

WHY GOD HATES ABORTION—Part 2

INTRODUCTION:

New York was the first state to legalize abortion and did so in 1970—3 years before the Supreme Court’s ruling on Roe vs Wade. This law allowed abortions for **any reason** up to 24 weeks, but only after 24 weeks if a woman’s life was at risk. Although the abortion rate in NY is double the national average, those in favor of a new law claimed the old law was outdated. Here was part of their reasoning: If their doctor said their baby had a medical condition where it might not live long outside the womb, they couldn’t have an abortion in NY—they had to go somewhere else.

So, this past Tuesday, January 22nd—on the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s ruling on Roe vs Wade—NY Gov Andrew Cuomo signed a bill into law that legalized abortion right up until the time of birth. One line in the bill is particularly alarming: “Every individual who becomes pregnant has the fundamental right to choose to carry the pregnancy to term, to give birth to a child, or to have an abortion....” New York’s Right to Life Committee warns that by declaring abortion a “fundamental right,” it opens the door to not having **any limits** on abortion whatsoever. The law also allows non-doctors—licensed nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and licensed midwives—to perform abortions.

Whereas Cuomo hails it as “a historic victory for New Yorkers and for our **progressive** values,” the Catholic Bishops of the state see it as the exact opposite. In their letter condemning the bill, the Bishops wrote: “Our governor and legislative leaders hail this new abortion law as progress. This is not progress,” the bishops wrote. “Progress will be achieved when our laws and our culture once again value and respect each unrepeatable gift of human life, from the first moment of creation to natural death.”

Cuomo directed that certain NYC landmarks be lit in pink to “celebrate this great achievement and shine a bright light forward for the rest of the nation to follow.” Thomas Peters didn’t see it that way, however. Pointing to the One World Trade Center’s pink spire, he said “Now it looks just like the needle that is used to supply the lethal injection to the living unborn child.” (<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/new-york-celebrates-legalizing-abortion-until-birth-as-catholic-bishops-question-cuomos-faith>).

As stated last week, what Cuomo...or the Catholic Bishops...or New York’s Right to Life Committee...or the average New Yorker thinks of the bill is not as important as “What does **God** think of it?”

Make no mistake about it—**God hates abortion**.

Proverbs 6:16-17 “These six things doth the Lord **hate**: yea, seven are an **abomination unto Him**: A proud look, a lying tongue, and **hands that shed innocent blood....**” Is there any blood that is more innocent than that of a child in the womb?

Why does God hate abortion? Last week we looked at reason #1—because it is a **destructive act against those that are precious to God**. We noted 5 truths from God’s Word that demonstrated the fact that children—both the born and the unborn—are precious to God.

- 1) First, the Bible plainly states children are a blessing and a gift from God.
- 2) Second, we noted that children are loved by God as demonstrated in both the OT and NT
- 3) Third, children are precious to God because they are created in His image
- 4) Unborn children are known by God
- 5) Lastly, we noted in Ex 21:22-24 that if a pregnant woman was harmed in such a way that the baby was born, the person who caused the premature birth would be fined. If, however, the baby **died**, the one causing the death would lose their life. Why? Because an unborn child is a person made in the image of God.

Ge 9:6 “Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man.”

Why does God hate abortion? First, because it is a **destructive act against those who are precious to God**. Secondly, God hates it because of the...

2. Deceptive arguments that camouflage the preferences of man

There are no good arguments **for** abortion! The decision to legalize abortions was made **first**, then deceptive arguments were created to justify why they should be allowed. Sadly, many have “bought into” the lies.

A. “Confusion” of man over personhood

One argument for abortion as cited on the abortion.procon.org website is that “*Personhood begins after a fetus becomes “viable” (able to survive outside the womb) or after birth, **not at conception***. Embryos and fetuses are **not independent, self-determining beings**, and abortion is the termination of a pregnancy, not a **baby**. A person's age is calculated from birth date, not conception, and fetuses are not counted in the US Census.”

A similar argument which goes like this: “Nearly all abortions take place in the first trimester when a fetus is attached by the placenta and umbilical cord to the mother. As such, its health is dependent on her health, and cannot be regarded as a separate entity as it cannot exist outside her womb.”

It seems, then, that a baby does not reach “personhood” until it can be regarded as a **separate** person who can live independently outside the womb. Think about that for a minute.

How long can a newborn survive **independently** outside its mother’s womb? One day—maybe two—before it starves to death or dies from dehydration. Exceptions to take place; one occurred on November 24, 2014, where a newborn supposedly survived 6 days before being discovered in the bottom of a stormwater drain in Sydney, Australia.

The mother was charged with attempted murder, but should she have been? If you use the “personhood” argument, the baby was obviously not a person yet because it could not survive independently.

Can a one week old...or a one month old...or a one year old live **independently**? Although the baby is not dependent on the mother for survival, he or she is certainly dependent upon **someone** for survival!

It is a deceptive argument to try to differentiate between “personhood” and human life—and yet advocates for abortion use it often. Human life begins at **conception**—and so does personhood. Jerome Lejeune, the French geneticist who discovered the chromosome abnormality that causes Down syndrome, stated that “To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place a new human has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion.... The human nature of the human being from conception to old age is not a metaphysical contention, it is plain **experimental** evidence.” In other words, it is a scientific fact!

The baby in the womb is a human being—and a person—just as much as it is **outside** the womb. I remember an incident that took place when my youngest daughter was 2-1/2 years old. We were going to church in Marshfield at the time and had a guest speaker on a Sunday night representing Baptists for Life. I was standing next to a display table that had plastic models of human embryos at various stages of development. Lydia wanted me to pick her and when I did, she looked down at those models and instantly said “Baby!” She knew what they were—and so do the doctors and nurses performing abortions!

A second deceptive argument used is...

B. “Convenience” of the mother over the protection of life

Abortion advocates don’t necessarily **say** they are in favor of abortion because of the convenience of the mother, but they come fairly close. Roe versus Wade passed in the Supreme Court by a vote of 7-2. The main argument for those that voted in favor of striking down the Texas Law that prohibited abortion—except in cases of rape and incest—was the **right to privacy**. The argument used was that under the Due Process Clause

of the 14th Amendment, the right to privacy “is broad enough to encompass a woman’s decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy.” (abortion.procon.org)

Byron White, the senior justice of the two that voted against it, saw right through that argument, however, and wrote that the Court “values the convenience of the pregnant mother more than the continued existence and development of the life or potential life that she carries.” (Wikipedia, *Roe v Wade*).

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the Supreme Court Justice appointed by President Clinton, has been in the news quite a bit of late for missing court hearings for various reasons. She is pro-abortion, but disagrees with the privacy argument used in deciding *Roe vs Wade*. Why does **she** think abortion should be allowed and protected by the law? She argues that abortion should be allowed because to make a woman carry a baby puts her at a disadvantage compared to men. In other words, she argues it is a matter of **equality**. Ginsburg wrote:

“It is essential to woman’s **equality** with man that she be the decisionmaker, that her choice be controlling. If you impose restraints that impede her choice, you are disadvantaging her because of her sex.” (Time.com).

Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor had a similar mind-set and wrote in the 1992: “The ability of women to participate **equally** in the economic and social life of the Nation has been facilitated by their ability to control their reproductive lives.” (abortion.procon.org).

Let that reasoning sink in. Here is what they are saying: ‘A man can get a woman pregnant and it does not affect whether or not he will show up for work. If a woman gets pregnant, though, at some point it will affect her. In order for her to have an equal shot in the work force, she should be able to terminate her pregnancy.’

In other words, it doesn’t matter if it is a life or not—what matters is what is “convenient” for the mother!

What does the Bible say about this philosophy?

i. Children are a gift from God—not a curse

Psalm 127:3 “Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His reward.”

ii. If we are born again, our bodies belong to God—not us

I Corinthians 6:19-20 “What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own**? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God **in your body**, and in your spirit, **which are God's**.”

iii. We are to be seeking first God’s kingdom—not ours

Mt 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Our priority in life should not be us—it should be what God wants.

For a woman to take a life that God has created—in His image—and “dispose” of it because it is an inconvenience that will disrupt her life, is obviously a case of her seeking first **her** kingdom!

Why does God hate abortion? Reason #1—because it is a destructive act against those that are precious to Him. Reason #2—because of the deceptive arguments—the lies—used to camouflage the preferences and pleasures of men.

Reason #3? Because it is...

3. Defiant arrogance against the person of God

Please turn to Luke 19:12-14 (read). We don’t have time to read or dissect the entire parable, but notice the key ingredients: a nobleman receiving a kingdom, servants, and a job for the servants to do.

Notice again the attitude in verse 14—“We will not have this man to reign (rule) over us.” ‘We don’t want to serve, we don’t want to be told what to do, we don’t want to be held accountable.’

When Jesus spoke this parable, He was directing it to the Jews because He knew they would reject Him as the Messiah and crucify Him. The defiant attitude, though—“We will not have this man to reign over us”—is the attitude that is within **all of us** as sinners. We are rebels; we are the enemies of God until we are saved and become the children of God.

C.S. Lewis wrote: “Fallen man is not simply an imperfect creature who needs improvement: he is a rebel who must lay down his arms.” **Romans 5:10** “For if, when **we were enemies**, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

A. Defiance against the commands of God

Exodus 20:13 “Thou shalt not kill.”

Deut 19:10 “That innocent blood be not shed in thy land...”

Mt 19:18 “Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder...”

Romans 13:9 “For this, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill...”

God is against murder; He is against the shedding of innocent blood. Are there exceptions? God allows killing in times of war, but premeditated murder against the innocent is against the plain commands of God.

Not only is abortion defiance—rebellion—against the commands of God, it is also....

B. Defiance against the control of God

Why don’t people want to obey the commands of God? Because in their mind, they believe they know what is best. Because they believe they know what is best, they want to be in control. That, in my mind, is the crux of the whole matter: ‘I don’t want God to be in control; I want to be in control.’

This is not a new mindset, is it; it goes back to the garden of Eden when Adam and Eve chose their way over God’s. Cain had the same mindset.

i. The defiance of Cain (Gen 4:3-9)

--v 3 Cain brought fruit of the ground as an offering to the Lord

--v 4 Abel brought an animal sacrifice

God had respect (accepted) Abel’s offering, but God did not accept Cain’s. Did they know what kind of offering they were supposed to bring to the Lord? I believe they did. Even if they didn’t, notice God’s appeal to Cain.

--v 6-7

“If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?” In other words, ‘If you offer the right offering—if you do it **my way**—I will accept you!’

--v 8 Cain didn’t repent and do things God’s way, did he? Instead he “slew” his brother.

Notice v 9 “Where is Abel thy brother?” Why did God ask that? Didn’t God know what happened? God knew exactly what happened, but again gave Cain another opportunity to see his sin and repent. He didn’t repent, though, did he? Instead he lied to God: “I know not,” then sarcastically added “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

“Where is Abel thy brother?” I can’t help but wonder if God will ask unsaved women at the Great White Throne judgement, ‘Where is the baby that was due on such and such a date?’ Cain is not the only defiant one

ii. The defiance of the created against the Creator

Romans 1:25 “Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and **served the creature more than the Creator**, who is blessed forever. Amen.”

--God creates a life within a woman, but they don’t want a baby right now. Because they don’t want to be controlled by God or serve God, they take control from God and serve themselves by ending that baby’s life.

--Or... God creates a life within them and they are thrilled—she is going to have a baby! But then she learns that the baby will have medical problems and might not live long so she decides to abort the baby. Why? Because she is serving herself more than her Creator!

--Whether it's 'I want a baby in my time' or 'I want a baby without medical problems' or 'I don't want a baby at all,' the underlying attitude is this: "I will not have this God rule over me because I want to serve me—not Him!"

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS:

1. God hates abortion, doesn't He? We need to not just know that and agree with it—it is important that we know why. We also need to pray that this infanticide in our nation will end.
2. Secondly, we need to recognize within everyone of us is a nature that says: "I will not have this man rule over me!" Our sin nature is not removed; saved people can still "bristle up" when they are told they should do something—or not do something—because God says.

If that's you, how are you different than a woman who wants the life of her child ended? You are going against the commands of God and the control of God just as much as her—just in a different area of your life!

3. Are you saved? The most important command to submit to is coming to Jesus to be forgiven of your sins. Have you done that?