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Is Aborting a Baby Murder?

Biblical Truth About Abortion, Part 4

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I have heard pro-life/family leaders say about abortion: “That wasn’t the best decision,” or “We don’t call it murder.” If aborting a baby is okay and just not “the best decision,” and it might be a sin, but not murder, how is a woman or man guilty of abortion ever to comprehend what they did in destroying the life of their child? If there is no conscious realization and conviction of sin and evil, accompanied with genuine repentance, then that woman and man will be stuck, living with underlying guilt and remorse, blocked from restoration. Yet the door to restoration opens when we choose to live honestly in truth before God and one another.



Marilyn's bed where she was murdered.



So is abortion murder? Is aborting a baby murder? Does God see abortion as murder? These are very important questions that are largely avoided, but which we need to ask ourselves, especially after aborting 67 million babies in the USA and 1.4 billion worldwide.

Human? Is a preborn baby human? If not, and it is an animal, then killing it is not murder. But if the baby is a human being, then intentionally killing the baby is murder. Abortion is intentionally destroying the life of a human unborn child before or during birth.

Murder? What is murder? In Exodus 20:13, The LORD God said: “You shall not murder.” The Hebrew word, ratsach, means to murder, slay, put to death, assassinate a human being, and usually means a premediated, presumptuous, intentional act.

Intent? In the very next chapter, The LORD reveals the importance of discerning intent (Exodus 21:12-14). And in Deuteronomy, He clarified: “Now this is the case of the manslayer who may flee [to a city of refuge] and live: when he kills his friend unintentionally, not hating him previously—as when [a man] goes into the forest with his friend to cut wood, and his hand swings the axe to cut down the tree, and the iron [head] slips off the handle and strikes his friend so that he dies—he may flee to one of these cities and live” (19:4-5). There was still a trial and penalty, but the one who killed his friend unintentionally is not put to death.

Striking a pregnant woman: In Exodus 21:22-23, striking “a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely,” but the baby was born alive, and “there is no injury,” then the one who

struck her “shall pay as the judges decide.” “But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life.”

Intentional murder: In Exodus 21:12 & 14, the LORD God commanded: “He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death. . . . If . . . a man acts presumptuously toward his neighbor, so as to kill him craftily, you are to take him [even] from My altar, that he may die.”

Protecting human life and doing justice: God authorized man to create government to do justice. In Genesis 9, after the total corruption of mankind (except for Noah and his family) and the Great Flood, God said: “Surely I will require your lifeblood; . . . from [every] man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man” (9:5-6). The first purposes of civil government are to protect human life and represent God in doing justice particularly in cases of murder.

During the 1800s – when the death risk to the mother was decreased (but not for the baby) because of scientific and medical advances, and abortions increased – every nation with a known policy (97) prohibited abortion to protect babies and pregnant mothers. By intuition or revelation, they understood the divine purpose of government to protect human life.

Now let's ask the questions:

- Is the baby human? Yes.
- Is aborting a baby murder? Yes, especially if intentional.
- Does God see abortion as murder? Yes.
- Is abortion the same as striking “a woman with child” and causing the child to die? Yes.
- Is abortion intentional murder? Yes (but this aspect is more complicated; see below).
- Should civil government create and uphold laws prohibiting abortion? Yes.

Regarding intentional murder, an abortionist looking at a sonogram screen to see and dismember a baby is committing intentional murder. A mother of a preborn baby getting a surgical abortion or taking chemical abortion pills may or may not be committing intentional murder. If she comprehends what she is doing, and intentionally takes the life of her baby, she is guilty of murder. If she has been deceived about what is in her womb, and is deliberately shielded from seeing what is on the sonogram screen, or is misinformed about what was going to happen, she may not fully realize what she is doing. Either way, the pregnant woman who aborted her baby – by surgical, chemical or other means – did at some level intentionally destroy the life of her innocent unborn child (unless it was a forced abortion). Whether it was murder or a lesser crime requires discernment. Yet sometime later, maybe years later, she will awaken with shock to the reality: “I killed my baby!” Her response at that moment will lead to healing if she repents, or hardness of heart if she does not.

PRAY that the Holy Spirit will convict women and men guilty of abortion so that they can be restored through Christ's redemption. Pray further that the Holy Spirit would open the eyes,

hearts, and minds of His people, and all people and nations to see the evil of abortion, repent, turn from their wicked ways, and be restored. This includes abortionists and their workers, legislators and governments who authorized abortion, educators and proponents of abortion.

For the LORD, the sacred gift of life, the sacred gift of liberty, and remembrance of the babies,

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