

## God Promotes, Protects, & Preserves Human Life Selected Scriptures

### I. God Promotes Life From the Beginning (Gen. 1:26-27; cf. Gen. cf. 2:7, 20-23; 5:1-3)

- a. **man** is the climax of God's Creation
- b. Sacred = "dedicated or set apart for the service or worship of a deity...holy...entitled to reverence and respect" (Merriam-Webster)
- c. **image** = statue, representation, ambassador, representative
- d. **likeness** = similar but not identical to the original
- e. How Do We Image God?
  - i. **M**\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Gen. 1:26)
  - ii. **S**\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Gen. 1:27)
  - iii. **M**\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Gen. 1:26)
  - iv. **S**\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Rom. 11:36; cf. Isa. 43:7; Eph. 1:11-12; 1 Cor. 10:31)

### II. God Protects Life In the Womb (Ex. 21:22-25)

- a. Murder is a sin because it destroys the image of God (cf. Gen. 9:6)
- b. Principle: babies, whether already born or still in their mother's wombs are full-fledged persons worthy of God's Protection
- c. The eye for an eye guideline was given to limit punishment.
- d. God's grace and forgiveness is available for EVERYONE!

### III. God Preserves Life Until the End (Gen. 45:4-7)

- a. God is sovereign in life & death and we cannot thwart His will as the days of our lives (cf. Job 14:1-5; Eccl. 8:8a; cf. Job 12:10; 30:23; Ps. 39:4; Matt. 6:7, 27; 1 Cor. 15:26, 54-56; Heb. 2:9, 14-15; Rev. 21:4)
- b. God could have ended Human Life in the Garden of Eden, at the Flood, and countless other examples of man's failure, but He chose to Preserve Life (cf. Gen. 3; 21:15-19; 2 Kings 20:1-11, Isa. 38:1-8)
- c. Conclusions:
  - i. We should never seek to end a human life prematurely through Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide, or Abortion.
  - ii. There is nothing wrong with ending extreme medical interventions and life-supports...so that death can take its natural course.