

BIBLE LIFE MESSAGES

The Sacredness of Human Life

1 There were 1,026,700 abortions provided in the United States in 2023. “That’s the highest number in over a decade, and the first time there have been over a million abortions provided in the U.S. formal health care system since 2012,” explains Isaac Maddow-Zimet, a data scientist with the Guttmacher Institute. ¹

I have such a heart for you who are trapped with an unwanted pregnancy. You must feel like all of your future plans are aborted if you don’t abort your baby. Maybe they would be. That is one of the reasons this decision has become such a traumatic one for you.

Please read through this message before you pass judgment on my conclusions. You need to know this information before you make that final decision.

Is abortion wrong? What does God think about it? ²

¹ Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health (Nov. 2022), Guttmacher Institute – <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2024/03/19/1238293143/abortion-data-how-many-us-2023>.

I. Is All Life Sacred?

Is all life sacred? ³

The Bible says that God breathed into Adam the breath of life. ² By doing that, God made mankind in His image. ⁴ Genesis, chapter 1, verses 26 and 27, Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ⁵

Animal life is not sacred. Prior to Noah’s flood, apparently, people were vegetarian.

The Hindus and others make a big deal out of not killing anything that is alive. But, God has given us permission to kill animals for food. ⁶

² Genesis 2:7 - the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Following the ark landing, God said this to Noah and his family, **The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.** ³ ₇

So, the taking of human life does not belong to the decisions of man! ₈

This is because of the nature of man. Mankind was created in God's image. **Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.** ⁴ ₉

The Law of Moses, in the Old Testament, forbade premeditated murder. The fifth of the Ten Commandments states, **You shall not murder.** ⁵

³ Genesis 9:2-3.

⁴ Genesis 9:6.

⁵ Exodus: 20:13.

God is not against killing in combat! In the Old Testament, God even used war for His purposes.

God does not condemn manslaughter ⁶ either. He designated Cities of Refuge to protect those guilty of manslaughter against the victim's relatives taking revenge. ¹⁰

Lord Jesus even implied that anger (wishing someone were dead), was as sinful as the act of murder! ⁷

So, human life is sacred! ¹¹

Our next question, then, becomes . . .

⁶ Accidentally killing another person.

⁷ Matthew 5:21-22 - You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.

II. When Does a Baby Become Human?

When does a baby become human? ¹²

When talking about abortion, our society says . . . ¹³

1. It's just terminating a pregnancy. We are just putting you back the way you were before this unfortunate situation you are in developed. ¹⁴

2. It's just emptying the contents of a uterus. We're just fixing back the way you were. ¹⁵

3. It's just removing a "blob of tissue"; eliminating a mass of cells. There's a piece of you growing inside that we can remove. You would have surgery to remove a growing cancer, right?

4. There's evidence that Stem Cell Research could eliminate Parkinson's Disease and other dreaded conditions. You are helping the medical profession do important research. You may be helping to save other people's lives! ¹⁶

But, according to Psalm, chapter 139, verses 13 through 16, 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. ¹⁷

If you decided to have an abortion, you made a decision God has reserved only for Himself! ¹⁸

III. What About the Complication Issues?

What about the complication issues? ¹⁹ Complications have been diagnosed either in the baby or the birth process. ²⁰

The baby will live only a short time anyway.

Argument: So, why not terminate it now and save yourself a lot of grief later on? ²¹

Assumption: The baby is only a blob of tissue until it is born or is fully developed. ²²

The baby will be severely handicapped. ²³

Assumption: Therefore, your life will become horrible if the child is allowed to live because your life will take on unbearable complications caring for it. ²⁴

Reality: In many cases, special children make family life richer – not poorer! ²⁵

The mother's life will be in jeopardy unless the baby is aborted. ²⁶

What would you decide? What do you think would be morally right?

Usually the husband's response would be: save my wife! Usually the wife's response would be: save my baby! ²⁷

According to Canon Law in the Roman Catholic Church, promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 1992, all forms of abortion would be prohibited for Roman Catholics. His reasoning was, "human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life". ⁸

⁸ Catholic Church and abortion - Wikipedia – https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic_Church_and_abortion.

The logic here appears to be; if the mother dies, she dies of natural causes. If you abort a baby, you are committing murder! ²⁸

But – this is church theology. This decision is not that clear cut biblically!

For instance, Lord Jesus said, “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.” ⁹

This quotation is one of five times the phrase occurs in the Bible. The marriage bond supersedes every other earthly relationship! But does this also imply that the wife’s life always comes first? This is not an easy thing to decide!

⁹ Matthew 19:4-6.

Abortions are most often done with the advice and encouragement of those we love and trust. We also have the pressure of our society. ²⁹

It comes down to a moral choice! It is morally wrong to commit murder! ¹⁰

Keep your baby! Go to a Christian Crisis Pregnancy Center for encouragement to do that. They may even provide a sonogram, from an ultrasound machine, so you can see your little one. They can often provide you with what you may need before and after the little one is born. This includes counseling! If you decide to place it for adoption, they can show you how to do that. But keep that little one!

Our final question, then, is . . . ³⁰

¹⁰ In my personal opinion, if your life is at stake, abortion may be your only option. That choice is very rare. Please make absolutely sure that option is your only one!

IV. I Had an Abortion!

Does God still Love Me?

I had an abortion! Does God still love me?

Taking a human life is not the unpardonable sin! ³¹

Did God still love King David and the Apostle Paul? ³²

King David committed adultery. When it was discovered that Bathsheba was pregnant with his child, he arranged for her husband, Uriah, to be killed in combat. ¹¹ He, then, took Uriah's wife to become his wife. ¹² Later, however, he genuinely asked for the Lord's forgiveness. ¹³ God described David as **a man after My own heart. ¹⁴ ³³**

The Apostle Paul was the leader of a gang who murdered Stephen. ¹⁵ But, Lord Jesus chose him to

¹¹ II Samuel 11:14-17.

¹² II Samuel 12:9.

¹³ Psalm 51:1-17.

¹⁴ Acts 13:22.

¹⁵ Acts 7:57-8:1 & 9:1.

**become the chief apostle to the Gentiles (non-Jews).
He penned most of the letters in the New Testament!**

**Both of these men repented and devoted themselves
to be great servants of God!**

**Some of you may be living with the nightmare of
having had an abortion. You regret it and are
emotionally beating yourself up over it.**

**Good news for you! If you truly have had godly sorrow
and repented – God has forgiven you! ³⁴ From First
John, chapter 1, verse 9, If we confess our sins, he is
faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify
us from all unrighteousness. ³⁵**

**Now it's time for you to forgive yourself! Take up your
cross and follow Him! ¹⁶ ³⁶**

**The best cure for abortion: guard yourself against
sexual temptations! ³⁷ If you are not married, don't
have sex. Save yourself for your future marriage
partner. ³⁸**

¹⁶ Matthew 16:24 - If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

If you have become pregnant with an unwanted child, carry it full term. Either learn to love your baby yourself or allow it to be adopted.

Currently, over 1 ½ million couples want to adopt children with “problems”. Over 100 are on the waiting list to adopt children with Downs Syndrome!

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