

Abortion

Exodus 21:22 NKJV-Margin

Introduction:

- A. 1,500,000 abortions each year.
 - 1. More than all of America's wars (1,205,291).
 - 2. More than German Holocaust--8 years ('39-'46) 6 million Jews, 8 years 12 million abortions in America.
 - 3. More than Hiroshima (115,000).
- B. A burning political and social issue.
 - 1. "Pro-choice" vs. "Right-to-life" activists.
 - 2. All sides often turn to tactics a Christian can not use.
- C. What can a Christian do?
 - 1. Probably very little politically or socially other than use teaching and influence.
 - 2. Can teach respect for human life to any who will listen, especially our children.
 - 3. More concerned with God's law than state's law--can be "legal" and still wrong.
- D. We are concerned about three facets of the problem:
 - 1. The Moral Climate That Creates Unwanted Pregnancies.
 - 2. The Mental Attitudes That Justifies Taking Innocent Lives.
 - 3. The Bible Indications that All Babies living in womb are Human Lives.

Discussion:

I. The Moral Climate Producing Unwanted Pregnancies.

- A. Sex without marriage is fast becoming the norm.
 - 1. "Living together" is acceptable family structure.
 - 2. Teens becoming sexually active right under parents noses.
 - a. Allowed too many opportunities for intimacy.
 - b. Much of entertainment and activities sexually stimulating.
- B. "Responsible sex" and "sex education" has little to do with marriage.
 - 1. Emphasis is avoiding disease or unwanted pregnancies.
 - 2. Only really responsible sex outside marriage is no sex. (Heb. 13:5; 1 Cor. 6:18).
- C. "Career Woman" wants pleasure of sex but not responsibility of child.
- D. Christians should have no unwanted pregnancies.
 - 1. May not have wanted become pregnant--for a number of legitimate reasons.
 - 2. Once it happens either purposefully or accidentally--Sense of love and morality wants that child.

II. The Moral Attitude That Justifies Taking Innocent Lives.

- A. Abortionists ignore fact that all human life is precious to the Lord. (Gen. 3:9;6; Ex. 20:13)
- B. Abortionists find ways to justify abortion--but it falls far short of the facts involved.
 - 1. Does not recognize fetus as human being.
 - a. All admit that fetus is living body--What is it?
 - b. At what point does it so become human? (see chart)
 - c. If admit it is human being, then have to admit it has a spirit. (Jas. 2:14-26).
 - 2. Some say it is not human being until it can live and breath outside mother.
 - a. What about one who cannot live and breath without respirator in hospital?
 - b. Does fact one needs assistance from mother, make him subhuman?
 - c. Gen. 2:17 tells when Adam's & Eve's as created adults became living beings, not offspring.

III. The Biblical Indications That Babies Living In The Womb Are Human Beings

- 1. Job recognized that he and his servants were made in womb. (cf. Job 31:15).
- 2. David recognized God's protection as human being while in womb. (Psa. 139:13-19).
- 3. Mary was "with child" early in pregnancy, "great with child" later. (Matt. 1:18; Luke 2:5).
- 4. Called a babe in or out of womb. (Luke 1:41; Luke 2:12).
- 5. Blood in fetus is human blood, not same as mother's, life in blood. (Acts 17:26; Lev. 17:4)
- 6. Babe in is living human being, so, must have spirit. (cf. 1 Kings 17:22; Lk. 8:55; Jas. 2:26).

Conclusion:

- A. Shall we play God with those outside womb as with those inside?
 - 1. Shall we destroy physically and mentally impaired and call it "mercy killings"?
 - 2. Shall we kill undesirables and unwanted in society and call it "population control"? Like many use abortion and call it "birth control"?
- B. Baby in womb is human being, with life, with rights of human being.
 - 1. Babies right to live is real issue, but mother's right over own body.
 - 2. When abortion is performed a human life is taken. Law may permit it, but God does not.