



Rescue the Innocents Being Taken Away to Death

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Today is a special day. It is a day that we step out of our normal rhythm and pause to acknowledge that life is one of the most precious gifts God has given us. He is life. All life comes from God. Life is a sacred gift, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, life is a gift from God.

And yet, there is one who is the enemy of life. There is one who seeks to kill, steal, and destroy life and everything godly.

Seven Things God Hates

Proverbs 6:16-19 (ESV)

16 There are six things that the LORD hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue,

and hands that shed innocent blood,
18 a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,
19 a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers.

I'd like to draw your attention to verse 17. Third on the list of things that God hates, are **hands that shed innocent blood**.

God hates the shedding of innocent blood. He detests the killing of those who do not deserve to die. If there is a category of people who fit the description of "innocent blood"—those who die but don't deserve to—then it certainly must be the over 3,000 unborn children who are intentionally put to death every day in this country. The innocent blood of these little people are being shed every day. God hates this.

A Tragic Anniversary

Usually anniversaries are happy occasions. However, tomorrow marks a tragic anniversary. Tomorrow will be the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade which, in 1973, legalized abortion on demand in the U.S.

That decision has resulted in the shedding of the blood of about 58 million innocent babies. **58 million!** That is an unfathomable number. That is roughly equivalent to wiping out the combined population of all six New England states a total of 4 times over.

Can we remain silent about this? Can we remain neutral about an issue that God clearly hates?

Can we tolerate what our God abominates?

Will he excuse us if we look away because this is a complex issue?

Abortion is not a morally neutral issue to be passively tolerated, but rather a moral evil to be actively opposed.

Proverbs 24:10-12 (ESV)

10 If you faint in the day of adversity,
your strength is small.

11 Rescue those who are being taken away to death;
hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.

12 If you say, "Behold, we did not know this,"
does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?

Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it,

and will he not repay man according to his work?"

We cannot pretend that abortion is a non-issue. We cannot fail to fight for those innocents "who are being taken away to death." We cannot fail to "hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter."

If we say, "We didn't know they were living people," He who knows the secrets of our hearts will not excuse us. And everyone knows it is little people who are being killed every day. Everyone knows these are little human lives that are being sacrificed on the altar of sexual liberty. Even those who are in favor of abortion know this and even admit it publicly.

So What If Abortion Ends a Life

A couple of years ago, Mary Elizabeth Williams wrote an article entitled, "So what if abortion ends a life?"¹ The subhead was, "I believe life begins at conception and that's never stopped me from being pro-choice." In the article she argues,

"All life is not equal. I would put the life of the mother over the life of a fetus every single time."

But she was not referring to moments when a mother's life may be threatened because of something gone wrong during pregnancy. No. She was referring to life as being enjoyment, opportunity, career advancement, and unencumbered living that can only come from a life where you get to have all the sex you want without the hassle of having deal with the children who may result.

She writes,

"During my pregnancies, I never wavered for a moment in my belief that I was carrying a human life inside me. ...a fetus is indeed a human life—a life worth sacrificing."

How are we to "speak the truth in love" with those who think like this? How are we to be equipped to confidently face arguments like this that are in favor of child sacrifice? There is someone among us who does this nearly on a daily basis.

I would like to invite Andrew Beckwith to join me on as we have a discussion that I pray will be helpful for you in giving you some idea of how you may stand against something that our Lord hates.

¹ Source: https://www.salon.com/2013/01/23/so_what_if_abortion_ends_life/ accessed Jan. 19, 2018.

Interview Questions

- 1) Andrew, could you share with us a little bit about who you are, where you grew up, studied, how you came to serve at Massachusetts Family Institute, and what you do there?
- 2) What two or three biblical passages have had the greatest influence on shaping your convictions concerning abortion?
- 3) What are the arguments that you hear most frequently used to support abortion? How would you recommend Christians to respond to those arguments?
- 4) What are the top three to five abortion related issues that Christians need to be aware of as we form opinions about this issue?
- 5) How would you respond to the argument that abortion is not immoral since it is legal?
- 6) Sometimes we hear the argument that abortion is a political issue and the church should stay out of this debate. How would you respond to that statement?
- 7) What do Christians today need to know, understand, and believe in order to be used by God to persuade people to reject abortion?
- 8) What are a couple of tangible things Christians can do to stand against abortion?
- 9) What would you say to a "daughter" who has had an abortion?