

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE, CONCEPTION, AND THE WOMB, VERSUS INFANTICIDE AND ABORTION

God created man, in His image, as male and female:

Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1-2; 9:6; Psalm 100:3; Isaiah 45:9-10; Zechariah 12:1; I Corinthians 11:12

The Creator's will for human reproduction: Genesis 1:28; 9:1, 7; Revelation 5:9-10

God forms each child in the womb, and guides them to birth and old age:

Job 31:15; 33:4; Psalm 22:9-10; 71:6; 139:13-16; Ecclesiastes 11:5; Isaiah 44:2, 24; 46:3-4; 66:9

The opening of the womb and gift of children are blessings from the Lord:

Genesis 4:1-2, 25; 33:5; 49:25; Exodus 1:7; Lev. 26:9; Deuteronomy 7:12-14; 28:2, 4, 11; Psalm 127:3

God opens or closes the womb; sometimes He waits to bring a special child:

Eve, mother of Cain, Able, Seth (Genesis 4:1-2, 25); Sarah, bore Isaac at age 90 (Genesis 11:29-30; 15:4; 17:1, 5, 15-16, 19; 18:9-10, 14; 21:1-7); wives of King Abimelech, whose wombs God closed for a time (Genesis 20:17-18); Rebekah, bore twins Esau & Jacob after 20 years of marriage (Genesis 25:20-26); Leah (when God opened her womb, bore Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dinah (Genesis 29:31-35; 30:17-21)); Rachel, bore Joseph after years of barrenness (Genesis 30:1-2, 22-24); Ruth, was barren in first marriage, but in second marriage bore Obed, grandfather of David (Ruth 4:13, 17); Hannah, bore Samuel after years of barrenness, plus 5 (I Samuel 1:1-28; 2:21); Shunammite woman, bore son after long barrenness (II Kings 4:14-17); Elizabeth, bore John the Baptist in her old age (Luke 1:5-13, 24-25, 36, 57-58).

God knows the children in the womb, and His will and destiny for their lives:

Every person (Psalm 139:13-18; Ephesians 2:10); Abraham (Genesis 11:26; 12:1-3; 18:19); Ishmael (Genesis 16:10-12, 15; 17:20; 21:13, 17-18; 25:12-16); Isaac (see Sarah above); Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:23); Joseph (Genesis 37:5-11; 39:1-6, 20-23; 41:14-16, 25, 38-44; 42:6; 43:26-28; 44:14; 45:4-13); Samson (Judges 13:2-7, 24-25); David (I Samuel 13:14; 16:1, 6-13; II Samuel 2:4; 5:1-5); Esther (Esther 4:13-14); Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-5); Mary (Luke 1:26-38); John the Baptist (Luke 1:13-17, 19, 57-80); Jesus Christ (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 49:1-8; 53:1-12; Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 1:26-56; 2:6-7, 21); Paul (Acts 9:15-16; Galatians 1:15-16).

Idolatry leads to immorality, infanticide, child sacrifice, and a culture of death:

Leviticus 18:20-21; Numbers 25:1-9; Deuteronomy 12:29-31; Psalm 106:35-39; Jeremiah 8:1-3

God prohibited murder/shedding innocent blood → (results) bloodguiltiness → curse:

Genesis 4:8-12; 9:5-6; Exodus 20:1, 13; 21:12-14; Leviticus 24:17; Numbers 35:29-34; Deuteronomy 5:17; 19:10-13; Proverbs 6:16-17; Isaiah 59:1-3, 7-8; Jeremiah 7:1-7; 22:3, 16-17; Matthew 5:21; 19:18; Mark 10:19; Luke 18:20; Romans 13:9; I Corinthians 3:17; James 2:11

God prohibited child murder, child sacrifice, infanticide and abortion:

Exodus 21:22-23 (differs if premature birth, or child murder); Leviticus 18:21; 20:1-5; Deuteronomy 12:31; 18:10; II Kings 17:31; Psalm 94:6-10, 20-21; Jeremiah 7:31; 19:4-5; 32:35

- It is murder to deliberately take the life a child conceived in the womb.
- Abortifacients, abortion, late-term abortion, or infanticide are modern day child sacrifice.
- Child sacrifice is human sacrifice to demons: Psalm 106:37-38.
- Sex-select infanticide (males then, females today): Exodus 1:15-22; Matthew 2:16-18

Judgment is inevitable for idolatry, infanticide, abortion, and innocent bloodshed:

II Kings 17:6-18; 21:1-3, 16; 23:24-27; 24:1-4, 20; II Chronicles 28:1-9; 33:1-11;
Jeremiah 7:31-34; 15:1-9, 13-14; 19:4-13; 32:28-36; Revelation 21:8; 22:15

Bloodguiltiness can only be purged by repentance and/or justice:

- Atonement by lawful justice and lifeblood of murderer (see “God prohibited murder”).
- For those who are genuinely repentant, atonement and full forgiveness is granted from God through Christ’s shed blood, though legal or other consequences may remain: Psalm 32:1-5; 51:1-17; 130:4; Matthew 26:28; Luke 24:45-47; I Corinthians 6:9-11; I John 1:8-9.
- Biblical solution for community to remove unknown bloodguiltiness: Deuteronomy 21:1-9.

Choose life instead of death, blessing instead of a curse: Deuteronomy 30:15-20.

Standing for Life: “The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.” – *Thomas Jefferson (4th President of the United States)*

“Destruction of the embryo in the mother’s womb is a violation of the right to live which God has bestowed upon this nascent life. ... To raise the question whether we are here concerned already with a human being or not is merely to confuse the issue. The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this nascent human being has been deliberately deprived of his life. And that is nothing but murder.” – *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

“Abortion is advocated only by persons who have themselves been born.”

“We have the duty to protect the life of an unborn child.”

“We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life – the unborn – without diminishing the value of all human life. ... There is no cause more important.”

– *Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States* (all 3 quotes)

“Destroying human life in the hopes of saving human life is not ethical – and it is not the only option before us.” – *George W. Bush, 43rd President of the United States*

“To say that the fetus is just a chunk of tissue is to deny it dignity and to legitimize a violent act of destruction of another human being.” – *Bernard Nathanson, former abortionist*

“The killing of the unborn is the holocaust of our day.” – *Randy Alcorn*

“What a man thinks about the most vulnerable among us says everything about him. It will determine all of his other decisions.” – *Gianna Jessen, abortion survivor*

Examples in U.S. Declaration of Independence, Ohio Constitution, International Policies:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life”

– *United States Declaration of Independence (National Charter) [July 4, 1776]*

“All men are, by nature, free and independent, and have certain inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty” – *Article I, Bill of Rights, Ohio Constitution*

“Everyone has the right to life” – *Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 3 [1948]*

“(T)he child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth.” – *Preamble, Declaration on the Rights of the Child [1959], and Preamble, Convention on the Rights of the Child [1989]*

“Every human being has the inherent right to life. This right shall be protected by law. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life.” – *Article 6, International Covenant on Civil & Political Rights*

Important Facts: see: www.GlobalLifeCampaign.com; www.johnstonsarchive.net/policy/abortion/

- When abortion first became common during the 1800s due to scientific and medical advances reducing the high death risk to mothers, 74 nations made abortion illegal; no nation authorized.
- From 1920 to 2014, 134 nations authorized abortion, partially or fully.
- Today, 60 nations still prohibit abortion, including 21 nations in Africa.
- Abortion increases exponentially after authorization, and never becomes rare.
- Since 1920, 1.065 billion babies have been aborted worldwide – the Greatest Genocide!