

BAPTIST MINISTRY SEMINAR – SESSION 2

The Abomination of Abortion (Deut. 30:19)

While debating with President Jimmy Carter during the 1980 election campaign, Ronald Reagan was asked why he did not support a pro-choice abortion position.

He responded, “Well, I happen to notice that everyone who is pro-choice has already been born.”

Life has become remarkably cheap in contemporary America. Even Christians have become jaded to the daily reports of murder and mayhem in our midst. Contemporary culture has come to glorify the culture of _____. Consider the following:

- Rapper Joe Budden, in a remix of Usher’s song “Confessions,” sings of a young man who threatens to punch his girlfriend unless she gets an abortion. He promises that his blow to her stomach will make sure it’s “leakin’.”
- In 2004 Planned Parenthood began selling a T-shirt which read, “I had an abortion.”

In America, abortion has become the backbone of the culture of death—a silent holocaust far more deadly than all of Hitler’s killing machines.

- I. The Image of God (Gen. 1:27)
 - A. Man is uniquely valuable because God created man in His image. Man reflects, even in his fallen state, the nature and person of God. [Notice the importance of creation as opposed to evolution. If evolution is true, man is no more significant than the smallest insect—and equally disposable.]
 - B. Every fetus (Latin, “unborn child”) is said to be made uniquely by God (Psalm 139:13, 14). The image of God, therefore, begins at _____—not physical birth. (See also Jeremiah 1:5.)
 - C. Neither evolutionists nor abortionists could honestly sign the Declaration of Independence which reads, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are **created** equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are **Life**...”
- II. The Sanctity of Life
 - A. The Christian worldview holds to the sanctity of life. *Sanctity* is a religious concept meaning “sacred unto _____.”
 - B. Humanists, evolutionists, and secularists promote the concept of “quality of life.” While they deny the sacred nature of life (to avoid the God thing), they state that some living beings experience a better quality of life than others. This “quality” paradigm becomes the standard by which the _____ of life is judged.
 - C. Using the “quality of life” paradigm, doctors sometimes recommend abortions when the unborn child is judged to be genetically inferior—birth defects, etc. Sanctity teaches that all life—whether whole or handicapped—is sacred, holy unto God Himself!
 - D. Feminism’s culture of death is most vividly reflected in the words of a poem appearing on the web site PunkVoter.com:

As a person and as a WOMAN I value my freedom, whether it's the freedom to speak out,

To look the way I want,
Live the way I want, create art and music,
Choosing what I want to do with my body,
Whether it's my hair color,
Tattoos, piercing,
Squeezing a zit,
Plucking a hair, or having an abortion.

- E. Abortion is a _____ to the entire medical profession. For centuries the concept of the sanctity of life buttressed all of medical science. Legalized abortion has changed that. Dr. William J. Brennan (St. Louis University) states:

The perversion of medicine in the service of killing is accompanied by a redefinition of barbaric acts as valid medical procedures. An astounding bit of alchemy sets in whereby the physician healer not only becomes a killer, but in the process of this most radical of transformations, destruction loses its most repulsive features and becomes incorporated into the fabric of respectable medical practice.

III. *Roe v. Wade*

- A. While *Roe* legalized abortion in America, it did not make abortion morally right. What is legal is not necessarily moral. (It was legal to kill Jews in Hitler's Germany, but it certainly wasn't moral.)
- B. Two Supreme Court Justices dissented from the *Roe* decision:
1. Justice Byron White (appointed by John F. Kennedy) said *Roe* was "an act of raw judicial _____."
 2. Justice William Rehnquist also dissented.

IV. Partial-Birth Abortion

- A. In partial birth-abortion the baby is actually partially born—live, volatile, and moments away from possessing all the rights of an American citizen.
- B. In the past few years, Congress has voted to ban partial-birth abortion three times. President Bill Clinton vetoed the ban twice. President Bush signed the third ban into law. The ACLU has since filed suit, blocking implementation of the law by tying it up in the courts.
- C. Tom Coburn, medical doctor and former U.S. Congressman from Oklahoma, described partial-birth abortion:

It's a terrible procedure. It's the worst kind of murder. Even if abortion were justified, this would not be justified, because it is a method of cruelly killing an infant only for the convenience of the abortionist, so he can do it quicker, and so he can do it more.

- D. Democratic Congressman Bart Stupak (Michigan) asks,

Is there any difference between this and infanticide? No. I don't believe so. When they snap the back of the neck, when they cut it, the brain stem, the baby's hands will clutch, so there's pain, there's misery, there's everything in this.

Partial-Birth Abortion Procedure as Described by Nurse Brenda Shafer
[Taken verbatim from Lord of All, Dr. D. James Kennedy, p. 81]

He [the doctor] turns the baby in utero to bring the baby's feet out first and brings them down with the forceps through the cervical canal. He then has both of the baby's feet on the outside of the mother. He begins to pull out the baby completely until he has everything except the head on the outside of the mother.

If that baby's head slips out at that point—as the doctor's holding it back and it comes out—if the doctor would kill it, once the head is delivered, then that doctor goes to prison for murder because at that point, it's considered a person in this country. But as long as he keeps that head in, by three inches, and then kills it, it doesn't matter how he kills it, it doesn't matter how inhumane or anything. It's abortion and it's legal in this country.

He then takes a pair of scissors and stabs the baby in the back of the neck and opens them up to make a hole in the back of the neck and into this hole, he puts a suction catheter; and he turns the suction machine on and literally suctions out the baby's brains. At this point the baby goes limp, and it's dead.

And he brings the head out and cuts the cord and literally throws the baby into a pan. That's how they do a partial-birth abortion procedure.

Dr. D. James Kennedy's Assessment of Partial-Birth Abortion

“One of the important points to highlight about partial-birth abortion is that it blows the lid off regular abortion. Even though we don't see the baby in the womb in non-partial-birth abortions, he or she is still torn apart in an abortion in one grisly form or another. In fact, someone in the clinic has to piece the parts together after each abortion to make sure the womb is completely empty” (p. 83).

“Every abortion, no matter how old the fetus is, ends up with a dead body” (p. 80).

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