

# THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

## CHILDREN ARE A GIFT AND BLESSING FROM THE LORD

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“And God [‘ELOHIYM] blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it’” (Genesis 1:28).

“Now the man [Adam] called his wife's name Eve [‘life’ or ‘living’], because she was the mother of all the living” (Genesis 3:20).

“Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, ‘I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD [YĔHOVAH]’” (Genesis 4:1).

“And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth’” (Genesis 9:1).

“[Esau] lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, ‘Who are these with you?’ So [Jacob] said, ‘The children whom God has graciously given your servant’” (Genesis 33:5).

“From the God of your father who helps you, and by the Almighty who blesses you with blessings of heaven above ... blessings of the breasts and of the womb” (Genesis 49:25).

“So I (the LORD) will turn toward you and make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will confirm My covenant with you” (Leviticus 26:9).

“Then it shall come about, because you listen ... the LORD your God will keep with you His covenant and His lovingkindness ... He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb” (Deuteronomy 7:12-13).

“All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God ... Blessed shall be the offspring of your body ... The LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the offspring of your body” (Deuteronomy 28:2, 4, 11).

“Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and say, ‘May the LORD give you children from this woman’ ... The LORD visited Hannah; and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew before the LORD” (I Samuel 2:20-21).

“Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward” (Psalm 127:3).

“Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me” (Isaiah 8:18).

“But Jesus called for them, saying, ‘Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these’” (Luke 18:16).

“Behold, I and the children whom GOD has given Me” (Hebrews 2:13).