

THE SIN OF ABORTION

TEXT:

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

INTRODUCTION:

1) Paul depicts a time when (among other things) men shall be lovers of their own selves, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.

2) Many of the crimes (sins) committed in the world are domestic in nature. (Abortion is one such sin)

3) We live in age where wildlife is protected, but unborn babies are not.

4) In January 1973 abortion became legal in America. (Many years of abortion now!)

5) Each year there are over 1 million abortions in America.

(1) From 1973 to 1994 more than 31 million legal abortions in the U.S.

(2) Estimated 50 million abortions a year occur worldwide.

(3) At current rates, an estimated 43% of women will have at least one abortion by age 45.

6) If a baby can escape its mother's womb, it will be protected by law:

I. ABORTION KILLS A HUMAN LIFE.

1) Life - a gift from God.

(1) “Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;” (Acts 17:25)

(2) “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.” (Genesis 1:26)

2) The Bible makes no distinction between pre-natal and post-natal life.

(1) “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy

scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (2Timothy 3:14-15)

(2) “And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:” (Luke1:41)

3) “And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 2:21-24)

(1) Children (not tonsils, kidneys, but children)

(2) “Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?” (Job 31:15)

4) “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” (James 2:26)

(1) Is it alive? Yes!

(2) What kind of life? Human!

(3) Does abortion kill it? Yes.

5) “As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.” (Ecclesiastes 11:5)

(1) “her that is with child”

(2) Two people are mentioned in text.

6) Most dangerous place for some babies today is the mother’s womb. If a child can escape its mother’s womb the night before a scheduled abortion, then he protected by law, if not then he can be legally KILLED.

II. ABORTION IS “WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION”.

1) God condemns people, “ Who are without natural affection.”

(1) “Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:” (Romans 1:31)

(2) “Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,” (2Timothy 3:3)

2) A woman that can kill her innocent unborn baby has to be without natural affection.

3) All of us cringe when we hear of a mother committing “infanticide.” Should also cringe at abortion.

III. ABORTION IS AN ACT OF SELFISHNESS.

1) These basic reasons are given for a family having an abortion.

(1) Would interfere with work, school, or other responsibilities.

(2) Cannot afford a child

(3) Do not want to be a single parent or are having problems with their husband or partner.

2) “For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,” (2Timothy 3:2)

III. OBJECTIONS

1) It is argued that Adam was not alive until God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, then applied to babies breathing air.

Answer: Really not a parallel here. Adam was created full grown, infants aren't. Besides oxygen is supplied to the infants through umbilical system. (Compare to astronaut.)

2) Rape/Incest

Answer:

1) Hearts go out to the victims.

2) But why execute the innocent child (What if the child is born - why not execute him/her then?)

3) Reality: Victims can usually obtain help before conception occurs.

3) The mother's life in danger.

Answer: Dr. Jerome LeJune - “I would never attack and kill the unborn child.” However, if he were faced with cancerous uterus or a tubal pregnancy he would remove them. In doing so the child would inadvertently die. But this was not the purpose of the surgery.

CONCLUSION:

1) What should be the Christian's response to abortion.

(1) Should teach & use influence against abortion. “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”

(2Timothy 4:2)

(2) Try to help those who are contemplating or have had abortion.

(a) Encourage them to keep the child or give it for adoption.

(b) Refer those who have had an abortion to: “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,

and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” (Acts 2:38)

(3) Don't ignore the problem (over 4000 abortions a day in America. More than all wars combined. If we don't respect life at its beginning we won't respect it at the end.)

2) Let us pray and work to end the sin of abortion.