

“Biblical Perspectives on Abortion”

THE BATTLEFIELDS OF ABORTION

- The Medical Arena
- The Civil Rights Arena
- The Economic Arena
- The Judicial Arena
- The Moral Arena

THE CHRISTIAN'S PRIMARY CONCERN

Abortion is morally
wrong!

EXODUS 21:22,23

'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 woman's husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life . . .' (NIV)

EXODUS 21:22,23

- The issue here is death to the unborn child caused indirectly; by physical attack upon the mother.
- The technology was not available to perform abortion with any degree of safety for the mother.
- The moral climate was such that abortion would have been unthinkable.

THE REAL ISSUE: THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

- In order for a knowledgeable Christian to be pro-choice he/she has to convince herself that the unborn baby is not a real live human being.
- Otherwise, they are forced to deal with the murder issue.

**Our moral convictions
are often shaped by our
environment and our
economy.**

Rationalization = lying to one's self

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Exo. 21:14 “But if a man schemes and kills another man deliberately, take him away from my altar and *put him to death.*”
(Prescribes identical penalties for abortion and murder)

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Luke 1:41-44 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, *the baby in my womb leaped for joy.*" (NIV)

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Gen 38:27 “When the time came for her (Tamar) to give birth, there were twin *boys* in her womb.” (NIV)

(Not “fetuses” or some other depersonalizing word)

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

**Job 31:15 “Did not he
who made me in the
womb make them?”**

**(The womb is God’s workshop for
human life.)**

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Psa. 139:13

**“...You knit me
together in my
mother’s womb.”**

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Isa. 49:1

“Before I was born
the Lord called
me.”

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

**Jer. 1:5 “Before I
formed you in the
womb I knew you ...
I set you apart.”**

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Luke 1:15

**John the Baptist was
filled with the Holy Spirit
before he was born.**

GOD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD MURDER

It is forbidden

Exod 20:13

**"You shall not
murder." (NIV)**

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**Matt 19:18 “...Jesus replied,
'Do not murder, do not commit
adultery, do not steal, do not
give false testimony’” (NIV)**

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It is forbidden

I John 3:15

“Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.” (NIV)

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Rev 21:8 “But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars-- their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.” (NIV)

GOD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD MURDER

**It is to be harshly
punished:**

**Gen 9:6 “Whoever sheds
the blood of man, by man
shall his blood be shed”**

GOD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD MURDER

**It is to be harshly
punished:**

**Lev 24:17 “If anyone takes
the life of a human being, he
must be put to death.”**

GOD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD MURDER

**It is to be harshly
punished:**

**Prov 28:17 “A man
tormented by the guilt of
murder will be a fugitive till
death”**

THE CHRISTIAN'S ATTITUDE:

Despise the sin, but

Love the sinner.