

## Bible Principles & Teaching That Relate To Abortion

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1. Every human being is unique, and human life is precious, Genesis 1:26-27; Zechariah 12:1; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Acts 17:24-25, 28. Each person has been made in God's image, endowed with an immortal spirit. Man is not an animal. The death of a human and the death of an animal are not the same.
2. The sanctity of life is shown by the fact that everywhere in the Bible murder is condemned and forbidden. Genesis 4:3-10; 9:5-6 (capital punishment for murder is not murder); Exodus 20:13; 1 Peter 4:15; Revelation 21:8.
3. Among the things that contributed to the fall of God's people, the Israelites, was their idolatry and the sacrifice of their infants and children to idols, Psalm 106:34-41. God had solemnly warned against this, Leviticus 18:21 and context; 20:2-5; Deuteronomy 12:31; 18:10-12. Yet they practiced these things, 2 Kings 16:3-4 (Ahaz); 2 Kings 17:17 (the people of the northern kingdom of Israel); 2 Kings 21:6 (Manasseh); 2 Kings 23:10 (Josiah defiled Topheth in the valley of Hinnom, where these were practiced); Jeremiah 7:31 and 19:4-5 (Jeremiah condemned it in Judah). Infants and children, sons and daughters, were sacrificed alive in the fires to Baal, Molech and Chemosh while the idol worshipers danced and performed all kinds of orgies.
4. The Bible shows that the unborn are persons, humans, supporting the conclusion accepted by medical doctors that human life begins at conception.
  - 4.1. A pregnant woman in the Bible is said to be "*with child*," Ecclesiastes 11:5; 2 Samuel 11:5; Matthew 1:18.
  - 4.2. John (the Baptist), at six months in his mother's womb, is called a "*babe*," and leapt in his mother's womb at the greeting of Mary, Luke 1:41, 44. The word for "*babe*" (**BREPHOS**) is the same as that used in 1 Peter 2:2; Acts 7:19 and 2 Timothy 3:15. A physician (Luke, Colossians 4:14) used that word (Luke wrote Luke and Acts). John was also filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb. Luke 1:15 — promised; Luke 1:41 — fulfilled.
  - 4.3. God forms one in the womb, Psalm 139:13-16. Sometimes God chose someone for a certain work while that person was yet in his mother's womb: Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1 :4-5) and Paul (Gal. 1:15).
  - 4.4. Samson was to be a Nazirite to God from his mother's womb, Judges 13:5, 7. This was said to his mother even before she conceived him. Beginning right then she was to avoid the things that were forbidden one under the Nazirite vow (Numbers 6).
  - 4.5. Job said that God made and fashioned him in the womb, Job 31:15.
  - 4.6. Ezekiel 16:4-6, in a metaphor, contains a profound lesson. Reminds one of those who are aborted and still alive, but there is no one there to say, "Live."
5. Over and over God condemned His people for shedding "*innocent blood*." Proverbs 6:17 lists "*hands that shed innocent blood*" as one of the seven things that He hates, that are an abomination unto Him. When unborn babies are aborted, innocent blood is shed.
6. One who caused the death of an unborn child was to be punished, Exodus 21:22-25. In our own state "*feticide*" is a felony, but abortion is not.
7. Ezekiel 9 tells of one of Ezekiel's visions. In that vision he sees a man in linen clothes with a writer's inkhorn who is told to put a mark on the forehead of each one in Jerusalem who sighed and cried over the abominations committed by God's people there. These would be spared. Surely there is a lesson in this for us. Do we sigh and cry over such abominations as the murders of unborn children? **Since 1973 more than 50 million of them!**

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