

Abortion: Who's to Say?

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Over 50 million abortions in the USA since 1970! Our hospitals and clinics, our cities, our nation is still in the dilemma – is abortion right or wrong?

Some adamantly say that the unborn is in fact a person and that abortion is therefore murder. But isn't that just the opinion of religious conservatives? Who's to say whether abortion is OK or not? Do we let medical science have the final say-so, or can the issue be determined by popular opinion, or convenience, or the courts, or the pope, or the pastor? All of this is just one man's judgment against another's. No, we need a ruling from outside the human race, an infinite reference point, a final authority, an absolute. The bottom line on the whole issue is this: is there a word from God on it?

I put forward that there is indeed a word from God. The Bible, the law of the Lord, gives us a ruling on the matter – that the unborn is a person.

Listen to these scripture proofs:

The case of the Lord Jesus Christ: Isaiah 9:6 [and many others] teaches that Jesus Christ is an eternal person. He is deity and became a man. Thus, He had to exist as a person in His mother's womb. The point: the unborn is a person. Personhood exists in the pre-natal state.

The case of John the Baptist: The scripture says that John the Baptist's mother "conceived a son". And it says that the "baby leaped in her womb for joy". John was even filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb [Luke 1:15, 36, 44]. Now that does not sound like John was some piece of tissue.

The case of Jeremiah: God had a special love and purpose for Jeremiah before he was born. "Before you were born, I consecrated you ... a prophet to the nations." God even says, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" [Jeremiah 1:5]. It sounds like the pre-natal state is pretty important to God.

The unborn child is specifically God's handiwork, "Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb" [Psalm 139:13]. How do you like it when someone messes with your handiwork?

God's judgment is on those who rip open pregnant women. *"Thus says the LORD, 'For three transgressions of the sons of Ammon and for four I will not revoke its punishment, because they ripped open the pregnant*

women of Gilead” [Amos 1:13].

Capital punishment was the God-ordained penalty upon a man who causes a fetal miscarriage, “life for life”. “And if men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she has a miscarriage ...[and the child dies], then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life” [Exodus 21:22,23].

We must be honest. The law of the Lord indicates that the fetus is a person and thus, abortion is murder, it stops a beating heart, it takes a child’s life. Now if the chief justice of the universe has given us a ruling, doesn’t that settle it? Or will we go on haggling, in contempt of court, shaking our fist in the face of the Judge of all the earth?

In view of the awful judgment God pronounces on murder and the danger of permanent physical damage to the body, abortion is an incredibly poor choice.

Adoption is the option. And there is yet another option – abstain from sexual immorality. If you want to emphasize choice, choose to stay pure. Choose Christ. He issues the power to get pure and stay pure. Utterly turn from serving self and give your heart to Christ entirely. Trust that He died on the cross to pay your sin-debt. Choose life!

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.