleven weeks the baby is sensitive to touch and can seize an object placed in his hand. At eleven weeks, all of the baby's organs are functioning. And, there are many other things that I haven't even mentioned.

Whether the baby's in the mother's arms, or in her womb, this is a living child! As I understand it, back in 1986, around twelve million babies were slaughtered every 8 years in America. I think the rate today is around 1.5 to 2 million per year!

Think about some of the things that are done to these innocent unborn babies; some of the cruel ways

homosexuality. It has forgotten and despised God when it legalized abortion, and began to corrupt the land with innocent blood.

In Romans chapter one we read about a debased society God had rejected! In verses 26-28 we find that...

1. God gave them up...
2. God gave them up...
3. And God gave them over!

Verse 28 says their minds were debased. They were a Debased society! One reason they were debased was because they had come to the point where they were "*without natural affection*" (vs. 31). Some translations say "unloving." The Greek word speaks of those who no longer possess the familial type love that should just naturally exist among family members. People meet the description of those who are without natural affection when they abuse their parents, their spouses, their siblings, and definitely when they abort their innocent unborn children!

Many mothers who have been deceived in their past into getting an abortion now suffer great psychological consequences. Later on in life, when they have a child they decided to let live, as they are playing with their child in the back yard, they begin to think about the one they killed. They now realize how deranged and debased they have been.

When I consider abortion, I see a Debased

Some try to justify abortion by saying it's better to kill the child rather than to let him be born into an abusive family. They argue that dying in the womb is preferred over enduring on-going abuse in life in the home. Listen; doesn't this also justify the killing of those children who are already living in a home and being abused? Why don't we just go into every abusive home, take out all of the children, and kill them? I mean, after all, wouldn't this be preferred over having to endure even more abuse? Do you see how deranged this type of thinking is?

On and on we could go talking about reasons people give to try and justify the killing of the unborn. Based on these deranged arguments, this nation has saturated its land with the blood of the innocent.

On January 22 of 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled on the Roe Vs Wade case, striking down Texas law prohibiting abortion. Since 1973, abortion has been legal and millions upon millions of innocent lives have been ended. As a result, our great land has been guilty of their blood. This has truly become a debased society and it frightens me!

Psalms 9:17 says, "***The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forgot God.***" Not only has this nation forgotten God in the school rooms. Not only has this nation forgotten God in relation to

they are murdered:

1. The doctor inserts a tube through the opening of the womb and connects it to a suction apparatus. The vacuum is so powerful that the baby is instantly broken up into a fluid mass of blood, tissue, and cartilage, and then sucked through the tube.

2. The doctor literally reaches into the womb with a forceps and pulls the baby apart piece by piece until he has the entire baby out. The first few "pieces" are sometimes difficult because the living child is giving some resistance.

3. In another process, larger babies are aborted by a process similar to a caesarian section, where the baby is lifted out and sometimes left alone to die, if it doesn't die right away.

4. In yet another process (this is one which I believe is popular in the US, or has been) the doctor sticks a large needle through the mother's belly, into the womb, and draws out some embryonic fluid which he replaces with salt water. This poisons the baby's insides and corrodes his outside. An extremely painful process!!! 24 hours later labor starts, and the already dead baby is delivered.

5. There is also the so-called "partial birth abortion." In this process, late term babies are pulled into the birth canal by the doctor using a forceps. The head only is delivered. The doctor then inserts an instrument into the baby's skull and literally sucks

out his brains. The rest of the baby is then delivered dead. I read recently that about 5000 partial birth abortions are performed in the United States each year.

I refrained from going into too much detail because there may be some very weak stomachs reading this material.

Yet, even after reading what I have written, some might say, “preacher, that’s not nice, that’s not pretty.” Listen, the effects of sin are never pretty!!! This sin of abortion is disgusting!!!!

Many in our nation, way too many, have been desensitized and are no longer bothered by the thought of abortion. But, the simple fact is, abortion is a disgusting slaughter. When I think about abortion, not only do I think about a disgusting slaughter, I also think of a....

II. DAMNABLE SIN

There is a great deal of controversy, even among religious people, even among those who are supposed to be members of the Church of Christ, about whether or not abortion is sinful. Passages from the word of God are cited, many times misquoted, and always twisted in order to justify, and rationalize away this damnable sin!!!

One of these passages is Gen. 2:7, which says,

married and a new child would impede their life and get in the way. This is just pure selfishness. They were willing to freely do what it took to make the child; they should be ready to take on the responsibility of the consequences of their actions!

Some “justify” abortion because the child may have some sort of deformity or disease. It seems to me these people are trying to judge what they think is a profitable life. Just because the child may not measure up to the normal health and vitality of the average American, this doesn’t mean he can’t still live an enjoyable and profitable life.

If this justifies killing an unborn child, it also justifies killing many of our grandparents. It also justifies killing those who have lost a limb in an accident. It also justifies killing those who have diabetes, or some other illness. I’m not prepared to degrade a precious human life by comparing and judging people using these standards. Most women who would have an abortion because of this reason would never consider killing their blind grandmother and would think I was deranged and debased if I thought they should. Yet, they don’t see themselves as being deranged and debased for killing what God calls a gift. Psalm 127:3 says, “***Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward.***” It doesn’t say children are a curse, or an inconvenience, or a tumor; but a reward!

because it is still deliberate murder! Why not just trust God in such situations in relation to the well being of the mother?!

Others “justify” abortion because they can’t afford another child. A woman walks into a doctor’s office with a one year old baby in her arms. She tells the doctor she is pregnant and wants him to perform an abortion on her because she can’t afford two children. The doctor says he understands her problem and then makes a suggestion. He says that because an abortion would pose a potentially great threat to her health, and possibly to her life, she should keep the one she is carrying, and kill the one already born instead! He then gets a knife and comes over to her with the intention of killing the one year old baby, and the woman jumps up and screams out “Murderer!!!”

Listen, it is a living child whether it is in the mother’s womb or in her arms. If killing an unborn child is justified because one can’t afford it, then killing a born child is justified for the same reason. Neither is justified! Both are murder! Both are a disgusting slaughter! If one can’t afford the child, they should put it up for adoption before having it murdered. There are thousands of young couples on a waiting list just yearning to adopt an infant child. Couples who **can** afford it!

Some “justify” abortion because they are not

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” We are told by those who advocate abortion that, just as Adam wasn’t alive until God breathed life into his nostrils, a baby isn’t alive until he takes his first breath outside of the womb. There are some things wrong with this perverted view of this passage. In the first place, it contradicts other plain passages of scripture. In Matthew 1:18, we are told Mary was *“found with child of the Holy Spirit before her and Joseph came together.”* Jesus wasn’t yet born, He was only just conceived, and yet the Holy Spirit refers to Him as a *“Child!”*

In Luke 1:41, when Elizabeth greeted Mary, we are told that the babe leaped in her womb. That’s quite an accomplishment for a “mass of lifeless tissue similar to a tumor”, as the abortionists call it. Now, Luke was a noted physician of the first century, and also inspired of God. If God or Luke felt this was not an individual, then a term other than baby would have been used. Webster rightly says that a baby is an *unborn* or recently born child.

Job asked an interesting question in Job 3:11, *“Why did I not die at birth, why did I not perish when I came from the womb?”* How could Job have died at birth if he was not yet living until birth? He asked why he didn’t perish when he came from the

womb. How could he perish if he wasn't even alive yet?

A child is, as we have clearly shown, alive within the womb! God did many things differently at the beginning of creation. Adam was created differently than any other human being who followed him. God created the first man from the dirt. He then set into order the natural process which we know so well today. Therefore, there are many points of difference between Adam's rise to life and ours.

Maybe if we want to be consistent, we could argue that one doesn't become a living being until he is a full grown adult, and we too could point back to Adam who didn't become a living being until he was a fully created full grown adult.

So-called Christian abortionists make a fatal mistake when they go to Adam in an attempt to show when a child becomes alive.

There are others who argue that a child begins to live around four to five months after conception. They argue this in order to justify abortions performed before this time. This position argues that the child is not really alive until he would be able to survive if he were born at that time. But, the Bible clearly indicates that life begins at conception.

Notice Psalm 51:5, where David said, "*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.*" Focus on the last two

themselves debased. They don't view themselves as being deranged. They have come up with so-called reasons to "justify" the killing of the unborn.

Many advocate abortion to save the life or health of the mother. It is strange that many who are pro-choice, those who are for abortion do no real research on the matter. They simply assume most, or all abortions are done because the pregnancy endangers the life or health of the mother. However, a clear research of the facts shows that abortions done for this reason are practically non-existent!

Besides, even if ALL abortions were done for this reason, it would still be unjustified. It would still be murder!

Many will try to make an analogy between this and a burning house with five people in it. Suppose you saw a house burning that contained five living people. You knew you could save one of them, but you also knew there was no way to save the other four. Would you refrain from saving the one based solely on the fact that you could not save the other four? Listen, this analogy is not parallel! I might choose to save the one I could save, but by doing so, I wouldn't be *deliberately* killing the other four! When an abortion is performed, a living human being is *deliberately* killed!

Not only is having an abortion to save the life of a mother almost non-existent, it is unjustified,

It's been scientifically proven that a baby possesses his own blood only 3 weeks after conception; and, that his heart is already pumping. How could one shed the blood of someone more innocent than an unborn child?

When I think of abortion, I think of:

- ❖ A Disgusting Slaughter...
- ❖ A Damnable Sin...

And a...

III. DEBASED SOCIETY

After considering how abortions are performed; after noticing how detested it is by God; after observing how many abortions are performed each year in America; after seeing how many people voted for Al Gore and Bill Clinton, both of which strongly support abortion, I'm afraid we are living in a debased society.

Politicians who advocate it are debased. Mothers who have them are certainly not clear thinking. Doctors who perform them are, in my estimation, murderous maniacs with legal, deadly weapons. But, naturally, these folks don't consider

words of the passage. David said "*conceived me.*" We understand what the conception is - the time when the male seed interacts with the female egg. Well, David refers to this occasion as "*Me.*" He spoke of it being Him, even at that time, even at conception, it was Him! He was a living being!

Another passage which is twisted to try and teach abortion isn't murder is Exodus 21:22. A religious individual named Poppy Dixon, who advocates abortion, argues from this passage using the Revised Standard Version which reads, "when men strive together, and hurt a woman with child, so that there is a miscarriage, and yet no harm follows, the one who hurt her shall be fined, according as the woman's husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine."

Poppy Dixon then says, "In this instance a woman has been so injured, in a fight between two men, that she has aborted. The law states that if 'no harm follows' the outsider must pay a fine. An abortion has been induced through violence and this is not considered harmful. Abortion, then, is not a capital offense or a violation of the commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill.'"

Listen friend, I'm here to tell you this person makes their argument based solely on a very poor and inaccurate translation. The RSV does a horrible job translating this verse of scripture. It uses the word

“miscarriage” which gives a totally different idea of what the actual, literal translation should be. The NKJV, which I use, doesn’t say miscarriage; it says that she gives birth “*prematurely.*”

The American Standard Version says, “*that her fruit depart.*” Darby’s translation says, “*so that she be delivered.*” The Modern King James version says, “*So that her child comes out.*” The World English Bible says, “*gives birth prematurely.*” Young’s literally translation says, “*and her children have come out.*” The King James Version says, “*That her fruit depart.*”

All of these versions give the proper translation of what the word literally means in the original Hebrew. And, it changes the entire view of the passage, giving us the proper, clear understanding which doesn’t contradict other plain passages we’ve already looked at. See, if the woman is accidentally hit while trying to make peace between the two fighting men, and because of her injury, labor is induced; the child might be born and still live. The text just says, “*her fruit depart her.*” It never said the “*fruit*” was dead. In this case, as the text says, no harm follows, that is, the child lives.

However, although the child lives, there may be the inconvenience of it coming before expected, and there may be some complications with his/her health and so forth. Therefore the husband, and the

judges, should determine what the fine should be to the man who caused the pre-mature birth, just as the verse states. But, as verse 23 goes on to say, if any harm does follow, that is, if the child dies, it shall be eye for eye, tooth for tooth etc.. The man would have to pay with his life!!!

All of this proves the point we’re trying to make.

1. Abortion is a Damnable Sin.
2. It’s the sin of cruelty.
3. It’s the sin of selfishness.
4. It’s the sin of being merciless.
5. It’s ultimately the sin of Murder!!!!

If it can be shown that an unborn child is alive at any stage, (which I believe we have successfully done, and could do from many other passages), then we have proven that abortion is murder. As such, it is a damnable sin!!!

- ❖ To the Israelites God said, “*You shall not murder.*” Exodus 20:13
- ❖ Paul taught in 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10 that murderers will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- ❖ In Galatians 5:21 Paul lists murder as a work of the flesh.
- ❖ Proverbs 6:16-17 says “*the Lord hates hands that shed innocent blood.*”