

What Did Jesus Say About... “Abortion”

(Exodus 21:22-25)

- Introduction:
1. On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court ruled that having an abortion was a woman’s constitutional right.
 2. Two weeks ago, 49 years after the Roe v Wade decision, our United States Supreme Court overturned that ruling and returned this issue back to the states to decide.
 3. However, during the convening 49 years, our nation has killed approximately 63 million babies.
 - a. That number is hard to grasp.
 - b. That’s still 1 million more than the populations of KY, TN, SC, FL, GA, AL, MS, LA.
 4. The practice of abortion has been our national shame for half a century.
 5. In this lesson, we want to examine what the Bible says about abortion.

I. Disclaimers

- A. What did Jesus say about abortion?
 1. He never specifically addressed this topic.
 2. But that doesn’t mean he didn’t address it in principle.
 3. Plus, Jesus is truth (John 14:6; John 16:12-15).
- B. I’m “Mansplaining” abortion.
 1. Mansplaining – When a man explains something to a woman in a manner regarded as condescending or patronizing.
 2. Some take great offense for a man to speak about abortion because it concerns a woman’s body.
 3. But it doesn’t matter whether a man, woman, or child speaks what the Bible says, it is truth and needs to be heeded.
- C. It’s been said we need to “tread lightly” when talking about this.
 1. Would we say the same about the holocaust of Nazi Germany?
 2. Abortion has been our national holocaust!
 3. Soft, cajoling speech is inappropriate in the face of what has occurred.
- D. You’re preaching to the choir.
 1. If you think abortion isn’t the secret sin of countless Christians, you are mistaken.
 2. In 2015, Lifeway Research did a poll and learned that 70% of abortions in the U.S. were by women who professed faith in Jesus.
 3. In fact, you might say that the abortion problem would almost be solved if people in the pews lived out God’s word.

II. The Sanctity of Life

A. God values the pre-born.

1. (Psalm 139:13-16).
 - a. God is involved in the formation of a baby in the womb.
 - b. Can we so lightly regard “the work of God’s hand” as valueless?
 - c. No! The pre-born baby is a remarkable work of God that compels us to stand in awe of his wisdom and power.
2. (Luke 1:41-42).
 - a. What Elizabeth said was prompted by the Holy Spirit.
 - b. “Blessed” – “eulogeo” – speak well of, praise, extol.
 - c. How could one affirm that what God says is to be praised and extolled has no value?

B. God values the pre-born life the same as life out of the womb.

1. (Exodus 21:22-24).
2. If a man causes a woman to give birth prematurely...
 - a. He will be fined in no harm follows.
 - b. But if harm follows, (i.e. the baby dies), it shall be a life for a life.

- Conclusion:
1. God hates the hands of those who shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17).
 2. I can’t think of any blood that is more innocent than that of an infant child in the womb of his mother.
 3. However, as is the case with any denunciation of sin, there is good news!
 4. “Where sin abounded, grace abounded much more” (Romans 5:20).