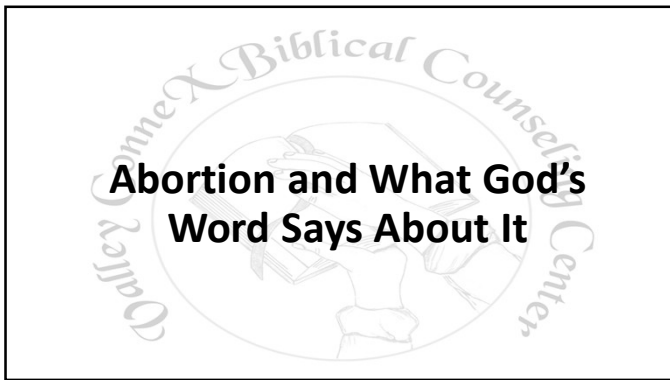


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Human life was uniquely created by God and given a status higher than any other life on earth.

- *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”” (Genesis 1:27–28, ESV)*

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- *“then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.” (Genesis 2:7, ESV)*
- *“And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.”” (Genesis 9:5–7, ESV)*

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A person is a person, no matter how small.

--Dr. Seuss, *Horton Hears a Who!*

- *“As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything.” (Ecclesiastes 11:5, ESV)*
- *““Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”” (Jeremiah 1:5, ESV)*

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- *“and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.” (Luke 1:40–44, ESV)*

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Scripture views children as valued and precious.

- *“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.” (Psalm 127:3, ESV)*
- *“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 18:10, ESV)*

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Scripture views children as valued and precious.

- *“And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” (Mark 10:13–14, ESV)*
- *“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4, ESV)*

8

Taking the life of the innocent is strongly and unequivocally condemned.

- *“They served their idols, which became a snare to them. They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons; they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood.” (Psalm 106:36–38, ESV)*
- *“You shall not pollute the land in which you live, for blood pollutes the land, and no atonement can be made for the land for the blood that is shed in it, except by the blood of the one who shed it.” (Numbers 35:33, ESV)*

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Taking the life of the innocent is strongly and unequivocally condemned.

- *“There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.” (Proverbs 6:16–19, ESV)*
- *“Thus says the Lord: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.” (Jeremiah 22:3, ESV)*

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Some driving forces of abortion

- Fornication
- Adultery
- Greed (1,038,000 abortions in the U.S. in 2024 generating over \$1billion in revenue for the providers.)

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Some driving forces of abortion

- Fear
- Convenience
- Idolatry
- Medical considerations

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Counseling scenarios where an abortion has taken place.

- A woman who had an abortion in the past but is now a Christ follower.
- A man who pressured a woman to have an abortion and is now a Christ follower.
- An abortion provider who has become a Christ follower.
- A person of questionable spiritual status haunted by past abortions.
- Parents who forced a teen daughter to have an abortion.

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Counseling scenarios where an abortion has taken place.

- Pivotal issues:
 - The nature of sin
 - Biblical teaching on forgiveness
- *“Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:34–36, ESV)*

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Counseling scenarios for those contemplating an abortion.

- Parents of a pregnant teen daughter.
- A couple or an individual considering abortion at the news of an unplanned pregnancy.
- People seeking to work through decisions that are not easily discerned. (For example, evidence of significant to severe handicap or deformity, rape, incest, the pregnancy is a clear danger to the life of the mother.)

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Counseling scenarios for those contemplating an abortion.

- Pivotal issue: Abortion is ending a human life.
- A further consideration: *“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19–20, ESV)*

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