

ABORTION--THE BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Text: Job 3:3

INTRO: The patriarch Job believed that he was a male human being from the time of conception. I believe a careful study of the medical, scientific & Biblical evidence will prove that Job was correct.

I. MY STUDY HAS CONVINCED ME THAT LIFE BEGINS IN THE HUMAN EMBRYO AT CONCEPTION & THAT TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THAT LIFE IS ABUNDANT SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

- A. Three basic things are usually used to determine if life is present: breath, heartbeat, brain waves.
- B. Scientific medical evidence is abundant to prove that life is present in the developing human embryo very early in the conception to birth process.
 - 1. Heartbeat begins in the 1st month of development.
 - 2. Brain waves have been measured in the 2nd month.
 - 3. Within the 3rd month, the baby is breathing fluid, strengthening & developing his lungs. Finger-nails are already present.
 - 4. By the 4th month, he has eyelashes. All body systems are present by the 2nd month, all are functioning within the 3rd month.
 - 5. There is every reason to believe that there is full life in the developing fetus long before the time of birth.
- C. More important to us, there is clear Biblical evidence of life in the developing child well before the time of birth.
 - 1. There is movement before birth. Movement is an indication of life. Gen 25:21-22; 38:27-30; Luke 1:36-44.
 - 2. There is growth in the developing human infant from

conception to birth & of course, beyond. Growth proves life.

As you do not know what is the way of the wind or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, so you do not know the works of God who makes all things. (Eccl 11:5).

MT 1:18, with child; LK 2:5, great with child

II. WHERE THERE IS LIFE, THERE IS A SPIRIT.

- A. A soul or spirit must be imparted into a body to give it life.
Gen 2:7

Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; & the soul of the child came back to him, & he revived. (1 K 17:22).

See John 6:63; Luke 8:55, etc.

- B. When the soul or spirit departs from a body, death is the immediate & certain result.

And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice He said "Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit" & having said this, He breathed His last. (LK 23:46).

[Rachel's] soul was departing, for she died. (Gen 35:18)

1. Some passages view death from the standpoint of the body, & speak of the soul or spirit departing. LK 12:20; JS 2:26; Eccl 12:7.

NOTE: Every passage that refers to death as a "sleep" is viewing it from the standpoint of the body.

2. Other passages view death from the standpoint of the soul or spirit. 2 Pet 1:14; Phil 1:23; Psa 90:10

III. THE SPIRIT THAT GIVES LIFE TO THE HUMAN FETUS IS A HUMAN SPIRIT.

- A. The flesh of the human fetus is human flesh. It can be scientifically distinguished from the flesh of any other creature. 1 Cor 15:39, men, beasts, fish, birds.
- B. The blood of the human fetus is human blood. Acts 17:26. Life is in the blood, Lev. 17:14. It has to be human life!
- C. The parents of the human fetus are human parents. Like begets like, Gen 1:11-12.
- D. Luke, qualified both by profession, Col 4:14, & by inspiration used the same Gr. word BREPHOS, to describe John B before birth that he used to describe the infants killed by Pharaoh, Acts 7:19; LK 1:36-44.

IV. ABORTION DESTROYS INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE.

I could go into the gory details of the different forms of abortion & what they do to the babies developing within their mothers' bodies--but I will spare you the details. Suffice it to say that abortion destroys, snuffs out, kills innocent human lives.

V. BRIEFLY, A FEW QUESTIONS COMMONLY ASKED.

- A. What if the mother's life is in danger? If the physician can save only one life, he should save that one life. If he can save both, he should do so.
- B. What if the mother's mental health might be endangered? How can we know killing her baby will not endanger her mental health? What if her husband endangers her mental health?
- C. What if the child is a result of incest & there is reason to believe he may be born deformed or retarded? Who are we to say such lives are not meaningful? Helen Keller, Ray Charles, Beethoven...
- D. What if the conception is a result of rape? I sympathize with the mother, but I do not see killing her child as a

solution. If someone should pay the death penalty, let it be the rapist, not the innocent child.

NOTE: The percentage of abortions that involve cases of rape or incest is extremely small. This is like the limb falling on the fellow on his way to be baptized.

- E. What if the child is unwanted? He isn't. Make him available for adoption. There are a lot of people who don't want children, but there are few, if any, children who are not wanted by someone.
- F. Shouldn't a woman have a right to control her own body? Yes, & if she will, she won't "need" an abortion. The baby growing inside her is attached to her body, but it is not by any means a part of her body. Her body was complete before he was conceived, & will continue to be complete after he is born or aborted. He has his own heart, his own brain, his own DNA, his own fingerprints, etc.
- G. Doesn't legal abortion reduce the number of illegal abortions? Certainly, but it doesn't make it right. Fornication, drug abuse, drunkenness, etc.
- H. Isn't abortion just another form of birth control--or, are you against that too? I am not opposed to forms of birth control that prevent conception--but I must oppose killing those who have already been conceived. Abortion is not an acceptable form of birth control.

CONCLUSION: I believe I have given an abundance of irrefutable proofs that there is full human life in the developing child long before the time of birth. If you doubt that proof, then I appeal to you to give life the benefit of that doubt. You would not bury a man until you were absolutely sure he is dead. You would not bury him while his heart was still beating, his brain still functioning, while he was still breathing. Let us refrain from harming that developing human baby until we can be absolutely certain that he is not a living human being, made in the image of Almighty God. If you have participated in or encouraged someone else to have an abortion, you can be forgiven. Simply repent of your sin. If you haven't

already done so, obey the gospel of Christ. Let the precious blood of Jesus cleanse you from your sin and guilt.

Finally, I close with three Bible quotes:

Keep yourself far from a false matter; do not kill the innocent & righteous. For I will not justify the wicked. (Ex. 23:7)

Cursed is the one who takes a bribe (reward, KJV) to slay the innocent person. (Deut 27:25).

Egypt shall be a desolation & Edom a desolate wilderness, because of violence against the people of Judah, for they have shed innocent blood in their land. (Joel 3:19).

If you have participated in or encouraged an induced abortion, you may be forgiven, just as for any other sin. Repent & obey God's conditions of forgiveness.

La Porte, TX, October 24, 1976
KXYZ Radio, Pasadena, TX, September 16, 1979
La Porte, TX, September 16, 1979
Exton, PA, November 11, 1984
Shively, Louisville, KY, December 1, 1988 (meeting)
Exton, PA, October 23, 1988
Highway 29, Liberty Hill, TX, June 4, 1989 (meeting)
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, June 11, 1989 (meeting)
Northside, Clovis, NM, June 18, 1989
Northside, Georgetown, TX, June 21, 1989
Cedar Park, TX, June 25, 1989 (meeting)
Eastside, Indianapolis, IN, April 22, 1990 (meeting)
Blue Ridge, VA, October 7, 1990 (meeting)
Wrightsville, PA, June 16, 1991
Tri-State, Ashland, KY, June 23, 1991 (meeting)
Washington, NJ, April 6, 1992 (meeting)
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, November 2, 1992
Imhoff Ave., Port Arthur, TX, August 4, 1993 (meeting)
Pruett & Lobit, Baytown, TX, December 26, 1993
Westview, Athens, AL, May 19, 1996 (meeting)
Oaks-West, Burnet, TX, December 8, 1996
Wonsley Dr., Austin, TX, April 5, 1998 (meeting, class)

Hyde Park, PA, September 18, 2001 (meeting)