

What Does Scripture Say?

Some people argue that the Bible is silent about the issue of abortion. They contend the matter can be decided individually, and the abortion decision can be made apart from God's judgment.

It is true that the intentional act of ending a pregnancy is not specifically mentioned in God's Word, but many passages explain the humanity of the child while still in the mother's womb (Luke 1:41,44 and Luke 2:16; Isaiah 44:24; Job 33:4; Psalm 119:73 and Psalm 139:13-16).

God's Word shows no distinction between a born and an unborn person. The gospel writer, Luke, as both an inspired writer of Scripture and a physician, used the same word, *baby* (*brephos* in Greek) to describe both the born and unborn child. Neither his medical knowledge nor the Holy Spirit's guidance moved him to make any differentiation between the two (Luke 1:44). God also set apart Jeremiah and Paul before birth as His spokesmen (Jeremiah 1:5; Galatians 1:15). As moral creatures God holds individual human beings – not “blobs of tissue” – accountable for sin. That accountability is already evident at conception (Psalm 51:5).

Today, leading abortion advocates admit the humanity of life in the womb and do not deny that abortion causes death; their argument, however, downplays the baby's value to those already born.

As the Creator of human life, God is intimately acquainted with all pre-born life (as is clearly



explained in Job 33:4; Isaiah 49:1; Psalm 119:73; Psalm 139:13-16). His formation and knowledge of – as well as His concern for – each life in the womb cannot justify the termination of any child's life in the act of abortion.



The temptation to end life in the womb usurps God's sovereignty as the Author of life since all decisions affecting life and death are to be left to Him (“I put to death and I bring to life” [Deuteronomy 32:39] and “My times are in your hands” [Psalm 31:15]). Yet, as with all temptation, God offers His healing forgiveness for sinners.



For more information on the Biblical view of life, go to www.ChristianLifeResources.com where you will find additional references on God's forgiveness after an abortion, the Christian response to those considering abortion and answers to the so-called exceptions for abortion.



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