

WHY GOD HATES ABORTION—Part 1

INTRODUCTION:

On January 22, 1973—46 years ago this coming Tuesday—the Supreme Court legalized abortion in the United States on its ruling of *Roe vs Wade*. Since then, every day in the U.S., approximately 3700 abortions are performed.

Imagine if guns...or a chemical attack...or contaminated ground water... was killing 3700 people **every day**. The country would be outraged, wouldn't it? We saw that, didn't we, when 2,753 people died on September 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center in NYC. That was one day—and 1000 less than the 3700 helpless babies that are killed every day, day after day after day—and year after year after year—in the so-called civilized and educated country known as the United States.

3700 deaths per day equates to 1.35 million per year! To put that in perspective, 1.35 million people is the population total of the 8 largest cities in WI: Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay, Kenosha, Racine, Appleton, Waukesha, and Eau Claire. At the rate of 1.35 million people per year, the population of Wisconsin would be ZERO in 4 years and 4 months!

Since 1973, there has been an estimated 60 million babies that have been aborted in the **United States** alone. 60 million is the combined population total of the two largest states in our nation—California and Texas. If we started by eliminating the smaller states first, the population of 27 states would be zero! Think about that! Half of our states would have nobody living in them if we removed 60 million people!

I read several articles that suggest 70% of adults in the United States favor abortion. I'm not sure who they polled, but I do not believe that number. It doesn't really matter what the polls say, however—what matters is what God says! The title of my message this morning is simply this: *Why God Hates Abortion*

1. Destructive act against those that are precious to God

A. Children are a blessing and a gift from God

I think we've all heard about the little boy named Bobby who thought his last name was "Stop It." Why did he think that? Because all he ever heard was, "Bobby, Stop-it!" I read about another little boy that had an interesting answer to the question of what he wanted to be when he grew up. I'm not sure of the age group, but a teacher was going around the room asking children what they wanted to be when they grew up. When they got to this particular little boy, instead of saying what we would consider a "normal" occupation, he said—"I want to be possible!" Before the teacher could ask what he meant, the young boy said: "My Mommy always says I'm **impossible** so when I grow up, I want to be possible!"

Children are a blessing, aren't they? It is a blessing to think back on some of the things my children said and did when they were young—and what my grandchildren say and do now.

In Genesis 33:5 we see "Uncle Esau" was meeting for the first time his 12 nephews so I guess it is not unusual to ask "Who are these with thee?" Jacob's response? "The children which God hath graciously given thy servant"—referring to himself. These children are a gift from God!

Psalms 113:9 "He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord." The barren woman was not in despair when God gave her children—it gave her delight! She was not lamenting over becoming a mother—she was praising God because of it!

In Psalm 127:3-5 we see that children are an heritage—a gift—from the Lord. Children are considered a reward—a blessing—not a curse. Happy—not miserable—is the man that has his quiver full of them (v 5).

Children are not just a blessing and gift to us; they are also loved by God!

B. Children are loved by God

God loves children, doesn't He? We see it in the OT in His concern for them and we see it in the NT when we look at what Jesus said about children and how He interacted with them.

i. God's love seen in the OT

Exodus 22:22-25 "Ye shall not afflict any widow, or **fatherless child**.²³ If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; ²⁴And my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and **your** wives shall be widows, and **your** children fatherless."

If you afflict them—if you take advantage of them—I will kill you! Pretty severe punishment, but don't miss the point—God loves and protects children!

Deut 24:19 "When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the **fatherless**, and for the widow: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands." Here we see God ensuring they are physically cared for.

In Isaiah 49:15 we are reminded of the sad reality that a woman can forget—can neglect—helpless, nursing children and not have compassion on even a newborn baby. On January 16th—just 4 days ago—a 23-year-old woman in Lancaster County Pennsylvania gave birth to a baby boy in the bathroom of the assisted living center where she worked and left him partially submerged in a toilet.

The unresponsive infant was cold, turning blue, and was believed to have been in the water between 10 and 15 minutes. A policeman used CPR to get the boy breathing again and he was transported to a hospital and is now on a ventilator in stable, but critical condition.

And then I read this statement: "Emmanuella Osei, 23, now faces a charge of endangering the welfare of a child, a felony **because of the boy's age**." What was the boy's age? He was **minutes** old!

<https://whnt.com/2019/01/16/woman-accused-of-leaving-newborn-in-toilet-after-giving-birth-at-work/>

Let that sink in—she could have had an abortion a day or two earlier and not been charged with anything—other than the doctor's bill—but now she was getting charged with a **felony** for child endangerment. I wonder what the charge would have been had the baby died? Please don't misunderstand me—I'm glad she got charged and the baby survived—but the point I'm making is this: if she had decided a week earlier to end that baby's life **before** birth, it would have been "legal" for her to do so.

How can a doctor or nurse, mother or father, judge or jury, pastor or politician, think that that is acceptable? How can a so-called civilized nation continue to allow these attacks against the unborn? "Can a woman forget her sucking child that she should not have compassion on the fruit of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forge thee."

God loves children. Those that afflict them will be punished; those that are forgotten and neglected by even their own mothers will not be forgotten or neglected by God.

ii. Jesus loves children as seen in the NT (Mt 18:1-6)

--v 1 Can't help but think they anticipated Jesus doing something different than calling a child to Himself

--v 2 Also can't help but think the child felt safe and loved by Jesus

--v 6 "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me..."

--It is an inescapable death—and a horrible death—to have a huge stone tied to your neck and drown!

In spite of how inescapable and horrible it is, Jesus says it is better that that happen to you than offend—cause to stumble—little ones that believe in Him! Does Jesus love children? He most certainly does! --v 10 Not only does Jesus love them, God has angels assigned to them to protect them!

Mark 10:13-16 “And they **brought young children** to Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, **He was much displeased**, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. ¹⁶ And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.”

Jesus was not too busy—or too important—to take time to show children that He loved them and they were special to Him! “He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.”

Why does God hate abortion? Because it is a destructive act against those that are precious to Him. Children are a blessing and a gift of God; they are also loved by God as seen in both the OT and the life of Jesus.

Thirdly, C. Children are created in the image of God (Gen 1:26-27)

Three times in these 2 verses it says we are made in the **image** of God; one time it says we are made in God’s **likeness**. What does it mean to be made in the likeness and image of God?

--It does not mean God has a body that looks like ours. God is a spirit and does not have a body

--It does mean

i. We have intellect (Gen 1:28)

Gen 1:28 In order to follow the commands of God, we need to have the intellect to understand God

In order to subdue and have dominion over the earth, we have to have the ability to make decisions.

ii. We have a will (Gen 2:16-17)

Adam and Eve had the ability to choose to obey God—or to disobey Him—in regards to eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

iii. We have emotions (Gen 4:5-6)

Cain was angry with his brother—and subsequently killed him

iv. We have a unique spiritual aspect (Gen 2:7)

Mankind is not eternal because we have a beginning. We do not, however, have an end—there is a part of us that lives forever...somewhere. Barnes suggested God imparted that to us when He breathed into Adam the breath of life. **He writes:** “The ‘breath of life’ is special to this passage. It expresses the spiritual and principal element in man, which is not formed, but **breathed by the Creator** into the physical form of man.”

We noted that God loves children and it is important to realize that God’s love for children is not just after they are born—He knows them—and I believe loves them—**before** they are born. I think it is noteworthy that the Greek word for baby—*brephos*—is used for children in the womb—and those **outside** of the womb. Man came up with the idea of calling them something different when they are in the womb—God most certainly didn’t!

D. Unborn children are known by God

Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.”

Notice Psalm 139:15-16.

--v 15 “My substance” Ryrie suggests it is a reference to bones or skeleton; MacArthur suggests “substance” means “strength,” and refers to “my bones and my sinews and my muscles.”

--“made in secret” and “the lowest part of the earth” both refer to the womb
“Curiously” in v 15 carries the idea of *skillfully*. MacArthur writes:

“Literally ‘skillfully wrought’ in the Hebrew could be translated ‘when I was interwoven of various colored threads,’ when I was interwoven of various colored threads. To put it another way, when You embroidered me, You made the very fabric, You pulled together every tiny little piece and You wove it all to make me. It’s a beautiful picture of the complicated, elaborate texture of the human being.”

--v 16 “Thine eyes did see my substance; yet being unperfect...” David here is saying, ‘You, God, saw me as an embryo in my mother’s womb.’

Although we might read a word like “substance” and not see all the things pointed out by a guy like MacArthur or Ryrie, we most certainly can’t miss this: “my substance was not hid from thee” (v 15) and “Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect” means God knows us in the womb before we are born!

E. Harm to the unborn requires punishment insisted by God (Ex 21:22-24)

In verse 22 when her “fruit departs from her” it means she had her baby. The picture here is of a pregnant woman who gets in the middle of a fight between two men and gets hurt so as to cause the baby to be born. If “no mischief follow”—in other words, there is no harm to the baby—the man who caused the baby to be born early is **still** punished by the paying of a fine.

--v 23 “And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life”

--If the baby dies, the man must die

--If the baby’s eye is injured, the man loses one of his eyes

It may surprise you to know that we have a similar law in the U.S. known as the “Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004.” Here is a summary, most of it quoted verbatim:

§ 1841. Protection of unborn children

“(a)(1) Whoever engages in conduct that...**causes the death of, or bodily injury** (as defined in section 1365) **to, a child, who is in utero** at the time the conduct takes place, is guilty of a separate offense under this section.”

“(2)(A) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, **the punishment** for that separate offense is **the same as the punishment** provided under Federal law for that conduct **had that injury or death occurred to the unborn child’s mother.**”

It goes on to say that it doesn’t matter if the person causing the death or bodily injury knew the woman was pregnant or not.

But this same law has one incredibly mind-boggling exception: “(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the **prosecution**—“(1) of any person for conduct **relating to an abortion** for which the consent of the pregnant woman, or a person authorized by law to act on her behalf, has been obtained or for which such consent is implied by law; or “(3) of any woman with respect to her unborn child.”

Here it is in a nutshell: If the mother wants the unborn child and a crime is committed against it—it’s a baby and the criminal will be prosecuted. If the mother doesn’t want the unborn child and a doctor commits the crime—it’s not a baby and no one is prosecuted.

If the ground cried out because the innocent blood of Abel was spilled on it, how much more is it crying out because of the blood of millions of helpless babies that have been killed in this nation, precious children that are loved by God and created in the image of God. May God help us do our part in stopping this insanity that is plaguing our nation!

What then should we do?

1) Pray as never before. 2) Vote for pro-life—not pro-choice—candidates.

3) Treat people—all people—as being created in the image of God.

4) Remember—Abortion is not the unpardonable sin. God can forgive a woman who has wanted—and allowed—the baby within her to be killed.