
INTRODUCTION: **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY** (SOHLS, *Roe v. Wade*, Jan.22, 1973)

I. CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

- A. **ABORTION** (on demand, partial birth; *in vitro* fertilization “snowflakes”; embryonic stem cell research; cloning, “spare parts”)
- B. **EU / THANASIA** (*eu/qanajia*; “good/death”; terminally ill; young, old, injured, handicapped; inconvenient; see 1S.31:4,5)
- C. **SUICIDE** (1Sam.31:4,5; 2Sam.17:23; Acts 16:27; Mt.27:5; “assisted suicide”, i.e., accessory to murder)

II. FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH

- A. **THE IMAGE OF GOD IN MAN = THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE** (Gen.9:6; Jms.3:9; see Gen.1:26,27; see Ps.51:5; 139:13; see Eph.4:23,24; Col.3:10; see Rom.1:18f)

B. GOD HAS SANCTIFIED...

- 1. *the womb* (Ps.51:5; 139:13-16)
- 2. *the fruit of the womb* (Ps.8:2(Mt.21:16); 27:10; 106:34-39; 127:3)
- 3. *the dependent* (Dt.10:18; 14:29; Ps.94:6)
- 4. *the disabled* (Lev.19:14; Deut.27:18)
- 5. *summary: man in his being vs. state, condition* (fact of life vs. quality of life; see II,A above)

- C. **CAPITAL PUNISHMENT *BECAUSE OF* SANCTITY** (Gen.9:6; Lev.17:4; 20:9f; Deut.19:10; 21:8; Acts 25:11; Rom.13:1f; see 2Cor.5:21; Mk.10:45)

III. THE PRIORITY OF PERSONAL APPLICATION

A. SIN & GUILT IN CONTEMPORARY ISSUES (see I above)

- 1. *important distinctions: aggravations & mitigations; degrees* (Ex.21:13; 2S.12:9; Jn.19:11 / Ezk.33:1f)
- 2. *overwhelming grace of God in Christ by the Holy Spirit through faith* (Rom.5:20f(6:1f!); Heb.10:26f; 2Cor.5:21; Is.53:4-6,8,11,12; 1Cor.6:9-11; Eph.2:8-10; see Mk.3:28f)
- 3. *examples* (see Gen.4:1f)
 - a. David: sexual immorality into murder (2Sam.12:9,10,13; see Ps.32:1f; 51:14,1f)
 - b. Paul: unbelief into murder (Acts9:1,18; 22:4,20,16; 26:10,18,19 / Gal.1:13,15f; 1Tm1:13a,13b-15; Rm1:18f)

B. YOU ARE THE MAN! (2Sam.12:5-7; see Mt.7:5; Ps.139:23,24; see Rom.2:15)

- 1. *sharp weapons* (Mt.5:22; see Ps.52:2; 57:4; 64:3; 140:3a; Prov.11:9; 12:18; Jer.9:8; Gal.5:15)
- 2. *poisonous weapons* (Jms.3:8; see Ps.58:4; 140:3b; Rom.3:13f)
- 3. *toxic waste* (Eph.4:29; see Prov.11:11)

- C. **WE MUST SET AN EXAMPLE OF REPENTANCE IN THIS ALSO** (1Cor.11:1; Mt.7:1f; see Rev.1:20,21; *Mt.5:14f,21f*)

IV. YOU SHALL NOT MURDER! (Dt.5:17(Ex.20:13) & Mt.5:27f)

- A. **DO NOT MURDER!** (Dt.5:17(Ex.20:13) & Mt.5:27f; 1Jn.3:15see Jms.3:8,9 with Mt.5:22; Ps.52:2; 57:4; 64:3; 140:3a; Prov.12:18; Jer.9:8; Gal.5:15 and Jms.3:8; see Ps.58:4; 140:3b; Rom.3:13f; *SC 68; LC 135 w/ Scr. refs.*)

- B. **DO GIVE LIFE!** (Gen.37:21; Ps.82:4; Prov.31:8f; 1 Sam.14:45f; [Ezk.34:15f; Zech.11:16; 1Th.5:14]; Mt.25:34f; Eph.4:28; 5:28f; 1Kngs.18:4; Acts 16:28; see *SC 69; LC 136 w/ Scr. refs.*)

- C. **DO COME TO THE MURDERED ONE WHO GIVES LIFE!** (see Josh.24:14f,19f; see Acts 7:52 and 1Cor.11:24,25; 2Cor.5:21; Mk.10:45; Eph.5:2; Is.53; Heb.9,10)

*Brethren, what shall **WE do**? (see Acts 2:37f)*