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What Happens to Aborted Babies?

Biblical Truth About Abortion, Part 7

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Scripture is not silent about babies in the womb, or sacrificing or killing them before or after birth. We know that GOD created us in His image, male or female, forms each child in the womb, brings forth children from the womb, and that “children are a gift of the LORD” (Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 138:13-16; 22:9-10; 127:3). We know that GOD is absolutely good, His love is

everlasting, His grace is abounding, His mercies are new every day, His compassions never fail, and His atonement through Jesus Christ is sufficient to cover any sin. We know that GOD views babies in the womb, newborn babies, and children as “innocent,” and their murder or sacrifice as the shedding of “innocent blood,” for which He requires atonement or justice (Exodus 21:22-23; Leviticus 20:1-5; 2 Kings 21:6, 16; 24:1-4).

But what happens to the babies themselves who are murdered, either by being sacrificed to idols, or by abortion or infanticide? Many believe they go to heaven. I certainly would like to believe so. That may be true for some, but let’s see what the Bible reveals.

The Great Flood and land of Canaan: When GOD brought the Great Flood and destroyed “every living thing,” He destroyed every man, woman and child, except for Noah and his family (Genesis 6 & 7). Centuries later, when GOD brought His people out of bondage in Egypt and gave them the promised land of Canaan, He commanded them to annihilate, to “utterly destroy” all the people – men, women, and children – of the seven nations who had totally corrupted themselves with idolatry, immorality and child sacrifice (Genesis 15:7, 16-23; Deuteronomy 7:1-2; 2:34; 3:6). There is no indication that these children went to heaven.

Child sacrifice: In ancient and Biblical times, the practice of child sacrifice was common in some nations. (The seven nations GOD told Israel to destroy were at that time the world capital of child sacrifice.) The men, women and children in these nations worshipped idols, and parents sacrificed their children to the idols. Sacrifices to idols are sacrifices to demons. “The things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons” (1 Corinthians 10:20). They sacrificed their children to demons!

The LORD commanded His people: “You shall not behave thus toward the LORD your God, for every abominable act which the LORD hates they have done for their gods; for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods” (Deuteronomy 12:31). But eventually, Israel and Judah became idolatrous, and they “sacrificed their sons and daughters to the demons” (Psalm 106:34-39). Therefore, “The LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel” and the LORD removed Israel from His sight” (2 Kings 17:7-23, 41). The LORD said: “You slaughtered My children and offered them up to idols by causing them to pass through [the fire]” (Ezekiel 16:21). There is no evidence that the children sacrificed went to heaven. Also, The LORD reacted to two harlots among His people: “For when they had slaughtered their children for their idols, they entered My sanctuary on the same day to profane it; and lo, thus they did within My house” (Ezekiel 23:39). For those who sacrifice their children, are unrepentant and have no “godly sorrow,” and then enter The LORD’s temple, they profane it and grieve the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 7:10-11).

Hope? So where do we have hope for these unborn or sacrificed children being in heaven? The only place I have assurance is in GOD’s nature and security of covenant relationship with Him.

Covenant: GOD relates to people, especially His own people, by covenant. Circumcision was the sign of the old covenant with His people, and baptism is the sign of the new covenant. The rainbow is the sign of His covenant with all people. For those who are in Christ, and thus in covenant relationship with GOD, your children are “sanctified through” your faith in Jesus, and are “holy” (1 Corinthians 7:14). This is true even if only one of the parents is a believer. Thus I think this provides a basis that if the father or mother of an aborted baby is a true believer in Jesus Christ, then he or she will see their baby in heaven. So name them.

King David and his child: King David was a man living in covenant relationship with GOD, but he committed adultery and murder. When he sinned with Bathsheba, and The LORD took their first child, David said: “I will go to him, but he will not return to me” (2 Samuel 12:23). David and Bathsheba did not abort their baby. GOD took him and they knew they would see him again in heaven for eternity.

Miscarried babies: Based on what the Holy Spirit revealed to David, we can know with certainty that miscarried babies of believers will be waiting in heaven for their parents’ arrival, and be reunited with them. So name them.

Age of accountability and Jesus’ love for children: This doctrine is based on Isaiah 7:15-16, that a child is not mature enough to “refuse evil and choose good.” Also, Jesus loved children greatly and said, “Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these” (Mark 10:14). But Jesus did not say that all children go to heaven.

Forgiveness is certain to every person who confesses and has “godly sorrow” for their sin of abortion. There is no condemnation, no shame, and no guilt for anyone who has received

Jesus' atonement. Jesus took our place, and replaced our guilt and shame with His eternal love and atonement, and seeks to replace our sorrow and grief with His peace and joy, and work this tragedy for good in our lives. David repented and The LORD restored him (Psalm 51).

Redemptive stories: With joy I have listened to and watched stories of redemption, of women who aborted their child, later repented and received God's forgiveness, and then received the extra blessing of Jesus revealing to them that their child is in heaven. This is evidence that some aborted babies are in heaven, at least for fathers or mothers who are believers or who become believers. I've only heard such stories from believers.

Certainty and uncertainty: We can know the goodness of GOD with certainty, but I cannot guarantee that your aborted baby is in heaven. But if you seek The LORD, He may reveal to you if your baby is there waiting for you.

Secret things: "The secret things belong to the Lord, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever" (Deuteronomy 29:29). Cherish what GOD does reveal to you, but accept what He chooses not to reveal to you. Trust in His unfailing love.

GOD's grace: 1 Timothy 1:15-16: "It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost [of all.] Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life."

PRAY for every person carrying the burden of abortion to be restored to GOD through Jesus, and that they will see their baby in heaven.

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

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