

A BLIGHT UPON OUR NATION (Psalm 139:13-16)

1. What abortion is.

- a. If you were to ask Planned Parenthood what abortion is, you would hear something like this: “it is simply the process of using a suction device to gently empty a woman’s uterus of the unwanted pregnancy tissue”.
 - i. You see, to those that support abortion, that which is inside the mother’s uterus is nothing but unwanted pregnancy tissue.
 - ii. Human life does not exist inside the mother according to this way of thinking.
- b. In reality what abortion is, is murder.
 - i. Murder is defined as “the unlawful premeditated killing of one human being by another”.
 - ii. A defender of the practice of abortion would say that it cannot be such because the material in the mother’s uterus is not a human.
- c. The fact is that human life begins at conception.
- d. This is something that is both scientific and biblical.
 - i. Scientifically speaking, conception involves the union of a human father’s sperm with a human mother’s egg. The basic rules of biology tell us that at this instance, the zygote (one-celled fertilized egg) possesses the full complement of human chromosomes—23 each from the mother and father. These chromosomes are special structures inside the nucleus of the cell containing genes that, in turn, consist of a complex chemical code known as DNA. Genes will direct the development of this new individual; they will decide sex, hair color, and countless other features.
 - ii. Geneticists can analyze the DNA of the developing human and discern that its DNA is unique (no one else has the same sequence of DNA). In other words, it is an individual member of the human species.
 - iii. Although a zygote has no arms, legs, thoughts, or words, it will become an adult human if its development is not interrupted.
 - iv. Listen to this quote from Dr. Landrum Shettles, who was the first to succeed at in vitro fertilization, “The zygote is human life...there is one fact that no one can deny; Human beings begin at conception.”
 - v. Numerous other quotes could be given by those in the scientific community who teach and understand that human life begins at conception.
- e. Biblically speaking, the Bible teaches this same fact.
 - i. Remember what the Psalmist said (Psalm 139:13-16)?
 - ii. Notice what Job said (Job 31:15).
 - iii. Listen to what the wisest man who ever lived wrote (Ecclesiastes 11:5).
 - iv. Notice what God told Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-5).
 - v. Paul had a tremendous statement about this idea (Galatians 1:15).
- f. The Bible plainly teaches that life begins in the mother’s womb.
- g. Therefore, what abortion is, is a murder of an innocent human being.

2. What abortion does.

- a. What happens when an abortion occurs is that sin takes place.
 - i. The mother that went through with it has sinned.

- ii. Those that aided the mother in going through with it have sinned.
 - iii. It is something that must be repented of by all approving and condoning parties in order for them to be made right with God.
- b. The problem which many people fail to take into account is that the consequences of abortion do not stop at the sin that occurred, as is the case with all sin.
- c. There are numerous physical complications that can arise, from minor issues to death of the mother.
 - i. Minor issues include: minor infections, bleeding, fevers, chronic abdominal pain, gastro-intestinal disturbances, vomiting.
 - ii. Major issues include: infection, excessive bleeding, embolism, ripping or perforation of the uterus, anesthesia complications, convulsions, hemorrhage, cervical injury, and endotoxic shock.
 - iii. Women who have obtained abortions have higher rates of failed future pregnancies, tubal pregnancies, as well as premature birth of future babies.
 - iv. One website stated that abortion is more dangerous to the mother percentage wise than childbirth.
- d. Not only are there spiritual and physical effects but there is also a greater possibility of psychological effects.
 - i. Many women, including Norma McCorvey, better known as Jane Roe of Roe v. Wade fame, deeply regret the abortion procedures they endured in the past.
 - ii. Listen to this list of psychological effects from the periodical "Psychology Today":
 - (1) Women who have had an abortion have an 81 percent higher risk of subsequent mental health problems compared to women who have not had an abortion.
 - (2) Women who aborted have a 138 percent higher risk of mental health problems compared to women who have given birth.
 - (3) Women who aborted have a 55 percent higher risk of mental health problems compared to women with an 'unplanned' pregnancy who gave birth.
 - (4) Women with a history of abortion have higher rates of anxiety, depression, alcohol use/misuse, marijuana use, and suicidal behavior, compared to those who have not had an abortion.
 - iii. In a study published in the British Journal of Psychiatry showed that 10% of all mental health problems in women can be attributed to abortion.
 - (1) Such is the case because it has been shown that over 40% of all women in the US have had an abortion.
 - (2) That is a staggering number.
 - iv. Americanpregnancy.org listed the following possible emotional side effects of abortion. Potential side effects include:
 - (1) Regret
 - (2) Anger
 - (3) Guilt
 - (4) Shame
 - (5) Sense of loneliness or isolation

- (6) Loss of self confidence
- (7) Insomnia or nightmares
- (8) Relationship issues
- (9) Suicidal thoughts and feelings
- (10) Eating disorders
- (11) Depression
- (12) Anxiety.

- e. We could continue with the harmful effects of abortion.
- f. Abortion harms all that are involved in it and our society as a whole.
- g. There is no way that God will let our nation go unpunished for all of the innocent blood that has been spilled because of our selfishness and departure from God's intended path for mankind.

3. What we can do about abortion.

- a. We must pray for our nation and the end of this atrocity.
 - i. Both Nehemiah and Daniel prayed to God and confessed the sins of their nation.
 - ii. This is something we must do as well.
 - iii. I can't see any way that God would punish nations for offering their children to Molech or Chemosh, as recorded in the Old Testament, and not punish our nation for sacrificing children today.
- b. We must pray for those who have allowed themselves to give in to the temptation of abortion.
 - i. There are some who have no love for anyone but themselves that have engaged in this sinful act.
 - ii. However, there are others who have been coerced into doing it or led to believe that abortion was their only option.
- c. We need to let our young people know the dangers of fornication.
 - i. Sex is something that God created and the desire for it is placed in us by our Creator.
 - ii. It is a privilege of marriage and it is a beautiful event between a husband and wife (Hebrews 13:4).
 - iii. However, it is something that has been dirtied and marred by society because all are expected to engage in it, whether married or not.
 - iv. Just as with abortion, there are serious physical effects and psychological effects that can be felt when one engages in fornication.
 - v. It is an awkward discussion, but it is one that Christian parents must have with their children before those in the world have it with them.
 - vi. We need to make sure that we are getting God's message about sex into the minds of our children before Satan gets his.
- d. We must let people know there is a different and better way than abortion.
 - i. I've read that for every one couple that is able to adopt a child, there are 36 other couples that are looking to adopt.
 - ii. We need to let those who are contemplating abortion understand that there is a tremendous opportunity for that child who will come into the world to be placed in the home of a couple that wants to love him or her and will provide a wonderful environment in which that child can thrive if given the opportunity.
- e. We must show love and compassion to those who have succumbed to this

sin.

- i. There is no way to condone it.
 - ii. However, we must show love to that young lady who recently obtained an abortion, or that woman who is struggling with having had an abortion during her high school or college years.
 - iii. God will forgive that sin if it's repented of and we must as well.
- f. We need to let those who are considering this sinful act understand that there is great potential in that unborn child.
- i. A professor in a world-acclaimed medical school once posed this medical situation -- and ethical problem -- to his students: "Here's the family history: The father has syphilis. The mother has TB. They already have had four children. The first is blind. The second had died. The third is deaf. The fourth has TB. Now the mother is pregnant again, The parents come to you for advice. They are willing to have an abortion, if you decide they should. What do you say?"
 - ii. The students gave various individual opinions, and then the professor asked them to break into small groups for "consultation." All of the groups came back to report that they would recommend abortion.
 - iii. "Congratulations," the professor said, "You just took the life of Beethoven!"
 - iv. Who knows what that child will become if given the opportunity to come into this world?
- g. We must vote in candidates who oppose this terrible practice.
- i. I've never, from the pulpit, told you for whom you should vote.
 - ii. I don't mind telling you from the pulpit that we cannot support those who support this heinous sin.
 - iii. Supporting a person or a party that believes in and supports this sinful practice is condoning it ourselves.
 - iv. When we go and vote, we must keep this in mind.
- h. We can't stoop to lows such as violence against those who engage in this sin or speaking evil of them, which would make us no better than the world.

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