

178—Election Issues: The Bible Speaks on Abortion

Matthew 2:12-18

Introduction: “Abortion” is appropriately defined as “the intentional or unintentional expulsion or extraction of all of the preborn child (complete) or any part (incomplete) of the placenta or membranes at any time after fertilization and before the natural birth process is completed, whether this expulsion or extraction is performed by chemical medication or surgical instrument.” Since 1973 our country has intentionally aborted over 62 million children.

Again, our goal in this series is not to talk about the pundits’ views, the candidates’ views, the parties’ views, or our society’s views. It is our goal to consider, as Christians, first and foremost, God’s viewpoint on this matter and view every single person through the lens of God. We need to see what the Bible teaches on this issue...for the Bible reveals God’s mind to man and ought to be our ultimate legislator.

I. We Ought to Obey God Rather Than Man (Acts 5:29)

- A. Just because abortion is legal, does not mean it is right.
 - 1. Prostitution is legal in certain places, but it is not right.
 - 2. Taking mind-altering drugs is legal in some places, but it is not right.
 - 3. Lewd dancing may be legal and even encouraged by many parents, but it is not right.
- B. There are two cases in the Scriptures of men who actually ordered the death of newborn children and, in both cases, those who refused to submit to those orders are applauded.
 - 1. The Hebrew midwives refused to obey Pharaoh’s order (Exodus 1:15-20).
 - 2. Mary and Joseph chose to flee to safety from Herod’s kill order in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:12-18).

II. God Warns Against Shedding Innocent Blood

- A. Numerous passages warn against the “shedding of innocent blood” (Deuteronomy 19:10, 13; Psalm 106:38; Proverbs 6:17; 2 Kings 24:3-4).
- B. Is there anyone more innocent than an unborn child?

III. Our Body Belongs to God

- A. We often hear the argument “It’s my body and I will choose to do what I want with it.”
- B. A similar argument was made in favor of fornication in 1 Corinthians 6, but the inspired apostle Paul reminded His audience their body belongs to God (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

IV. Your Child's Body Is Not Your Body!

- A. Furthermore, there is often an appeal made to “science” when it comes to some of the political arguments made in debates and controversies.
- B. Biblically and scientifically the child has its own identity distinct from the mother.
 - 1. The Bible uses the term “babe” (BREPPOS) to refer to both the child in the womb and out of the womb (Luke 1:39-44; Luke 2:12; 2:16; 1 Peter 2:2).
 - 2. The unborn have an identity (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:4-5).
 - 3. This is also true scientifically as the child has its own unique DNA on day one when the egg is fertilized and often also possesses its own unique blood type.

V. God Does Not Approve of Doing Evil to Produce Good

- A. Another argument made in favor of abortion is the idea it is justifiable in cases of rape or incest.
- B. While this can certainly be a sad circumstance, the Bible teaches God can cause good to come from evil (Romans 3:8).
 - 1. In the case of Joseph, he saw good things come from the hatred of his brothers and the years of suffering he faced before their reunion (Genesis 50:15-21).
 - 2. While suffering is never desirable the one who suffers wrongfully and commendably is honored before God (1 Peter 2:18-21).
- C. Think about this...if you were Mary living in the first century and had become pregnant in a Jewish culture prior to marriage such that your character would be insulted, would you have kept the baby?

Conclusion: This sin of “unnatural affection” and “murder” is one for which we will give account. Yet, God sent His Son to suffer and die for the most vile sins of mankind—even a sin such as abortion. So, as we conclude, I want our women in the audience to know if you have been guilty of this sin or endorsed this sin you, too, can be forgiven. You must change your mind about it. You must change your actions by not speaking for it or endorsing it. You must turn and follow the will of Jesus for your every decision in life. Will you turn to the Jesus, who gives life after death—who now cradles the unborn in His arms in heaven and hopes to reunite all of mankind in the heavenly realm—will you turn to the One who gives us hope and purpose in our lives and who fills our lives with value and sanctity?