

Fighting for Life in Haiti and in the Womb

Abortion's Double Standard

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Introduction: Open your Bible to the book of **Exodus 20:13** which says, "Thou shalt not kill".

I wish we did not have to talk about the ugly subject of abortion today. I like talking about abortion about as much as I like talking about the Nazis or slavery. Yet if I was living in Hitler's Germany, I'd be talking about the holocaust. And if I lived in the days before emancipation, I would be talking about the evils of slavery. So in our day, Christians must talk about the awful sin of infant homicide, abortion!

Abortion is legal in this country, but it is against God's law. Abortion is homicide. We need to be very clear on that as Christians. At the moment of conception, a human being is a human being no matter what you call it.

Now people will rescue their fellow human beings in every disaster on earth.

This does not simply mean that we should not murder, but that we should support life at all phases of life, from the womb to the tomb.

I. Look at the hypocritical double standard many people live with each day.

A. **Natural Disasters.** Haiti. This week rescue workers from all over the world rushed to save the lives of people in Haiti trapped under the rubble of earthquake devastated buildings.

Because of our moral conviction that all life is valuable, from the moment the world heard that Haiti had experienced a 7.0 earthquake, rescue teams of first responders were sent in droves to Haiti to save the lives of people. We all have watched the miraculous scenes of people emerging alive from the rubble. People will travel over land and sea to save lives. The whole world cheered when

It is moral insanity to say that the baby outside the womb is any different from the baby inside the womb. To understand this, consider the conception of the Son of God. At the moment of His conception by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb, Jesus was nothing less than the God-man in Mary's womb. It is moral insanity to say that a baby outside the womb is any different from a baby inside the womb.

B. The hospital in Oak Lawn, **Christ Hospital**, where Katie and Will were born was known for its superb neo-natal care. Yet at the same hospital, they practiced "induced labor abortion" which sometimes resulted in babies being aborted alive—that is they made it through the abortion, and so the practice at the hospital known

for renowned neo-natal care was also known for leaving the babies in soiled utility rooms to die in the arms of reluctant nurses. This moral insanity is the current mentality of our country.

- C. Consider the **Fetal Homicide Laws** on the books in our country.¹ All but eleven states have fetal homicide laws. It is considered murder to kill an unborn child. A person who intentionally injures an unborn child, even if it is an embryo, and causes it to die, is guilty of a felony in 39 out of the 50 states.

According to the laws in most states then, when a man kills a pregnant woman, he is guilty of double homicide, one for the mom and one for the baby. When an abortion doctor kills a baby, why isn't he guilty of homicide? Abortion is homicide in God's site. This may not be the Law of our Land, but it is God's law.

This is the teaching of Scripture. Yet God has no special names for babies in the womb like fetus or embryo. He simply calls them what they are. They are babies.

1. **Psalm 127:3**, "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." God equates "children" with "fruit of the womb". God calls the fruit of the womb a "child"!
2. God called Jeremiah to be a prophet before he was in the womb (**Jeremiah 1:5**, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.")
3. In **Luke 1:41**, the Bible calls the unborn John the Baptist a baby. "when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb". The same word is used for Jesus after he was born in **Luke 2:16**, saying the shepherds "came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger".
4. **Psalm 139:13-14**, "For thou hast possessed my reins [FORMED MY INWARD PARTS]: thou hast covered me [KNITTED ME TOGETHER] in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made".

Unborn babies are human beings. Killing them is homicide.

Under the laws of Illinois, it is considered voluntary manslaughter to intentionally harm a fetus, but the law specifically says that it "does not apply to an abortion performed". This is contradiction and insanity.

Transition: Yet despite this moral insanity, over a million women each year receive an abortion.

II. The **numbers** are astounding!

A. 3200 abortions are performed every day in America. It is the most commonly performed surgery in America.

B. That is 1.2 million every year. Worldwide there are 42 million abortions every year.

¹ An excellent reference for these laws can be found here:
<http://www.ncsl.org/IssuesResearch/Health/FetalHomicideLaws/tabid/14386/Default.aspx>.

- C. Since Roe v. Wade, 51.2 million children have been put to death. Their names would fill the Vietnam Veterans' War Memorial wall 862 times.
- D. 99% of abortion cases have nothing to do with the health of the mother. 99% of cases are the mother simply choosing to kill a perfectly normal child.
- E. 43% of all American women will experience an abortion during their lifetime.
- F. 4 million children were born alive in America last year. 1.2 million children were aborted. Every fifth child in America dies from abortion. Every fifth child!

III. **How** can this happen? The justification for abortion involves the **de-humanizing** of the baby. Change the terms. They like to use words like fetus and embryo to take you away from the humanity of the baby.

- A. This is what the **Nazis** did. This is the same tactic used in the holocaust by referring to non-arians as sub-human and the lesser breeds.
- B. This is the same tactic used to justify **slavery** in America.
- C. Now it is being used to ease the consciences of **abortionists**.
 - The end result is this, if a woman wants the baby, then she declares, this is a baby that has value.
 - If she doesn't want the baby, there are plenty of money hungry doctors ready to tell her, no it isn't a baby and it has no value.

Seeing the victims of the holocaust, we can understand the magnitude of the atrocity. Seeing the victims of slavery, we can grasp the oppression of that institution. Seeing the victims of abortion we can start to see the horror of it.

- D. If we let this go in our society, then **euthanasia** is next. The next battlefield is not the young or the handicapped, but the old! You and I might become a burden to society, and then our lives will be counted as worthless.

Transition: We must stand up for God's Law in our society. Abortion is homicide.

- IV. The **moral code** of humanity and the conscience is violated in the act of abortion. Abortion is homicide, and the way people act about it demonstrates that **they** know it too.
 - A. Everyone has a **conscience**. God designed the human heart to act adversely when breaking God's Law. There is a function in everyone of us that tells us what God's Law is, and it also makes us feel terrible when we break God's Law. That is why **everyone** knows abortion is homicide. God has written His law on our hearts. All humanity knows that it is wrong to kill a baby in the mother's womb. That is why abortion is the only procedure specifically forbidden in the Hippocratic Oath that doctors have recited for thousands of years upon entering the medical profession. It is an oath that they will save lives, not take lives. All people "shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another" (**Romans 2:15**).
 - B. Deep guilt is experienced by **women** who have aborted their child.

1. Even though 43% of all American women will experience an abortion during their lifetime, women will not talk about this subject. Most of the time a woman will never discuss her abortion, because it is too painful! The guilt is overwhelming.
2. Frederica Mathewes-Green, a pro-life writer said, "a woman wants abortion the way an animal caught in a trap wants to gnaw off its own leg." Women don't want abortion. That's the purpose of the 3500 crisis pregnancy centers around our country.
3. Pregnancy **changes** a woman. The moment she knows she is expecting, she is geared toward nurturing and protecting that child with all she is. To have a woman end this life goes against all that she is as a woman. Dr. Julius Fogel, who has performed over 20,000 abortions was quoted in the Washington Post as saying, "Every woman ... has a trauma at destroying a pregnancy ... This is a part of her own life. When she destroys a pregnancy she is destroying herself."
4. For the woman who make the wrong choice, it is often a difficult road. Their conscience tells them something isn't right, but the world tells them it's okay. This is communicated to them by hospitals, medical clinics, teachers in school, and the media. Many women that get an abortion have deep regrets that last years and undergo post-abortion trauma. But, a mom with her new born in her arms has no regrets, only love.

C. There is deep guilt in the **medical** community.

1. One doctor said, "[Doing abortions] can make you feel bad ... No matter how pro-choice you are, it makes you feel low."
2. Another doctor said, "[Abortion is] the dirty work of our field.
3. According to the New York Times Magazine, 9 out of 10 doctors who work in abortion clinics come in from out of state.² We have to ask ourselves why? What are they hiding from?
4. In fact, because of the Hippocratic Oath, there are almost no medical schools that teach doctors abortion procedures. It is not taught in the class room. According to the New York Times Magazine most of the teaching goes on in Planned Parenthood abortion clinics through out the USA.
5. The most common surgical procedures are shown on television, but abortion has never been shown. Abortion is the most common medical procedure in America—more common than heart surgery—more than any other surgery, but it cannot be shown on television, because if it was, abortion would be outlawed. People would see a little child being torn apart in the womb.
6. What makes doctors sear their conscience? Money! Each doctor that performs an abortion is paid an average of between \$200 and \$300. Is that all a human life is worth in our country? No matter how much money is involved, a doctor is guilty of infant homicide if he aborts a child.

² Jack Hitt. "Who Will Do Abortions Here?" New York Times Magazine. January 18, 1998.
<http://www.nytimes.com/1998/01/18/magazine/who-will-do-abortions-here.html>

7. A doctor has no right to take the life of a patient that he is sworn to help and support in life. It is God's place alone to give life and to take it away. Job said, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord". Who are we to sit in the place of God and take a life?
- V. We are called upon by the Lord to do something about all of this. God's Law today still says "Thou shalt not kill". It is still the sixth commandment. We are called to defend the weak and needy and also to educate people in God's Law.

Psalm 82:3-4, "Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid *them* out of the hand of the wicked."

Is it right that we should go to Haiti and rescue the most vulnerable under the rubble, but not rescue those who are in a womb that might become their tomb? We are called upon to do something.

- A. I know of 600,000 little women each year in America have no right to choose. Abortion is said to be "a woman's right to choose". What about the rights of the 600,000 little women that are aborted every year? Don't they have a right to choose? Isn't it interesting that the only pro-abortion people are those who in their case had pro-life mothers and fathers?
- B. Young girls many of whom are following the deceit and lies of their society, their families, and even their churches, are encouraged to seek an abortion. But they do not know the destruction they are entering into.
1. Let me give you an example. RU-486 is not some painless pill that destroys the life of the baby. It is poison. It is meant to starve the unborn child and then expel it out of the mother. It almost always causes vomiting, bleeding, and nausea in the mother.³ In most cases, women endured prolonged bleeding, anywhere from nine to 30 days.⁴
 2. Yet, RU-486 can be counteracted if caught within 24 hours. Let me tell you about a true story of a girl named Ashley.

Recently Ashley went to a clinic to get an abortion. They did an ultrasound to confirm the pregnancy, but they did not allow her to see it. Neither did they allow her to hear the heart beat. She was told to take the RU486 drug. There were four pills to be taken in succession. She took the first pill, but within two days, Amanda had second thoughts. She called the abortion clinic, but they said there was nothing she could do. If she stopped now, the baby would be born missing limbs.

She went to a crisis pregnancy center, and they gave her progesterone to counteract the RU486. Ashley cried at the delivery. They were tears of joy! Kaylee was born as a perfectly healthy baby girl.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Wendy Wright. "RU486-Killer Pills". 9/2/2002

<http://www.cwfa.org/articledisplay.asp?id=1561&department=CWA&categoryid=life>

C. And what about the Babies themselves? Are we not called to defend them? The baby feels the abortion. In the first eight weeks, an unborn child has a developing nervous system. Understand that in an abortion procedure, a baby is ripped from limb to limb. I have many nurses who were pro-abortion but who are now pro-life, and this is how they inevitably describe the procedure.

Conclusion: It is right and just for all of us to do all we can for the Hatian people. It is said that there could be over 100,000 dead. People have rushed over there to rescue those buried in the rubble. Even if only one person was saved alive, the whole world would agree that it was worth it. But what about the 1.2 million children that no one is rescuing? We need a team of Christian rescue workers. We can rescue babies by changing the minds of people. Never give up or give in to the devils lies. Followers of Christ are pro-life. We join the world in our desire to see the Hatians rescued. But let us have equal zeal for all humanity who are vulnerable. May God have mercy on the Hatian people, and may God have mercy on the unborn. May He give us as much zeal for those inside the womb as we have for those outside the womb!