

If Wombs Had Windows

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Introduction:

- A. Quote: If Wombs Had Windows Abortion Would Cease! (Romans 1:28-32)**
- B. The statistics surrounding abortion are both astounding & sickening at the same time!**
1. There've been more than 46,023,191 abortions since the Roe Vs Wade decision of 1973!
 - a. 2000 saw 3,600 abortions per day! That's 149 an hour! One every 24 seconds!
 - b. Every 9 days there's as many deaths as there were in the 10 year Vietnam War!
 - c. In 2000, more children died from abortion than Americans died in the Revolutionary, Civil, both World Wars, Korean, Vietnam, & Gulf Wars totaled!
 - d. In 2003 in Alabama there were 10,130 victims to this horrible form of murder!
 2. Not justifying it, but only 7% were hard cases: Rape, incest, or some health concern
 3. In one poll – 95% stated "Birth Control" as their cause for abortion! Some say it interferes with work school, can't afford a baby, or don't want to be a single parent!
 4. At an average cost of \$372, the abortion industry is a \$400 million a year industry!
- C. This evening I want us to look at the morality of abortion:**
1. Right or wrong? Do situations make the right thing? How should I respond to it?
 2. While God's word does not specifically address abortion by name it does deal with the principles to a great enough extent that we know what He thinks
 3. We will also notice enough from the "natural" realm to show someone who totally rejects God's word why abortion is immoral and amounts to murder!

I. The Morality Of Abortion: When In The Womb, Is The Baby A Human Life Or Not?

- A. The question over the morality of abortion has at its foundation the status of the unborn:**
1. If the unborn are fully human, then every abortion is equivalent to murder!
 2. The position of those who advocate abortion have to define the beginning of life at some other point that at the point of conception:
 - a. Most argue that although the fetus is human, it's not a person and not fully human
 - b. Some argue that the unborn child gradually gains more rights as it develops
 - c. Others contend it is the act of passing through the birth canal that makes it a person & grants it the status of being fully and completely a human life
 3. **Illustration:** What does it take to make a baby?
 - a. 2½ quarts of water, ½ cup of fertilizer, 110 Tums, 1 teaspoon of salt, a dash of dirt, a multivitamin, and 1.5 pounds of coal for a boy or diamond for girl
 - b. If you add several thousand dollar enzymes, the only distinguishing difference between this and a baby is one is human and alive and one is not!
 4. Abortion is being pushed by our society as okay because this conglomeration is all that is in the womb and the magic of passing through the birth canal makes it a person!
- B. The question needs to be asked, "When Does Life Begin?"**
1. Most biologists attest to the fact that human life begins at the point of conception:
 - a. "Physicians, biologists, and other scientists agree that conception marks the beginning of the life of a human being – a being that is alive and is a member of the human species. There is overwhelming agreement on this point in countless medical, biological, and scientific writings." (Report, Subcommittee on Separation of Powers to Senate Judicial Committee S-158, 97th Congress, 1st Session, 1981)
 - b. Prof J. Lejeune (Paris: Discoverer of Downs Syndrome Chromosome): "Each individual has a very neat beginning, at conception"
 - c. Prof. W. Bowes (University of Colorado): Beginning of human life? "At conception"
 - d. Prof. H. Gordon (Mayo Clinic): "It's an established fact that human life begins at conception"
 - e. Prof. M. Rother (Harvard): "It is scientifically correct to say that individual human life begins at conception."
 2. When conception occurs a separate new human being comes into existence!
 - a. The father & mother have each have their own special cells that contain their own

- DNA → The sperm and the ovum
- b. At conception these two cells fuse together to form a single cell called a zygote which is unique from its parents and totally complete
 - c. The zygote has its own DNA for hair color, eye color, skin texture, height, the child's sex, and other features
 - d. With nutrition and oxygen it will grow on its own from the stage of a zygote, to an embryo, to a fetus, and then finally to birth
 - e. Just as I was once an infant and adolescent – I was once a zygote, an embryo, and then a fetus → Simply stages of development, but all human life!
3. An unborn child meets all the qualifications of human life!
 - a. A human is a unique being which is distinguishable from other living organism
 - b. Being alive means having characteristics to reproduce its own cells and develop them into specific patterns of maturity and function
 - c. It is complete meaning nothing new is to be added! It needs only food, water, shelter, and oxygen in order to grow and develop (same with one that's born)
 4. The unborn child has its own unique identity separate from the mother!
 - a. At conception it has its own DNA – distinguishing it from its mother
 - b. At 12 weeks in the womb it has formed its own fingerprints – Uniquely human
 5. What causes many problems is that the unborn baby is not fully developed; however, like the infant, the child, and the adolescent it is in the process of full development!
 - a. An unborn baby is not a potential human life but a human life that is still developing
 - b. Even after birth one still goes through the development process: It's bone structure develops further, learns to walk & talk, & around 11 abstract thinking begins.
 - c. The same reason its wrong to take the life an infant is the same reason why its wrong to take the life of the unborn baby → It's a human life!

C. The development of a baby in the womb speaks volumes!

1. First Month:
 - a. First twenty-four hours – Two cells
 - b. Day four – Called a Morula → 16-32 Cells
 - c. Day 6-7 – Now called Embryo → Attached to wall of uterus. Somehow weakens the immune system so it wont reject it since it has a different DNA
 - d. Third Week (Day 20) – Has developed the entire foundation for the nervous system
 - e. Third Week (Day 21) – Heart is pumping in closed circulatory system
 - f. Fourth Week: Tongue, esophagus, gall bladder, kidney, pancreas, and stomach well developed → Limb begin to bud
2. Second Month:
 - a. Week Five: Baby's brain in proportion, heart beats in rythmic contractions
 - b. Five and a half weeks: Eyes darken, pituitary glands form, five fingers can be seen
 - c. Sixth Week: Head enlarges, heart has four chambers, salivary gland, adrenal gland, brain controls muscles & organs, reflexes present, all teeth seen in jaw
 - d. Seventh Week: Ears present, sucks its thumb, all vital organs present
 - e. Eighth Week: Brain and all body parts present, grasps with hands, head moves if nose is tickled, responds to painful stimulus
3. Third Month:
 - a. Tenth to Eleventh Weeks: Has its own fingerprints and footprints, hands and feet are completely formed, can tell the child's sex
 - b. Tenth to Eleventh Weeks: Facial expressions, swallows and urinates, fingernails present, breaths amniotic fluid, sucks thumb vigorously
 - c. Twelfth Week: Liver secretes bile, breaths steadily, hiccups, facial features of mother and father present, has unique behaviors → Sensitive to touch, taste, sound, and pain
4. Fourth Month:
 - a. Thirteenth Week: Hair grows on head and eyes develop fully
 - b. Fourteenth Week: Brain shows memory patterns

- c. Sixteenth Week: Eyelashes present and bones are visible on x-rays
- 5. Fifth Month:
 - a. Eighteenth Week: Motions of crying, thin skin, shields eyes from bright lights, covers ears because of loud noises
 - b. Weeks 19-24 → Can perform surgeries on baby and pregnant mother with success
 - c. Twentieth Week: Sexual reproduction, immune system functions, REM sleep
- 6. Sixth Month → Oil and sweat glands functions and the baby almost always survives
- 7. Seventh Month → Recognizes mother's voice, uses all four senses, fattens up, skin smoothens, and eyelids open up
- 8. Eight Month → Skin thickens, antibodies build up, prefers sweet foods to sour, and the baby enjoys familiar stories being read, and prefers mom's voice
- 9. Final Month → Adrenal glands increase, gains ½ pound a week, swallows ½ gallon a day

II. What Does The Bible Say About Abortion?

A. The Bible is very clear about when the Lord considers human life to begin!

1. The Bible makes no distinction between a fetus and a child that's been born!
 - a. Luke records John the baptizer leaping in Elizabeth's womb (**Luke 1:41, 44**)
→ Same Greek word (Brophos) used for Jesus as a newborn (**Luke 2:12, 16**)
 - b. God chose the same word to describe a baby in the womb or out of the womb!
2. God describes the Jacob and Esau while in Rebekah's womb as children (**Gen. 25:21-26**)
 - a. Although these two children were still unborn they were completely alive
 - b. They were still children – The same Hebrew word (Ben) is used to describe Keturah's children who had already been born (**Gen. 25:4**)
 - c. The Bible makes no distinction between the born and the unborn! That distinction originated solely in the minds of men wanting to justify abortion!
3. God knew and formed Jeremiah before he was born! (**Jer. 1:5**)
4. David spoke of himself as being alive while in his mother's womb! (**Psalms 139:13-16**)
 - a. Though his body wasn't fully formed, David affirmed that the Lord knew him
 - b. He speaks of his existence starting not at birth but rather at conception!
 - c. David knew God saw him grow! Every time an abortion occurs... God sees it!

B. Whenever a child is conceived, it's not outside of the power of God! (**Ecc 11:5; Acts 17:25**)

1. Sometimes people want to justify abortion because of "hard circumstances"
 - a. The conditions that brought about the pregnancy were criminal, the baby would have birth defects, or the parents could not support it
 - b. Using this reasoning people find themselves playing the role of God!
2. God is the author of life – Whether it be perfect or imperfect: (**Exodus 4:11**)
 - a. **Illustration:** Professor gave students tough situation and asked if they would have aborted the baby... most said yes – baby was Beethoven!
 - b. In any circumstances – fornication, adultery, or violence – God can cause something very great and precious!
 - c. God has plans and a purpose for all life he brings into this world!
3. Children are a HERITAGE from the Lord (**Psalms 127:3-5**)
 - a. No matter their condition is or the circumstances that brought them into this world!
 - b. What difference would there be between aborting a baby who'd likely have defects and taking the life of a child who later develops them?
4. All children, regardless of the circumstances, are made in God's image! (**Gen. 5:1-3**)

C. To take this life in abortion then would be nothing short of murder!

1. **Illustration:** California courts found Scott Peterson guilty of TWO counts of murder!
 - a. A two-faced decision! How can abortion be a choice and this be murder?
 - b. The ruling: He killed another person, the fetus, while committing the felony of killing his wife! The courts recognized the death of the baby, Conner, as MURDER!
2. The law of Moses set forth punishment for harm done to an unborn child! (**Ex. 21:22-25**)
 - a. The Lord calls the unborn fetus a child → No distinction between it and a toddler!

- b. Punishment was given for accidentally harming the child because it is a human being! If no harm done, there was a fine because a life was endangered!
- c. If such punishment was enforced for ACCIDENTALLY interrupting the pregnancy, what about the one who would deliberately murder the unborn child?
- 3. Taking an innocent life is a crime the Lord takes seriously! (**Ex. 23:7; Rev. 21:8**)

III. Some Final Thoughts On This Subject:

A. For those who have an abortion, the abortion is only the beginning of greater problems!

- 1. There are emotional complications that have been proven to accompany post-abortion life
- 2. There are physical complications that can result from an abortion!
- 3. An increased risk of 50% for women who have had an abortion to develop breast cancer!
- 4. When we do not do things God's way, we pay the penalty for it! (**Prov. 3:5-8**)

B. What can I as a Christian do about this horrible situation in our society?

- 1. The most obvious thing we can do is to just not have one!
 - a. Outside of marriage, Christians must keep from sexual immorality! (**I Cor. 6:18**)
 - b. If we do make mistakes, step up and take responsibility for our actions
- 2. We can talk to others and teach them about God's view of the unborn:
- 3. We can support the adoption process either financially or by adopted a child yourself
- 4. We can use the political system in our country to make a difference!

Conclusion:

A. What is abortion? It's nothing short of cold-blooded murder!

- 1. As the bumper stickers well say, "It's A Child Not A Choice!"
- 2. The baby in the womb is more than just a jar of junk! It's a living human being with a soul!
- 3. This is more than just a political view...It's God's view! It must be our view! It must be stood for & fought for!

B. I'm reminded of the Lord's word's to Solomon! (2 Chron. 7:14**) – Our land needs healed!**