

Shedding Innocent Blood

In Proverbs 6:16-17 the wise man Solomon tells “There are six things which Jehovah hateth; yea, seven which are an abomination unto him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. . . .”

Each day in America 3,500 human lives are put to death. The victims will die without benefit of trial or counsel. They are executed by techniques more cruel and inhumane than any horror movie ever portrayed. These deaths occur in abortion clinics and hospitals throughout our land. Conspirators in this atrocity include willing mothers, medical doctors, government social planners and Supreme Court Justices. These victims are not convicted criminals, they are innocent unborn human babies. One and a half million of these youngsters will die in the United States this year. It is estimated that between 40 and 55 million abortions will be performed throughout the world. In the face of this, Pharaoh’s extermination of the Hebrew boys was but a ripple on the ocean of time. The slaughter of the babies of Bethlehem by Herod did not equal one abortion clinic’s daily quota.

In Genesis 9:5, God’s Word says, “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 every man. At the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man." Life is sacred in God's sight. In Deuteronomy 27:25 the Bible says, "Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen."

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States of America in a case known as *Roe v. Wade*, made a ruling that no state may forbid an abortion prior to birth, if in the opinion of one licensed physician, an abortion is necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother. Very few people would argue with the Supreme Court when they said, "The mother's life." But what about the word 'health' — the health of the mother? By the court's definition, the health of the mother has come to mean the physical, the emotional, the psychological condition of the woman, and even the age of the woman. In other words, anything that is relevant to the woman. The opinion of the Supreme Court then is that a woman can have an abortion if the baby is to cause any kind of distress in her life or in the life of the family. Since the Supreme Court made that ruling on January 22, 1973, there have been in excess of 8 million babies killed in the United States of America. According to the Supreme Court, it is legal to kill the baby any time during the nine months that the mother is carrying the child. Many, many babies have been aborted that were fully capable of living independently of their mother, had it not been for that cruel process of death that was brought about by the injection of a chemical into the mother, or by an actual knife that cut the baby to pieces. Abortion is not a pretty picture.

There has been a book written by a lady named Jean Staker Garton, and in her book she tells this true story. She says, "All of our children were in bed. The late night television news was over, and I was putting the final touches to a presentation that I was going to teach to medical students the next day at UCLA. As I reviewed some of the slides which might be used in my

presentation, there appeared on the screen the picture of an abortion victim, aged 2½ months gestation. Her body had been dismembered by the long handled knife of the surgeon as he used it in the D&C abortion procedure. Suddenly, I heard another person near me. I turned to find that, unexpectedly, my youngest son had silently entered the room. My little boy stood there aghast at the picture on the screen, and he cried out with great sadness, 'Mommy, who broke the baby?' If a small, innocent child can see that it is murder, how do adults miss the truth?"

By manipulating the English language, Americans have been conditioned to accept abortion. Watch TV and every time they talk about abortion, they will use one or more of these phrases. You notice your newspapers, and every time a pro-abortionist writes a column in the newspaper, they will use this language. (1) Every woman has a right to control her own body. (2) Every child a wanted child. (3) Termination of pregnancy. (4) Freedom to choose. (5) A fetus is not a person. Those are the 5 key phrases that are used again, and again, and again. You have heard every one of them on TV time without number. Let's examine those 5 key phrases a little bit more closely.

(1) Every woman has a right to control her own body. Is that true? Well, of course it is not true. None of us, men or women, have a right to do whatever we want to do with our own body legally. You do not have the right to take your own body and put it behind the steering wheel of an automobile without a license. And, you are subject to arrest and imprisonment if you do. I pray that you don't drink, but if you do drink, you have no right to get behind the wheel of an automobile with your body and drive while drunk. If you do, they will take away your license and they will lock you up in jail for it. If you should develop chicken pox, you have no right to bring your body into the classroom, Sunday School, classroom at college or anywhere else. I hope and pray you do not take drugs. If you do, you are violating the law. You have absolutely no right, and it is against

the law, to abuse your body with drugs. I guarantee you that not a one of us has the right to take our naked body and parade down Main Street. My individual rights and your individual rights are not absolute at any time. In the case of pregnancy there are two bodies that are involved. Now suppose that a woman did have a right to do as she pleased with her own body, she wouldn't have a right to do as she pleases with the baby's body that she is carrying.

(2). Every child a wanted child. The pro-abortionists are saying, "If a couple does not want the child, wouldn't it be better to terminate the pregnancy than to bring forth another unwanted child into the world." But I wonder how many of us would be here if we had been wanted. How many of you as parents have wanted every child that you brought forth into the world? Or, were you surprised on a few occasions. I have heard some people say, "Well, we had an accident." I wonder how many of us are an accident. But, if children come along that weren't expected, that we weren't particularly wanting, we accept those children. And what happens, we fall in love with them and we raise them up as our children. Recently, a professor at UCLA Medical School brought this situation before his students in the classroom. He said, "Now here is a problem. I want you all to vote on it. The father has syphilis. The mother has tuberculosis. They have already had 4 children. The first child was born blind; the second child died; the third child was born deaf; the fourth child was born with tuberculosis, and now the mother is pregnant with the fifth child. What do you think?" All of the students in the classroom at UCLA voted . . . this would be justifiable cause for termination of pregnancy — abortion. After they voted, the professor said, "Congratulations, students, you have just murdered Beethoven. Because those are the true circumstances of the family history of Beethoven." Just suppose that Beethoven's mother would have aborted him. Think of what the world would have been robbed of. All of the marvelous music that that genius composed for

our enjoyment.

(3) Termination of pregnancy. How many legs would a sheep have if you called a tail a leg? Now, if you said 5, you're wrong, because calling a tail a leg doesn't make it a leg. Society frequently employs linguistic deception in order to call something what it is not. During the Vietnam war, we called it police action and that was supposed to soften the blow. Body count — well that was the number of Americans that were killed every day. We said, "Oh, everybody feels better because it is just a police action and it's just a body count." Termination of pregnancy is another classic example of linguistic deception which allows society to deal with abortion in the abstract. It is a phrase which disguises the truth by implying that it is simply a victimless procedure as uncomplicated as turning off the lights. You simply make the lady unpregnant. Now, that is far more acceptable to society and it softens the conscience of the society rather than to say — poison the baby, mutilate the baby, shred the unborn baby to pieces. You can call the pre-born human being a blob if you want to, or you can label his violent premeditated death termination of pregnancy if you want to call it that. But, calling a sheep's tail a leg doesn't change it. And calling it termination of pregnancy does not change the fact that it is murder.

(4) Freedom to choose. Oh my, we love that. We are Americans, we believe in freedom. What's wrong with that? Freedom of choice. That's what we are allowing women when we follow the Supreme Court's ruling and allow them to terminate their pregnancy if that is what they choose. For those who favor abortion, they are simply trying to get the silent majority of Americans to be neutral on the issue and if they can get us to be neutral, why they are going to win. They don't mind if we say, "Well, as for myself, I wouldn't have an abortion, but I support the rights of others to choose an abortion if that's what they want to choose because we live in a free society." Do you think it would be wonderfully broadminded of someone if they

said, "I would not choose to enslave a black man, but if others want to make a slave out of him, why I reserve the right of choice for everybody because this is America." Or how tolerant would you think it was if we were to say, "Well, I would not put the Jews in the gas chamber myself, but I support the right of others to choose to put Jews in the gas chamber if that is what they want to do." Did you watch *Holocaust*? Can you imagine Adolf Hitler and the German people slaughtering 6 million Jews in the gas chambers? How inhuman can anybody be? But what about we Americans? We have done worse than Nazi Germany. We have murdered not 6 million but 8 million babies. Eight million since 1973.

(5) A fetus is not a person. The Bible says a lot about that. In Isaiah 49:1 and 5: "The Lord called me from the womb." Every life is sacred to God, and in the Bible there are many occasions when God called a person from the moment of their conception. The Apostle Paul said in Galatians 1:15, "God set me apart before I was born." When Elizabeth heard Mary's greetings, Luke 1:41 says, "The baby leaped in her womb." The baby was inside the mother, but the Bible doesn't call that baby fetus. The Bible calls it a baby.

In Genesis 9:5 and Deuteronomy 27:25, we read, "Cursed is he that takes reward for slaying the innocent." I ask you, what does a doctor do who deals in abortions? He takes money, a reward, and he kills babies. What is that but taking a reward for killing an innocent being. That means that all of the doctors who engage in abortions are cursed, they are damned, they are hell bound.

Maloa Varnell, one of the dearest and most loved and longest members of Hickory Valley Christian Church, gave me this article and asked me to read it tonight. I am glad to do it because I think that it is the best way that I can sum up this sermon.

Oct. 5; Today my life began. My parents do not know it yet.

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I am as small as the pollen of a flower, but it is already. I will be a girl. I will have blonde hair and blue eyes. Nearly everything is settled already, even that I shall love flowers.

Oct. 19; I have grown a little, but I am still too small to do anything for myself. My mother does almost everything for me, though she still does not know she is carrying me under her heart. But is it true that I am not yet a real person? That only my mother exists? I am a real person, just as a small crumb of bread is still real bread. My mother is, and I am.

Oct. 23; My mouth is just beginning to open. Just think — in a year or so I'll be laughing, and later I'll start to talk. My first word will be "Mama".

Oct. 25; Today my heart began to beat. It will beat softly for the rest of my life, never stopping; after many years it will tire, it will stop, and then I shall die.

Nov. 2; I am growing continually. My arms and legs are taking shape, but I must wait a long time for these tiny legs to raise me to my mother's arms, before these little arms will be able to conquer the earth and befriend people.

Nov. 12; Tiny fingers are beginning to firm on my hands. How small they are; one day I'll strike my mother's hair to my mouth and she'll say "Oh, dirty".

Nov. 20; Only today that doctor told my mother that I am living here under her heart. How happy she must be. Are you happy, Mother?

Nov. 25; My mother and father are probably thinking about a name for me; and they don't even know that I am a little girl, so they are probably calling me "Andy". But I want to be called Barbara. I am growing so big.

Dec. 10; My hair is growing. It is bright and shiny as the sun. I wonder what kind of hair my mother has?

Dec. 13; I am almost able to see, though it is night around me. When Mother brings me into the world, it will be full of sunshine and overflowing flowers. I have never seen a flower, you know, but more than anything I want to see my mother. How do you look, Mother?

Dec. 24; I wonder if my mother hears the delicate beat of my heart? Some people are born with sickly hearts, and then the gentle fingers of the doctor perform miracles to make them healthy. But my heart is healthy.

It beats so evenly; tup-tup-tup-tup. You shall have a healthy

daughter, Mother.

Dec. 28; Today my mother killed me.

Anonymous

When I preach to the drunkards, I don't expect them to go out of the service and say, "Well, I'm going to burn in hell forever because I once got drunk." I expect the drunkard to repent, to turn to Jesus and seek forgiveness and not drink any more. When I preach to the thieves, I don't expect them to go out and say, "Well, I'm going to burn in hell forever because I once stole." I expect the thief to repent and turn to Jesus and be forgiven. I don't have the slightest doubt in my mind that I am speaking to ladies tonight who have had an abortion. But, I don't want you to leave this service and think, "Well, I am going to go to hell and burn forever because I had an abortion." Abortion is no worse than any other sin. It is murder, but those who murdered Jesus were forgiven when they repented of their sin of murder and accepted Jesus as their Savior and were baptized. Oh, I pray that whatever sins we have committed that we will repent and accept Christ and be saved. And that we will make up our mind to live a Christian life henceforth. That is the Bible solution to this problem or any other.