

Abortion // Mercy for the Hurting

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Karl Barth

Greatest protestant theologian of the 20th century, cover Time Magazine April 1962, Barth advised young theologians to "Take your Bible and take your newspaper and read both. But interpret newspapers through your Bible." Karl Barth, 20th Century Theologian

Address the issues of the day from a biblical perspective!

Hot news topic this week - a very sensitive, heated issue - NY Gov. Cuomo, VA Gov. Northam, approving and celebrating late-term abortions, even outside of the womb. **Infanticide!**

Abortion Sensitivity - 1 in 3 women, trauma, guilt, shame, men's issues, 60m since RVW, 1973. Abortion is not the unforgivable sin, receive forgiveness and healing. Courage to listen. **MERCY, MERCY, MERCY!**

Biblical clarity on babies, not fetus', Latin for "offspring"

a) **Psa 139:13-14** For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. **(God marvelously formed, covered, made in womb).**

b) **Jer 1:4-5** Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." **(God formed, knew, sanctified, ordained, called before conception).**

c) **Luk 1:15,41,44** For he will be great in the sight of the Lord and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb... and it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit... For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. **(he, babe, leaped, filled, joy, 6 mos. vs.36,**

"The first person to recognize Jesus while He was in His mother's womb was another baby who was in his mother's womb."

d) "Now we allow that life begins with conception because we contend that the soul also begins from conception; life taking its commencement at the same moment and place that the soul does," Tertullian, Apology 27 from 210 AD.

Spiritual Confusion

Confusion – Comes from 3 different places: Rebellion against God, Idolatry of sin, Devotion to self...
“Abortion is Self-Care” Afiya Center, Dallas billboard, Aug 2018.

Ancient Spiritual History - Lot’s daughters raised in S&G, sexual rebellion, idolatry, and self-devotion lead to drunken incest with their father...

a) **Gen 19:36-38** Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day. And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi; he is the father of the people of Ammon to this day.

b) **Ammonites** - The image of Molech was a human figure with a bull's head and outstretched arms, ready to receive the children destined for sacrifice. The image of metal was heated red hot by a fire kindled within, and the children laid on its arms rolled off into the fiery pit below. In order to drown the cries of the victims, flutes were played, and drums were beaten; and mothers stood by without tears or sobs, to give the impression of the voluntary character of the offering (see Rawlinson's Phoenicia).

c) **Moabites** - "Chemosh-melek," indicates the possibility that Chemosh and the Ammonite god Molech were one and the same deity.

Important- These nations that were birthed from sexual perversion then gave birth to child sacrifice. Rebellion, idolatry, and self-devotion created moral confusion that led to infanticide.

d) **Forbidden - Lev 20:1-2** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "again, you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who gives any of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. **(Israel Disobeyed)**.'

e) **Baal/Molech- Jer 32:35** And they built the high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.'

f) **Phoenician Tanit** - fertility goddess, archeologists, Carthage, culturally advanced, highly educated, **massive child sacrifice** until destroyed by Rome. (BibleArchaeology.org)

Q. Isn't all this after a child is born - not abortion?

a) **Amo 1:13** Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of the people of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because they ripped open the women with child in Gilead, that they might enlarge their territory.

Fact- Ammonites were guilty of **abortion and child sacrifice**... brought God’s judgment... “enlarging their territory” **extending the boundaries of acceptable human behavior**... **Prov 22:28** don’t remove the ancient boundary your fathers have set.

Abortion/Infanticide atrocity summarized in Jewish history

a) **Psa 106:33-39** Because they rebelled against His Spirit, so that he spoke rashly with his lips. They did not destroy the peoples, concerning whom the LORD had commanded them, but they mingled with the Gentiles and learned their works; They served their idols, which became a snare to them. They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons, and shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood. Thus they were defiled by their own works, and played the harlot by their own deeds.

SACRIFICE- “giving up something of value to get something better from a diety”- Abortion in America is not consciously done with any desire to get a blessing from a deity. But it is done to gain something “better” than the baby- We need to be sure to see it in those terms: The life of a child is being sacrificed for something. What that “something” is defines the barbarity of our culture...

Our Rights, Our Convenience, Our Reproductive Health, we just changed names from Molech, Chemosh, Tanit, sacrifice nonetheless.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS - not fetus, not even children, sons and daughters, family members, forever.

INNOCENT BLOOD - the babies innocent lives were taken, innocent, they did nothing to deserve the punishment afflicted upon them.

IT IS TO DEMONS- history teaches us that Satanic worship is behind abortion, Jesus teaches us that Satan has been a murderer from the beginning, Jn 8:44, NOW abortion is very secular, rational, high-minded... demonic nonetheless.

“And someday we will see this. And we will be as amazed that it could have endured so long as we are that the enslavement of Africans lasted as long as it did. The issue is just as clear as that one was. And we are just as blind today as they were then.” John Piper

Blindness is lifting

a) National Review, Feb. 1st, 2018- January 2017 Quinnipiac poll, which found that 18-to-34-year-olds were more likely than other age demographics to support a ban on abortions after 20 weeks’ gestation... 45 years after the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, the culture battle over abortion is not over, some of the pressure to end legal abortion will come from Millennial voters... recent polling has shown that young adults are more likely than other age demographics to support the Department of Justice investigation of Planned Parenthood.

b) Vox, Dec. 3rd, 2018- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that the national abortion rate declined 26 percent between 2006 and 2015, hitting the lowest level that the government has on record... the proportion of abortions to live births is also down to historic lows. In 2005, the abortion ratio was about 233 abortions for every 1,000 live births; in 2015, it was 188 abortions for 1,000 live births... It is also part of an international trend, too: Separate research has found that — looking even further back in history — abortion rates in developed countries across Europe and North America are all declining. In the early 1990s, there were 45 abortions for every 1,000 women between ages 15 and 44. That figure has now dropped to 27 abortions per 1,000 women.

Fact- abortion is being aborted, people are seeing and waking up! Abortion advocates see what's coming and are panicking- expect more outrageous comments and laws from them.

Expect Roe vs. Wade to be overturned!

PRAY, STAND, CALL, SUPPORT!

Mercy in midst of confusion - **Psa 106:44-45** Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry; And for their sake He remembered His covenant and relented according to the multitude of His mercies... **THERE IS MERCY, FORGIVENESS, HEALING THROUGH JESUS CHRIST!**
