

A Biblical View of Abortion

Since 1973 when abortion became legal, nearly 51 million babies have been aborted.

- * 137 babies aborted every hour
- * 3304 babies aborted every day
- * 23,196 babies aborted every week
- * 100,516 babies aborted every month
- * 1,206,192 babies aborted every year

Why do Women have Abortions?

74% say having a baby would interfere with work, school, or other responsibilities.

73% say they cannot afford to have a child.

48% say they do not want to be a single parent, or have relationship problems with husband or partner.

Less than 2% say they became pregnant as a result of rape or incest.

What are some of the arguments for abortion?

- Abortion is a decision between a women, her doctor, and her God.
- Since 90% of all abortions are in the first trimester, and since at this point all you have is a blob of flesh there is nothing to be concerned about.
- Women shouldn't be judged by others since they are making a very difficult decision in which they labor hard trying to determine the right thing to do for themselves.
- Nobody really knows when life begins.

How did this all begin?

JOHN 8:44 "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

EPH 2:2 ...in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

Reasons for the Roman-Greco world in the 1st Century to have Abortions

- 1) to conceal illicit sex
- 2) rich women who became immorally pregnant by low class common men didn't want to birth low class common children and have to waste their wealth on them
- 3) it was convenient way to allow women to preserve their sex appeal by not troubling her womb with bouncing babies.

How did we move toward abortion here in America?

- 1) The rise of free love & sex in the 50's & 60's.
- 2) The rise of Eugenics – to make sure you wouldn't have a child born with defects.
- 3) The rise of Feminism – the right to have full reproductive rights
- 4) The establishment of the ERA – if we are going to have freedom then we are going to need abortion on demand.

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- 5) Planned Parenthood – a concern with over population and later a means of having so called "safer abortions."
- 6) Supreme Court – Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973.

1) Conception is an act of God

God creates personally every human life. God does not just start the creative process and have us carry it on, rather we carry on the process but God sustains that process and is active and sovereign in that process.

Gen 20: 17-18

Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maids, so that they bore children. For the Lord had closed fast all the wombs of the household of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Gen 16:2

So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; perhaps I will obtain children through her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

Gen. 17:16

"I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Ruth 4:13

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

Isaiah 43:7

"I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth, everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made."

Job 10: 8-12

Your hands fashioned and made me altogether, and would You destroy me? 'Remember now, that You have made me as clay; and would You turn me into dust again? 'Did You not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese; Clothe me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews? 'You have granted me life and lovingkindness; and Your care has preserved my spirit.

Psalms 100: 3

Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Psalms 127:3

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward.

Exodus 4:11

The Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"

John 9: 2-3

And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

Psalms 139: 13-16

For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

Gen. 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

2) God has special compassion toward the helpless.

God defends the poor, the downtrodden, the helpless, and the defenseless.

Psalms 82: 3-4

God takes His stand in His own congregation; He judges in the midst of the rulers. How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.

Proverbs 17:5

He who mocks the poor taunts his Maker;
He who rejoices at calamity will not go
unpunished.

Ex. 21:22,23 NIV

If men who are fighting hit a pregnant
woman and she gives birth prematurely but
there is no serious injury, the offender must
be fined whatever the women's husband
demands and the court allows. But if there
serious injury, you are to take life for life...

**3) Judgment of those who murder is
the plan of God**

- EX 20:13 "You shall not murder."
- GEN 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man
his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God
He made man."

- ACT 25:11 "If, then, I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die; but if none of those things is true of which these men accuse me, no one can hand me over to them. I appeal to Caesar."
- ROM 13:3-4 "For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil."

4) God is a God of Grace and Mercy

- EPH 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

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PSA 103:8-12 The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.
