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STOP KILLING US BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

**STOP
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BABIES**

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While the Bible does not explicitly mention "abortion," many passages are interpreted as opposing it by emphasizing the sanctity of life, God's intimate involvement in forming individuals in the womb, and the value of children as a heritage from God. Key verses often cited include Exodus 21:22-25, which addresses the injury to a pregnant woman and her child, and Psalm 139:13-16, which describes God's creation of individuals in the womb. Other supporting verses are Jeremiah 1:5, stating God's knowledge of individuals before birth, and Genesis 1:27, affirming that all humans are created in God's image.

**Key
Verses
on Life
and the
Unborn:**

Genesis 1:27: "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them".

Exodus 21:22-25: This passage outlines penalties for striking a pregnant woman, leading to a premature birth or miscarriage, with a life for a life penalty if serious harm occurs.

Psalms 139:13-16: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb... my frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place".

Jeremiah 1:5: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart".

Psalms 127:3: "Children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward".

Thematic Arguments:

**God as the giver of life:
The Bible presents God as
the sole source of life, and
taking a life is seen as
presuming God's
authority.**

**Life in the womb is sacred:
Many passages indicate
that life begins at
conception and that every
individual is precious to
God.**

**The commandment "You
shall not murder": This
commandment is often
extended to include the
unborn, viewing abortion
as a form of murder.**

Whether or not a woman can seek an abortion to end her pregnancy is one of the most hotly debated topics in cultures around the world. Some believe that it is wrong for a government to decide what a woman can or cannot do with her body. Others think that because an abortion ends a life, it should be against the law, perhaps even considered murderous. The Bible has a lot to say about how we ought to care for pre-born life.

**What
Does the
Bible Say
About
Abortion?**

Old

Testament

Genesis 1:27

**So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.**

Genesis 9:5-6

And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

Exodus 20:13

You shall not murder.

Exodus 21:22-25

When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

Exodus 23:7

Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and righteous, for I will not acquit the wicked.

Leviticus 24:17

Whoever takes a human life shall surely be put to death.

Deuteronomy 18:9-12

When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you.

Deuteronomy 24:16

Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.

Deuteronomy 27:25

‘Cursed be anyone who takes a bribe to shed innocent blood.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

2 Kings 8:12

And Hazael said, 'Why does my lord weep?' He answered, 'Because I know the evil that you will do to the people of Israel. You will set on fire their fortresses, and you will kill their young men with the sword and dash in pieces their little ones and rip open their pregnant women.'

Job 10:8-12

Your hands fashioned and made me, and now you have destroyed me altogether.

Remember that you have made me like clay;

and will you return me to the dust?

Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese?

You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews.

You have granted me life and steadfast love,

and your care has preserved my spirit.

Job 31:15

**Did not he who made me in the
womb make him?**

**And did not one fashion us in
the womb?**

Psalms 8:2

**Out of the mouth of babies and
infants,**

**you have established strength
because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the
avenger.**

Psalms 22:10

**Yet you are he who took me from
the womb;**

**you made me trust you at my
mother's breasts.**

**On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you
have been my God.**

Psalm 82:3-4

**Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.**

**Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

Psalm 94:18-23

**When I thought, 'My foot slips,'
your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.**

**When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.**

**Can wicked rulers be allied with you,
those who frame injustice by statute?
They band together against the life of the righteous**

and condemn the innocent to death.

But the LORD has become my stronghold,

and my God the rock of my refuge.

He will bring back on them their iniquity

and wipe them out for their wickedness;

the LORD our God will wipe them out.

Psalm 127:3-5

**Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.
Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the
gate.**

Psalm 139:13-16

**For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's
womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the
earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of
them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.**

Proverbs 24:11-12

**Rescue those who are being
taken away to death;
hold back those who are
stumbling to the slaughter.
If you say, 'Behold, we did
not know this,'
does not he who weighs the
heart perceive it?
Does not he who keeps watch
over your soul know it,
and will he not repay man
according to his work?**

Proverbs 31:8-9

**Open your mouth for the
mute,
for the rights of all who are
destitute.
Open your mouth, judge
righteously,
defend the rights of the poor
and needy.**

Ecclesiastes 11:5

**As you do not know the
way the spirit comes to
the bones in the womb
of a woman with child,
so you do not know the
work of God who makes
everything.**

Isaiah 5:20

**Woe to those who call
evil good
and good evil,
who put darkness for
light
and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter!**

Isaiah 49:15

**Can a woman forget her
nursing child,
that she should have no
compassion on the son
of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget
you.**

Jeremiah 1:5

**Before I formed you in
the womb I knew you,
and before you were
born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a
prophet to the nations.**

Jeremiah 32:35

They built the high places of Baal in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to offer up their sons and daughters to Molech, though I did not command them, nor did it enter into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

New Testament

Matthew 18:14

**So it is not the will
of my Father who is
in heaven that one
of these little ones
should perish.**

Matthew 19:14

**but Jesus said, 'Let
the little children
come to me and do
not hinder them,
for to such belongs
the kingdom of
heaven.'**

**What does
the Bible
say about
Abortion?**

There are a few Bible verses that are often cited in discussions about abortion.

One of the most commonly quoted verses is Psalm 139:13-16, which says, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." This verse is often cited to reference the biblical teaching that life begins at conception.

Another verse that is often cited is Exodus 20:13, which says, "You shall not murder." This verse is used to argue that abortion is the taking of a human life and therefore violates this commandment.

Abortion is the killing of an unborn child in his or her mother's womb. From both a biblical and scientific perspective, life begins at the moment of fertilization. Since abortion destroys a human being who is fearfully and wonderfully made in God's image, it is murder.

Jeremiah 1:5 tells us that God knows us before He forms us in the womb. Psalm 139:13-16 speaks of God's active role in our creation and formation in the womb. Exodus 21:22-25 prescribes the same penalty—death—for someone who causes the death of a baby in the womb as for someone who commits murder. This law and its punishment clearly indicate that God considers a baby in the womb to be just as much a human being as a full-grown adult. For the Christian, abortion is not a matter of a woman's right to choose to have a baby. The baby is already present and living. Abortion is a matter of the life or death of a human being made in God's image (Genesis 1:26-27; 9:6).

What does the Bible say about abortion? Simply put, abortion is murder. It is the killing of a human being created in the image of God.

A common argument against the Christian stance on abortion is “What about cases of rape and/or incest?” As emotionally difficult as it would be to face a pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, is the murder of a baby the solution? Two wrongs do not make a right. Intentionally killing the unborn child is not the answer. Also, keep in mind that having an abortion is itself a traumatic experience. It seems nonsensical to add an additional trauma to the woman. Too, abortion can be a means of rapists covering up their crimes. For example, if a minor is molested and becomes pregnant and then is taken to have an abortion, the molestation could continue without penalty. Abortion will never erase the pain of rape or incest, but it very well may add to it.

A child who is conceived through rape or incest is made in the image of God the same as any other human. That child's life should be protected just as much as the life of any other human being. The circumstances of conception never determine the worth of a person or that person's future. The baby in this situation is completely innocent and should not be punished for the evil act of his or her father. Depending on the situation, the mother might choose to raise the child. If she does not already have a community of support, she can turn to many organizations and local churches prepared to walk alongside her. Or she might place the child for adoption. There are many families, some unable to have children on their own, who stand ready to receive and love a child from any background.

Another argument often used against the Christian stance on abortion is “What about when the life of the mother is at risk?” Honestly, this is the most difficult question to answer on the issue of abortion. First, let’s remember that such a situation is exceedingly rare. Dr. Landrum Shettles, a pioneer in the field of in vitro fertilization, wrote, “Less than 1 percent of all abortions are performed to save the mother’s life” (Landrum Shettles and David Rorvik, *Rites of Life*, Zondervan Publishing House, 1983, p. 129). Dr. Irving Cushner, Professor of Obstetrics at the UCLA School of Medicine, when testifying before the U. S. Senate, was asked how often abortions are necessary to save the life of the mother or to preserve her physical health. His response: “In this country, about 1 percent” (testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on the Constitution of the United States on October 14, 1981, quoted in *The Village Voice*, July 16, 1985).

Other medical professionals go further, stating that abortion is never necessary to save the mother's life. Over 1,000 OB-GYNs and maternal healthcare experts signed a statement in 2012, saying, in part, "As experienced practitioners and researchers in obstetrics and gynaecology, we affirm that direct abortion—the purposeful destruction of the unborn child—is not medically necessary to save the life of a woman" (Dublin Declaration on Maternal Health, www.dublindeclaration.com, accessed 9/9/21). Further, in 2019, "medical leaders representing more than 30,000 doctors said intentionally killing a late-term unborn baby in an abortion is never necessary to save a mother's life"

Second, let's remember that God is a God of miracles. He can preserve the life of a mother and her child despite all the medical odds being against it. Third, even in the small percentage of abortions performed to save the life of the mother, most of those abortions can be prevented by an early induced delivery of the baby or a C-section. It is extremely rare that a baby must be actively aborted in order to save the life of the mother. Ultimately, if the life of the mother is genuinely at risk, the course of action can only be decided by the woman, her doctor, oftentimes the father of the child, and God. Any woman facing this extremely difficult situation should pray to the Lord for wisdom (James 1:5) as to what He would have her do.

The overwhelming majority of abortions performed today involve women who simply do not want to have the baby. As indicated above, just 2 percent of abortions are for the reason of rape, incest, or the mother's life being at risk. Even in these more difficult 2 percent of instances, abortion should never be the first option. The life of a human being in the womb is worth every effort to preserve.

For those who have had an abortion, remember that the sin of abortion is no less forgivable than any other sin. Through faith in Christ, all sins can be forgiven (John 3:16; Romans 8:1; Colossians 1:14). A woman who has had an abortion, a man who has encouraged an abortion, and a doctor who has performed an abortion—all can be forgiven by faith in Jesus Christ.

Abortion healing and recovery is possible. Having an abortion and regretting it later is a common experience felt by women. While what has been done cannot be undone, you can experience healing and recovery after an abortion. The God of all comfort and healing is more than able to ease the sorrow and pain of an abortion. He can restore you to life and joy.

An unwanted pregnancy can be a frightening experience for someone who is not financially, emotionally, or physically prepared for such a responsibility. Perhaps you are one of the many women and teenage girls who are scared, confused, and desperate. In your search for answers, perhaps you were fooled into believing that your unborn child was an expendable “lump of tissue,” not really a pre-born human being. Often the realization of the truth comes later, in the form of post-abortion stress syndrome, guilt, and depression. This is where abortion healing and recovery is essential.

There is good news for anyone who has had an abortion, and that is that God offers forgiveness to anyone who asks for it. Abortion healing and abortion recovery begin with accepting that forgiveness. Romans 3:22 says, “We are made right in God’s sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.” It is never too late to come to God for healing. There is nothing we can do that is so bad that it is unforgivable. God offers this forgiveness, through Christ, and with it He offers peace of mind and heart. Abortion recovery is yours if you will only receive it by putting your faith in Jesus, allowing Him permanent residence and authority in your life.

Perhaps you are already a Christian, yet you decided to have an abortion, perhaps out of fear of how you would be perceived by the Christian community. Even if you understood how God feels about abortion, you may have felt, out of desperation, that you must get rid of the “evidence.” Please understand that abortion recovery is available. God is ready to offer forgiveness, redemption, healing, and restoration. Yes, having an abortion was wrong; it was the taking of a life, but it is not unforgivable. The Bible says that there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1), and so, when we confess our sins to Him, He freely forgives (1 John 1:9). This is not because we deserve forgiveness but because of the loving nature of our Lord.

When you realize the repercussions of having an abortion, you may find it difficult to forgive yourself. But God does not want us to live with perpetual guilt; He wants us to learn from our mistakes and use them to His advantage, as well as our own.

Abortion healing and recovery will provide freedom from guilt. It will require a lot of prayer, which is simply conversation with God. This and studying the Bible help us get to know God better so that we can trust Him to heal us and be better equipped to do His work. Instead of dwelling on your choice to have an abortion, be encouraged to use your experience to help others. You may need to seek Christian counseling to help get through the experience. But through the healing process, if you trust in the Lord, you will be stronger and more spiritually mature. You can experience abortion healing and abortion recovery! You will have gone through an experience that God is able to use to strengthen your character and prepare you for ministering to others.

**Does the
Bible teach
that life
begins at
conception?**

The Bible does teach that life begins at conception. Every culture's view of when human life begins changes as society's values, moral standards, and knowledge about the process of embryonic development change. Prior to the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision that allowed abortion on demand, developing embryos were considered unborn persons. Now, even a fetus that could survive on its own outside its mother's womb could be aborted, under certain medical circumstances. This demonstrates that we do not consider an unborn child to be a true human being.

Science tells us that human life begins at the time of conception. From the moment fertilization takes place, the child's genetic makeup is already complete. Its gender has already been determined, along with its height and hair, eye and skin color. The only thing the embryo needs to become a fully-functioning being is the time to grow and develop.

More importantly, God reveals to us in His Word that not only does life begin at conception, but He knows who we are even before then (Jeremiah 1:5). King David said this about God's role in our conception: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb . . . your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be" (Psalm 139:13, 16).

Society continually seeks to devalue the lives of the unborn, creating its own definitions of humanity based on distorted views of morality. But the undeniable fact is that life begins at creation, and a human is created as soon as he or she is conceived. God is present at our creation; He is, in fact, our Creator. Our value as human beings created in His image is conceived even before we are.

**Jesus will
forgive you
for all of
your sins.
Repent and
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UNTIL NEXT TIME