

# Ethics and the Christian

Abortion

Psalm 106.32-48

# Abortion

- Has been practiced by many cultures
- Has been legally protected in the U.S. since 1973
  - Every state had some form of anti-abortion law many years prior
- The Guttmacher Institute estimates that 53,000,000 abortions have been performed since Roe v. Wade.

<http://www.guttmacher.org/>

# According to Guttmacher

- Eighteen percent of U.S. women obtaining abortions are teenagers; those aged 15–17 obtain 6% of all abortions, 18–19-year-olds obtain 11%, and teens younger than 15 obtain 0.4%. [3]
- Women in their 20s account for more than half of all abortions: Women aged 20–24 obtain 33% of all abortions, and women aged 25–29 obtain 24%. [3]
- Non-Hispanic white women account for 36% of abortions, non-Hispanic black women for 30%, Hispanic women for 25% and women of other races for 9%. [3]
- Thirty-seven percent of women obtaining abortions identify as Protestant and 28% identify as Catholic. [3]
- Women who have never married and are not cohabiting account for 45% of all abortions. [3]
- About 61% of abortions are obtained by women who have one or more children. [3]
- Forty-two percent of women obtaining abortions have incomes below 100% of the federal poverty level (\$10,830 for a single woman with no children). [3]
- Twenty-seven percent of women obtaining abortions have incomes between 100–199% of the federal poverty level. \* [3]
- The reasons women give for having an abortion underscore their understanding of the responsibilities of parenthood and family life. Three-fourths of women cite concern for or responsibility to other individuals; three-fourths say they cannot afford a child; three-fourths say that having a baby would interfere with work, school or the ability to care for dependents; and half say they do not want to be a single parent or are having problems with their husband or partner. [6]

# Societies Defend and Support Abortion for a variety of reasons

- Another study, in **1998**, revealed that in **1987-1988** women reported the following as their primary reasons for choosing an abortion: [\[67\]](#)[\[68\]](#) The source of this information, takes findings into account from 27 nations including the United States, and therefore these findings may not be typical for any one nation.
- 25.9% Want to postpone childbearing.
- 21.3% Cannot afford a [baby](#)
- 14.1% Has relationship problem or partner does not want pregnancy
- 12.2% Too young; parent(s) or other(s) object to pregnancy
- 10.8% Having a [child](#) will disrupt [education](#) or [job](#)
- 7.9% Want no (more) [children](#)
- 3.3% Risk to [fetal](#) health
- 2.8% Risk to [maternal](#) health
- 2.1% Other

# Is there any Biblical perspective?

- Psalm 106 is a Psalm about the history of Israel: particularly its repeated patterns of sin, repeated judgment of God, and God's repeated patterns of mercy.
- We see that pattern in verses 32-486
  - 106.32-39: repeated sin
  - 106.40-42: judgment of God
  - 406.43-46: repeated acts of mercy

# There is a pattern to their sin

- 106.32-33: Israel was dissatisfied with God (Cf. Numbers 20)
- 106.34-35: Israel was disobedient to God, by mixing with the nations instead of destroying them. Implication: all killing is not wrong.
- 106.36-38: Israel practiced the idolatry of the people they should have destroyed
- 106.39: Israel defiled itself

# God's condemnation is strong and clear

- “sacrificed”
- “devils”
- “shed innocent blood”
- “polluted”
- “defiled”
- “whoring”

# You could point out...

- That this was Israel, and no other nation
- That this has no stated link to abortion
- And you would be right.
- Sort of, I would say



- Israel is unique because of its covenant relationship to God, not because of its actions/reactions toward God
- In other words—even Gentile nations think and behave this way about God:
  - They reject Him,
  - They embrace their own “system”
  - And God finds them disgusting and defiled
- Furthermore, never buy into the myth that the west is “secular.”
  - It suppresses truth about God so that it can invent its own religious truth
  - Romans 1.18

# How does abortion parallel Israel's sin?

- It is a sacrifice
- What does “sacrifice” mean?
- It means to give up one thing of value for something of greater value
- The “logic” that defines abortion is the “logic” of choosing “value.”
- Over 53,000,000 times in the last 41 years, life loses out to something “better”

# How does abortion parallel Israel's sin?

- They sacrificed sons and daughters
- Individuals, who were little boys and little girls
- And they were family. Sons. Daughters.

# How does abortion parallel Israel's sin?

- They shed innocent blood—the innocent blood of their sons and daughters
- Did these sons and daughters DO anything worthy of death? No.
- This is one of the reasons they were “sacrificed”

# How does abortion parallel Israel's sin?

- They sacrificed to devils
- I Corinthians 10.19-20
- Again, NEVER believe the myth of the “secular” society.
- Satan was a murderer from the beginning.  
John 8.44