

Abortion, Miscarriage And Infantile Death

'God, You formed my inmost being. You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My soul knows that very well. My skeleton was not hidden from You when I was formed in secret, intricately woven together in the depths of the womb. Your eyes saw my unformed body. In Your Book (of Life) my days were all written, the days ordained for me when as yet there were none of them' (Psalm 139:13 to 16). 'You do not know how the bones grow in the womb of the mother who is with child' (Ecclesiastes 11:5). 'The Lord your Redeemer made you and formed you from the womb' (Isaiah 44:2 & 24). 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you' (Jeremiah 1:5). 'I was given to You from my mother's womb. You are my God since my mother bore me' (Psalm 22:10). 'The Spirit of God has made me and the breath of the Almighty gives me life' (Job 33:4). 'God spread out the earth and what comes out of it. He gives breath to its people and Spirit to those who walk on it' (Isaiah 42:5).

From the time Adam and Eve had their firstborn son Cain, God has known every person on earth who has ever been conceived since before their conception. God breathed His Spirit of Life into Adam (Genesis 2:7) and since then God has given His Spirit of Life to every human embryo at the exact moment of their conception. God sees the unformed substance in the womb weeks before the infant takes the shape of a recognisable human person. We will first mention the topic of unexpected miscarriage and early infantile death. Sadly, not every baby has the strength to develop to full term. Sometimes mothers miscarry and the baby is born too early to sustain life. Some babies are stillborn. Others live a very a short life. The mothers who accidentally lose their precious babies are never at fault. That situation is heart wrenching. One of King David's newborns died when he was just a few days old but David knew he would see his baby son again because the soul of all babies and young children go straight to be with the Lord. David said, "I will go to him but he will not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23). If a Christian looses her baby, she can be comforted knowing she will see the baby again in heaven. 'The body returns to the earth as it was and the Spirit (of life) returns to God who gave it' (Ecclesiastes 12:7). 'Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted' (Matthew 5:4). Our Comforter is the Holy Spirit (John 14:16). 'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our afflictions (including the loss of a child) so we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, through the Comfort (the Holy Spirit) by Whom we ourselves are comforted by God. As the sufferings of Jesus abound to us so our comfort abounds through Jesus' (2 Corinthians 1:3 to 5). During the one thousand year reign of Jesus, there will be no miscarriages, stillbirths or infant deaths. 'There will be no more a death of an infant days old ... for the child will die one hundred years old' (Isaiah 65:20).

Death within the womb was mentioned in the Bible. 'I pray, let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb' (Numbers 12:12). There are some people who have such sorrow in their lives they may wish they were never born. 'The stars did not close the doors of my mother's womb ... Why did I not die from the womb? Why did I not give up the Spirit (of life) when my mother bore me? Why did the knees receive me? Why did I have the breast? I should have lain down and been quiet. I should have died then I would have been at rest ... as a hidden untimely birth I had not died, as infants who never saw light ... Why God, have You brought me forth out of the womb? I wish I had given up the Spirit (of life) and no eye had seen me. I should have been as though I had never been (conceived). I should have been carried from the womb to the grave' (Job 3:10 to 16; 10:18 & 19). 'Cursed be the day I was born. Do not let the day my mother bore me be blessed. Cursed be the man who brought news to my father saying, "A boy is born to you," making my father very glad ... because he did not kill me from the womb and so my mother would have been my grave and her womb always great. Why did I come forth out of the womb only to see labour and sorrow and my days should be consumed with shame?' (Jeremiah 20:14 to 18).

Now we will deal with the controversial topic of abortion, the deliberate murder of defenceless unborn babies. Just before Moses was born, the Pharaoh told the Hebrew midwives to kill every male newborn but the midwives refused then the Pharaoh told the Hebrews to drown every male baby (Exodus 1:15 to 22) but Moses' parents ignored the decree. 'When Moses was born, by faith his parents hid him for three months because they saw he was a beautiful child and they were not afraid of the Pharaoh's commandment' (Hebrews 11:23). 'The Pharaoh took advantage of our race (Jewish people) and mistreated our forefathers and forced them to drown their babies so they would not stay alive' (Acts 7:19). This was mass infanticide. Every unborn baby has the potential to become a vibrant adult and member of our community. Look at the life of Moses. If Moses' parents had listened to the Pharaoh's decree and drowned him, we would not have had the most amazing Godly leader the world has ever had. Through Moses we have the Torah (Bible and God's laws) and the path to salvation through Jesus. Every baby has the right to life, to be born safely and nurtured to adulthood. No adult, mother or medical practitioner has the moral right to snuff out the life of an unborn baby. All deliberate abortion is murder especially when the abortion is close to full term pregnancy. Many babies who are aborted late term are born alive and are left to die a cruel death, which is really ironic

because there are thousands of mothers who fight for the life of their naturally prematurely born infants. Instead of aborting a baby, why not give it up to be adopted by parents who cannot have their own children? No mother who has murdered her own baby will ever be able to forget what she has done. 'Can a mother forget her suckling child and should she not have compassion on the child of her womb?' (Isaiah 49:15).

God can see an embryo nine months before the baby is born so He can see those who choose to murder unborn babies and they will have to give an account to God on Judgement Day for every murder they have committed. If a doctor regularly aborts unborn babies, that doctor will have to face serious consequences when he or she eventually faces Almighty God. Doctors who murder unborn babies have broken the important original Hippocratic oath they spoke out at graduation. Clause four of the binding oath reads, "I will not give a lethal drug to anyone if I am asked (euthanasia) nor will I advise such a plan, and similarly I will not give a woman a remedy to cause an abortion." To break the Hippocratic oath is considered to be malpractice. It is deeply troubling to know the Hippocratic oath has recently been 'modernised' to deliberately leave out clause four. Doctors no longer say the oath to refuse to euthanase a human person nor to preserve the life of an unborn baby. This is a wicked world in which we live when the cold blooded murder of the defenceless, innocent and vulnerable in our society have absolutely no rights at all when they have the potential to grow up to be amazing people like Moses, Beethoven, Einstein or Florence Nightingale.

Jesus said all children are important and the simple act of giving a child a drink of water can bring eternal rewards. "Whoever gives one of these little children just a cup of cold water to drink, most certainly I tell you, you will not lose your reward" (Matthew 10:42). 'The Jewish people were bringing their babies to Jesus so He might bless them ... Jesus said, "Allow the little children to come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these"' (Luke 18:15 & 16). "Whoever receives one little child in My name receives Me but whoever causes one of these little children who believe in Me to stumble (and lose faith in God), it would be better for him if a huge millstone was hung around his neck and he should be sunk in the depths of the sea" (Matthew 18:5 & 6). 'I have relied on God from the womb. He took me out of my mother's womb. I will always praise You ... Behold, children are a heritage of the Lord. The fruit of the womb is His reward' (Psalm 71:6; 127:3). In the Bible, if anyone caused a woman to give birth prematurely so the unborn baby died, it was considered murder (Exodus 21:22 to 25). Abortion in any form for any reason is sin. If the mothers or anyone else who are involved with abortions do not stop and repent of this horror and turn to God, you will be eternally damned.

If a woman chooses to abort her baby then turns to God and repents, she will be forgiven of her sin. God blots out sin of any person who genuinely repents. 'Repent and turn to God so your sins may be blotted out and so there may come times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord' (Acts 3:19). If a woman has genuinely repented then she should never feel shame, guilt or condemnation because when Jesus died, He covered our sin with His blood and we are free from the law of sin and eternal death. 'There is no condemnation to those who are in Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Holy Spirit. The law of the Holy Spirit of Life in Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death' (Romans 8:1 & 2). Ladies who have had an abortion and who have repented, you may feel at peace, untroubled by your mistake because your baby is forever safe with the Lord and you will see your little one again one day. Genuine repentance leading to God's forgiveness and redemption is eternal. The Lord blots out the sin and covers sin as though He is holding a cloud over it. "I, even I, am He Who blots out your transgressions for My own sake and I will not remember your sins ... I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions and as a cloud, all your sins. Return to Me for I have redeemed you" (Isaiah 43:25; 44:22).

Being forgiven is one thing and it is wonderful but many women who have aborted their baby often suffer from grief. Grief is normal when suffering from loss and it is normal for a mother to grieve for her lost baby, even if she did choose to abort its life. No mother should feel she has 'no right' to grieve because she chose to end the life of her baby. Grieving is a healing process so it is okay to grieve for your aborted baby. To avoid the emotional turmoil of dealing with abortion, it is better to prevent a pregnancy occurring. One way a mother can ease her grief is to name her lost baby. If a baby dies, whether it be accidental or deliberate, naming her baby can be one way to heal. Giving a deceased baby a name gives that little one's short life some purpose so it can be fondly remembered by name. If the mother does not know the gender of her lost baby she can give it a gender-neutral name. It is also okay to love the lost baby who died by abortion. Loving one's own baby is normal even after it has died. Fathers often grieve for a lost baby, which is normal but only a mother can understand the terrible emotional pain of losing an unborn infant because only a mother can carry a baby within her own body. Mothers and abortionists remember this, 'If we confess our sins to God, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:9).

Amen and God bless you.

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