

## Is Abortion a Sin?

Some issues in life can be so disturbing to our consciences, that we prefer to bury them, imagining that such a problem never existed. The issue which is in question now is abortion. The most widely debated questions regarding abortion are: Is abortion a right thing or is it a sin in the eyes of the Lord? Is abortion a personal right? If abortion is legally right then why should one feel guilty about it?

Sadly many people here do not think about a baby in a mother's womb as something which is so fully alive just as a baby living outside. It is a tendency not to think of anything as living unless it is seen active and moving before our eyes. But the Bible says, God knew Jeremiah, chose him and foreordained him as a prophet for nations even **before he was conceived in his mother's womb.** (1,5). Yet again in Psalm 139 David marvels at the awesomeness of his Creator when he extols, "For you created my inmost being you knit me together in my mother's womb. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Surely and certainly our Sovereign God has a purpose and destiny for every person born or unborn. God has chosen us even before the foundations of this earth.

The gift of life is the breath of God. Man's first breath was most certainly the breath of God. "The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life..." (Genesis 2, 7). One of the loveliest and most precious gifts God has graciously bestowed on us is that our physical bodies become the vehicles where God breathes life into every new life into each little baby as it is created in the womb. That is why Bible says, Children are a heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." (Psalm 127, 3). God has given us children to grow them in the knowledge of the Lord. "Because God was seeking godly offspring" (Malachi 2, 15). The Christian parental responsibility is to bring up children in the fear of the Lord and certainly not to decide whether he or she has a right to terminate their child in the womb. The choice is not whether to give birth or to abort, but to be thankful for the gift God

has given and seek His wisdom and guidance to bring up them in the ways of God.

So, the question of having a right to abort my baby does not hold good in the light of God's Word. And since life is what God bestows on us, snuffing that life means nothing less than murder. Abortion is nothing but murder. May be so far it was not something which you had consciously thought about. But it is time we sit up and think about these issues. In some countries abortion is legal, even such legal status for abortion will not make it a right thing before the eyes of the Lord of generations. The author of Hebrews writes when he establishes the similarity between the Priesthood of Melchisedek and Jesus Christ that, "...Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham; Levi was still in the body of his ancestor." (Hebrews 7, 10). God knows every generation that is to come. Although aborting a baby can be so easy now, it does not also mean that it is easy for God to see His creation so heartlessly destroyed. It is a sin before God, requiring repentance and reconciliation of anyone guilty of aborting. The guilt cannot be fully laid on the head of the mother, but everyone shares an equal responsibility including the person asking or forcing the mother to abort and also the one who performs the act.

It is scientifically proven that the baby in the womb feels every pain that we feel. Words can never describe the agony and torture of these little babies who are aborted. Babies can comprehend, feel even in the womb just like a baby outside. Don't we read that when Mary came to visit Elizabeth, her baby in the womb, jumped in joy?(Luke 1,44). Researchers say babies even suck their thumb in their mother's womb. The enormity of this gruesome act can be simply overwhelming and haunting if one could even think of the pain this tiny thing would undergo. Abortion is not as easy as it sounds before the eyes of God. God is very jealous when it comes to little children. Jesus once said, "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." (Mathew 18,10)

God has called us to pronounce eternal life. Life is a blessing from God. "For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore." (Psalm 133). God is so deeply hurt when His creation is snuffed even before seeing the light of day. This day God calls upon His church to proclaim life and life eternal into the lives of all living in darkness and ignorance. We were once without hope and God in this

world but have now been brought near through the blood of Christ. Since we have such a great treasure let us also proclaim this Blood of Christ and deliver people living in ignorance, bondage and sin to repent and reconcile with God.

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