

Abortion

I. Introduction.

A. Discuss the polarized positions self-described as either **Pro-Choice** or **Pro-Life**.

B. What does **American law** say?

C. The legal crux of abortion is **When does life begin**: 1) At conception, 2) When a baby is developed, 3) When a baby is viable, or 4) After a baby is born?

II. Scripture.

A. The "*image of God*" and "*likeness*" makes every human valuable.

1. **Gen. 1:26-27**—"26 *And God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...'* 27 *So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.*"

2. **Gen. 9:5-7**—"5 *And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.* 6 *Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man.* 7 *And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.*"

B. Misc commands and information related to mankind's responsibility.

1. **Exodus 20:13; Deu. 5:17**—"Thou shalt not kill."

2. **Psalms 139:13-16**—"13 *For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.* 14 *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.* 15 *My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.* 16 *Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.*"

3. **Pro. 16:16-17**—"16*These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: 17A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood...*"
4. **Psalms 10:8**—"He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor."
5. **Jer. 1:5**—"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."
6. **Deu. 30:19**—"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."
7. **Psa. 127:3-5**—"3Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward. 4As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 5Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."
8. **Psa. 22:10-11**—"10I was cast upon Thee from the womb: Thou art my God from my mother's belly. 11Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help."
9. **Isa. 49:15-17**—"15Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. 16Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands; thy walls are continually before me. 17Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee."
10. **Pro. 31:8-9**—"8Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. 9Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy."

C. An often-misinterpreted passage.

1. **Exo 21:22-23** [KJV]—"22If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. 23And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life."
2. **Exo 21:22-23** [NIV]—"22If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the

woman's husband demands and the court allows. ²²But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life."

III. Application.

A. What should be our attitude and actions to abortion?

B. Ask someone to pray for all who have had or are considering an abortion and are suffering the physical or emotionally trauma, are coerced within the medical community, who need to help fight for the lives of the unborn, and for all of our attitudes towards the unborn.

C. For a great whitepaper by Stephanie Johnson (11/9/2024) that can be used in secular or Christian settings, see "[We Can Know the Truth About Abortion.](#)"