

I. Introduction: A time for sorrow and intercession Daniel 9:3-19 Exodus 32:7f Neh. 9

II. God is sovereign over human life.

A. Human life is sacred.

1. Man is uniquely created in God's Image. Gen. 1:27 2:7 Ps. 8:4-5
2. God has placed special protection over human life. Gen. 9:5-6 Ex. 20:13

B. God alone has the ability to give life. Dt. 32:39 Ps. 127:3 Gen. 21:1f 30:1f I Sa. 1:19

C. God Alone has the right to take life. Dt. 32:39 Ps. 31:15 Heb. 9:27 Rom. 13:4

D. The unborn child is a human Life, precious and important to God.

1. When does life begin? (Conception? Viability? Birth?)
2. God forms the child in his mother's womb. Ps. 139:13-16 Job 31:13-15 10:8-12 3:3
3. The infant in the womb is fully human (including sinful). Ps. 51:5 58:3
4. God loves and calls His servants, even from before their Birth. Isa. 44:2,24 49:1-2 Jer. 1:4-5 20:17 Gal. 1:15.
5. The same words are used for a child in and outside of the womb. Ex. 21:4,22 Luke 1:15,41-42,44, 31 2:16 18:15 Acts 7:19

E. The unborn child is under God's protection. Ps. 82:3-4 Pr. 6:16-17 31:8-9 Job. 31:1-3

1. God judges those who slay or harm the unborn or helpless. II Kn. 8:11-12 15:16 Amos 1:13 Ex. 1 Mt. 2:16-18 Nu. 35:33
2. Those who caused harm to an unborn child were to be punished. Ex. 21:22-24
3. Abortion is the unjust and ungodly taking of a human life (murder).

III. Why does our culture no longer embrace the sanctity of human life?

A. Atheistic naturalism denies the sanctity of human life.

1. Mankind is considered to be a product of evolutionary chance.
2. Evolutionism leaves no basis for determining meaning, purpose, and truth.

B. Mankind rejects God's right to set moral standards and seeks autonomy. Judg. 21:25 Rom. 1:21f Isa. 5:20

1. Our culture is enslaved to hedonism. Phil. 3:19 Js. 4:1-2
2. Kids get in the way of our selfish pursuit of pleasure. Matt. 2:16-18 Ps. 106:34-39 Lev. 20:1-5

C. Many have rejected of God's design for the family. Rom. 1:26-27

1. Sex has been detached from marriage, commitment, and children.
2. Sexual activity outside of marriage is seen as a right.
3. Children are seen as an unwanted burden. Ps. 127:3
4. So-called sexual and reproductive freedom leads to slavery. II Pet. 2:18-19

D. This humanistic philosophy has much broader implications (moral chaos).

1. The deterioration of the medical profession.
2. Playing God: Determining which life is worthy of living (infanticide, euthanasia).
3. Human life is being manipulated and exploited.
4. Ethical and legal confusion reigns. Judges 21:25
5. If the right to life is not secure, all other human rights are at risk.

IV. Answers to objections (See “Pro Life Answers to Pro Choice Arguments” by R. Alcorn).

- A. Every child should be a wanted child.
Someone wants your child.**
- B. What if the baby will not have a sufficient quality of life?**
- 1. Who are we to judge that a life of poverty is not worth living?**
 - 2. Those with birth defects have lived joyful and productive lives. Lev. 19:14**
 - 3. God makes us what we are and He alone has the right to give and take life!
Ex. 4:11 John 9:3**
- C. Doesn't a woman have a right to control her own body?**
- 1. God is sovereign over all human bodies.**
 - 2. She can control her body sexually so as not to become pregnant!**
 - 3. Rights of privacy and the freedom to control one's own body are limited**
 - 4. Another person's body and rights are also involved**
 - 5. The fact that the baby is completely dependent upon the mother makes the mother more responsible, not less responsible.**
- D. We need to protect the woman's mental and physical well being.**
- 1. Most abortions (95%) are done for personal convenience.**
 - 2. Women suffering economic hardship can be helped.**
 - 3. A woman's emotional struggles do not justify her killing a child.**
 - 4. Even in cases of rape or incest, one tragic and evil act does not justify another.
Deut. 24:16**
 - 5. While all pregnancies involve risk because of the curse, it is extremely rare for a doctor to have to make a choice between the life of the mother and the child.**
 - 6. Abortion causes harm to the mother.**
- E. This is a women's issue. Men have no right to interfere!
This is a human moral issue of life and death.**
- F. Isn't this legislating morality?**
- 1. All legislation is *moral*.**
 - 2. The pro-abortion minority has imposed their immorality upon us. Is. 5:20-21**
 - 3. The government has a duty to protect life. Rom. 13:1-7**
- G. Wouldn't abortions occur anyway and in unhealthy conditions?**
- 1. All abortions are unhealthy (Fatal) for one person.**
 - 2. Murders, rapes and robberies still occur, but this does not justify legalizing them.**
 - 3. The number of abortions increased dramatically when it was legalized.**
- H. Don't we need to prevent over-population?**
- 1. This argument has led to the atrocity of forced abortions in some countries.**
 - 2. The world God has made is incredibly productive. Gen. 1:27-29**
 - 3. Some Western countries are facing an aging and potentially declining population.**
 - 4. Children are a blessing from God. Parents should look to Him to provide. Ps. 127**
 - 5. There are methods of birth control which prevent conception if this is a choice people want to make.**

V. What Should We Do? Be salt and light in a dark world. Mt. 5:13-14

- A. Be prepared to make wise and godly personal choices.**
- 1. How would you face a tough choice?**
 - 2. Which doctors will you patronize?**
 - 3. For those in the medical profession: are you willing to lose your job?**
 - 4. To which charities will you give?**
- B. Personally exemplify your regard for life.**
- 1. Support crisis pregnancy centers.**
 - 2. Consider taking in an unwed mother.**
 - 3. Consider adopting a hard to place infant or foster child.**
 - 4. Help those with special needs kids (or adults).**
 - 5. Care for the weak and helpless in our culture, especially those in your own family.**
I Tim. 5:4 James 1:27 Mt. 15:4
 - 6. Honor the elderly. Pr. 16:31 20:29**
 - 7. Help women who have had abortions to find mercy and grace in Christ.**
- C. Consider taking action in the public arena.**
- 1. Different believers have different callings.**
 - 2. Seek to influence the government to honor human life.**
 - 3. Participate in informational picketing at abortion clinics.**
 - 4. Believers will differ on issues of strategy.**
- D. Promote a culture of life and family with the people among whom you live.**
- 1. Model Christian love and family.**
 - 2. Build solid relationships through personal interaction.**
 - 3. Gently persuade. II Cor. 10:3f**
- E. Pray for God to have mercy upon our nation. Num. 35:33**

VI. Concluding Applications.

- A. God will bring justice to the guilty in due time.**
- B. The only hope for our nation is spiritual revival!**
- C. God offers forgiveness, even to murderers. I Cor. 6:9-11I Jn. 1:7-2:2 Is. 1:18 Ps. 51**

Discussion questions

- 1. Why is human life sacred?**
- 2. How is it right that God can take life, but we cannot?**
- 3. Prove from the Bible that the unborn child is a human life under God's protection.**
- 4. Why does our culture no longer embrace the sanctity of human life?**
- 5. What are some other expressions (other than abortion) of our culture's disregard for the sanctity of human life?**
- 6. How would you answer the following challenges to the pro-life position?**
 - a. Every child should be a wanted child.**
 - b. Children would be better off never to be born into poverty and sickness.**
 - c. No child should have to suffer from birth defects.**
 - d. A woman should have the right to control her own body.**
 - e. Women should be allowed to get an abortion for their own physical or mental welfare.**
 - f. This is a woman's issue. Men have no right to interfere.**
 - g. Anti-abortion people are trying to legislate morality.**
 - h. We need to prevent overpopulation.**
- 7. What are some things you can do to promote respect for the sanctity of human life?**