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ABORTION; THE GRUESOME KIND OF CHILD ABUSE!

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Abortion is the expulsion of the human fetus from the mother's womb before death. Abortion may be defined as "the expelling of the fetus from the uterus." A spontaneous abortion is due to natural causes such as disorders in the growth of the fetus or involuntary external interferences (i.e. a fall or an accident). An induced abortion, on the other hand, is the deliberate termination of a pregnancy by mechanical or medical means before the fetus is capable of independent life. (R. Bruce Sloane and Diana Frank Horvitz, A General Guide to Abortion; p.200).

The purpose of this article is to show what God's word teaches on the subject of abortion. Does the mother have the right to decide she can destroy that fetus? It is also disputed as to whether the fetus is a person with a soul from the time of conception, or is it just a piece of tissue until it is born, at which time it suddenly becomes a human. Let us first look at the methods of abortion, then see what the Bible says because the Bible is the authority on all ethical questions (Jno.16:13; Gal.1:6-9; 2Jno.9-11).

Since the U.S. Supreme court ruled that an unborn child was not protected by the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution in 1973, the number of reported abortions has risen dramatically. More than one and half million babies are being slaughtered each year in America before they ever see the light of day. This is over 4,400 per day! That is more than twice as many lives destroyed annually as were lost in all of the Wars in the previous two centuries of our country's existence. Adolph Hitler's death-camps were tame in comparison to our abortion chambers. Let us look at the methods of abortion:

1). SUCTION-ASPIRATION: A hollow plastic tube which has a knife like edge on the tip is inserted into the uterus. The suction tares the baby's body into pieces.

2). DILATATION AND CURETTAGE (D&C): This is

performed between seven and twelve weeks. This is similar to the suction procedure, except the Abortionist inserts a curette, a loop shaped steel knife, up into the uterus. With this, he cuts the placenta and the baby into pieces.

3). DILATATION AND EVACUATION (D&E): This is performed between twelve and eighteen weeks. A plier like instrument is used to tare the baby's body apart and pull it from the uterus until the body is completely removed. There is of course no anesthetic for the baby.

4). SALT POISONING (DRUG ABORTION): This is performed between nineteen weeks and four and one half months. A long needle is inserted through the mother's abdomen into the baby's sac and a solution of concentrated salt is injected into this sac. The baby breathes in and swallows the salt and is poisoned by it slowly. The outer layer of skin is burned off by its corrosive effect. Some refer to salt poisoned babies as "**CANDY APPLE BABIES**", because of the salt burning of the skin. It takes over an hour to kill the baby. The mother will go into labor about 24 hours and deliver a dead baby. This must be extremely painful for the child.

5). RU 486 (DRUG): It is taken after the mother misses her period. Its effect is to block the use of an essential hormonal nutrient from the baby, who then withers and dies.

6). HYSTEROTOMY: This method is usually used late in pregnancy. It is performed exactly like a C-Section when the cord is cut the baby is left to die instead of being cared for. This one seems to be the most cold-blooded of them all.

Let us now look at the Biblical Considerations. While the Bible does not speak directly to the practice of abortion, it does provide enough significant material to enable us to know God's will on the matter. Abortion is **SINFUL** and that it **DOES**

violate God's word, "Thou shalt not murder" (Mat.19:18; Rom.13:9). In Zechariah 12:1, God is said to be not only the Creator of the heavens and the earth, but He also "forms the spirit of man within him." So God is the giver of life. That makes human life sacred. God is responsible for implanting the human spirit within the human body. We humans have no right to end human life, unless God authorizes to do so.

According to Bible, human life begins at conception. In Job's anguish he proclaimed, "Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived" (Job 3:3). Read carefully (Psa.139:13-16). David made reference to when he was in his mother's womb. The pronouns "me," "my" and "I" are used throughout the passage in reference to David's pre-natal state. The phrases "I was made in secret" and "curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth" refer to the psalmist's development in the womb.

The pronouns used in the passage clearly show that David is referring to himself, and one cannot talk about himself without having reference to a human being. David, therefore, speaking by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, spoke of himself in the womb as a human being. David also considered himself a human being from the very moment of his conception, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psa.51:5). Perhaps the strongest statement is Solomon's, "As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with **CHILD**: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all" (Eccl.11:5). Solomon regarded the fetus as a human being.

God knew Jeremiah before he formed him in his mother's womb and ordained him a prophet. (Jer.1:5). In (2Kings 19:3), in this passage, Hezekiah compared his situation to one where a woman is about to bring forth her child but does not have the strength to do so. In referring to the unborn fetus as a child, Hezekiah must have thought of it as a human being.

God told Zacharias his wife would have a son. John the Baptist is refer to as "a son" from the very moment of conception (Lk. 1:36). He would be filled with the Holy Ghost from his mother's womb (Lk.1:13-15). We read in Luke 1:41, "...the baby leaped in her womb..." Luke was a noted physician of the first century and also inspired of God. If God felt this was not an individual a term other than baby would have been used for John the Baptizer. All three phases of human life are listed in reverse order in Hosea 9:11, birth, pregnancy, and conception.

The angel of the Lord told Joseph that the child within Mary was conceived of the Holy Spirit (Mat.1:20). In Matt.1:18, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Christ was considered a child before birth by God's word.

One of the often misused Old Testament passages is Exodus 21:24-25. This has often been used to justify

retaliation and vengeance. But, before getting carried away, look at the context which includes Exodus 21:22-23. The context is associated with punishment for someone who in the midst of a fight harms a pregnant woman, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no lasting harm follows, he shall be punished according as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if any lasting harm follows, then you shall give life for life!

The unborn fetus is a child, its alive, and not just a piece of tissue! The unborn child has life and is therefore entitled with the same rights as all human beings. No one has final authority over his or another life (Job 1:21). Anyone who assumes this authority is accountable to God.

Since a fetus is a human being, it must possess a soul. From the Biblical standpoint, abortion is **MURDER!** It is the killing of an individual not the elimination of a part of the mother's body. "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood" (Prov.6:16-17).

Just Suppose

1. Suppose that your church membership was good only for one year at a time and that renewal depended on your faithfulness in attendance, stewardship and service. Would you retain your membership in the church?
2. Suppose that membership was limited to those who could give a valid excuse for absences. Would your absences be acceptable?
3. Suppose that some parents could look into the future and see the dreadful results of neglecting the teaching of Christ. Would they be different parents?
4. Suppose members were as enthusiastic about church events as they are about sporting events. Would there be a marked difference in the life of the church?
5. Suppose that every member attended church services as much as you did. Would we need more seating, or would the building be closed and for sale?
6. Suppose that renew our dedication to Jesus Christ. Our attendance and stewardship would increase and all would rejoice in the Lord!