

# 7 Truths about the Sanctity of Human Life

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1. God created man in His image. “In the beginning,” when “God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1), His final act on the sixth day was the pinnacle of His creation: making man in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7; 5:1-2). The Personal God made personal man. *Scriptures:* Psalm 36:9; 100:3; 119:73; Isaiah 44:2, 24; 45:12; 64:8; 1 Corinthians 15:39.

2. God created man for relationship with Him for eternity. God created each person as an eternal being to live in right relationship with Him, and with other people. That relationship was broken because of sin, as recorded in Genesis 3, but can be restored instantly through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ and His redemptive sacrifice for our sins. God has offered to every person the opportunity to live with Him eternally through faith in Jesus.

*Scriptures:* Genesis 1:26-28; 2:16-18; 3:1-19; Ecclesiastes 3:11; Matthew 4:17; Luke 13:1-5; John 3:3-21, 35-36; 17:1-3; Romans 3:9-26; 5:12-21; 6:21-23; 10:8-10; 1 John 1:8-10.

3. God created man as “male and female” for marriage, procreation, and family. God ordained the institution of marriage when He created the first man and woman, and designed them to be joined together as “one flesh” in a lifetime covenant (Genesis 2:24). He also ordained them to procreate and form a family when He commanded them to, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth” (Genesis 1:28). It is through this union of love that He ordained a husband and wife to bring forth, nurture, and raise children. Yet children born out of wedlock are to be equally cherished and protected. Furthermore, God created women to be givers of life, and never to arbitrarily take life (Genesis 3:20). *Scriptures:* Genesis 9:1; Leviticus 26:9.

4. God knows a child before conception. Another profound truth God revealed in the Bible is that He knows each person before we are conceived in our mother’s womb. When God called Jeremiah to be a prophet, He said: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jeremiah 1:5). Every child is precious to God and known by Him before they are even a thought in the minds of their parents.

*Scriptures:* Isaiah 49:1, 5; Matthew 1:20-23; Luke 1:15, 26-27, 30-32, 41; 2:21; Galatians 1:15.

5. God forms each child in the womb. It is a profound revelation that God Himself forms each baby in his mother’s womb. King David beautifully explained: “Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother’s womb. I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Thy works” (Psalm 139:13-16). *Scriptures:* Genesis 25:21-24; Job 10:10-12; 31:15; 33:4; Ecclesiastes 11:5; Isaiah 44:2, 24; 49:5; Zechariah 12:1.

6. God brings forth children “from the womb,” as David realized: “You are He who brought me forth from the womb; You made me trust when upon my mother’s breasts” (Psalm 22:9-10).

*Scriptures:* Deuteronomy 32:18; Psalm 71:5-6; Isaiah 46:3; 66:9.

7. Children are a gift from the LORD. When the first child was born, Eve declared, “I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD” (Genesis 4:1). King David, 3,000 years later, said, “Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward” (Psalm 127:3).

*Scriptures:* Genesis 4:1-2, 25; 33:5; 49:25; Ruth 4:13-17; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; 2:21.

These truths given to us in the Bible and self-evident in life, are the unchangeable and universal basis for the sanctity of human life and the inherent right to life given by God.

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