

Is abortion wrong? Yes!

The courts have decided that abortion is legal. However, just because a thing is legal or customary does not mean that it is RIGHT. For instance, Ahaz and Manasseh, kings of Judah, made their children pass through the fire, which was the custom of the heathen in Canaan (2 Chr. 28:3; 2 Chr 33:6). While they determined that this was acceptable practice, in fact, what they did was wrong and evil. And God punished them for it.

Such is the case with abortion. It has become acceptable but it is wrong. We will examine some verses to show that the child in the womb is a person and that those who cause a woman's child to depart from the womb (abort) should be punished by law, not protected by the courts.

In Genesis 25:22-24, Rebekah inquired of the Lord why "the children" struggled within her. The LORD said, "Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels..." Notice, the struggling was not the struggling of fetuses, but rather the struggling of "children." Furthermore, if she would have aborted, she would have not only killed the "children," she would have destroyed "two nations" which came forth from the children: the Edomites and the Jews!!

To emphasize that the twins in her womb were living people, God recounts the struggle in Hosea 12:3. There he says, "He took his brother by the heel IN THE WOMB..." God clearly reveals that while "in the womb," Jacob and Esau were "brothers" and that Jacob was able to take his brother by the heel. Those were people in there, not just tissue.

In Job 3:11-14 and Job 10:18-19, Job begged God that he could have been still born or could have died in birth. He wanted to "have been carried from the womb to the grave." At the same time, he wanted to "have been at rest with kings and counselors of the earth." Well, to be carried from the womb to the grave, he would have to have been born dead. And to be at rest with kings and counselors, he would have had to be alive as a living soul!! Thus, he would have been a living person in the womb who could "give up the ghost" when he "came out of the belly."

In Luke 1:15, 41, and 44, we find that John the Baptist was a living person before his birth. For one thing, he was "filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb." Someone might argue that he could have been filled with the Spirit from the time that he departed "from" his mother's womb. However, later we see that he leaped in Elisabeth's womb when Mary came to see her. Elisabeth said, "...the babe leaped in my womb for joy." It would have been impossible for him to experience joy if he were just fetal tissue.

There are those who argue that the fetus is not a living child until the "breath of

life" enters its lungs at birth. They use verses like the following to substantiate their position: Genesis 2:7, 7:22; Ezekiel 37:1-10; Ps. 104:29. While they hold this position, they DO NOT condone abortion. They believe it is wrong. In fact the Bible shows it is WRONG.

Exodus 21:22-25 deals with the legal matter of a premature birth resulting from harm to a woman. If a woman is hurt in a fight between two men and "her fruit depart from her," the guilty party "shall be surely punished." The Bible says that "...he shall pay as the judges determine."

Then the law deals with the mischief that follows. But you can't tell if the mischief is to the woman alone, the baby alone or both. It appears that it may only deal with mischief to the woman. However, if it concerns mischief to the infant, as well, then the penalty goes all the way to "life for life."

In other words, if we were to apply the judgment in Ex. 21 to the case of abortion, the judges would have to order the death penalty for the doctor if the verses deal with mischief to the child. Or else, the judges would have to surely punish the doctor and make him pay if the mischief only deals with consequences to the mother. In either case, the doctor would be WRONG!!!

In the United States, the courts protect doctors and mothers who kill their babies. However, we only have to look as far as the second book of the Bible to see how God handles baby killers. Pharaoh commanded the Jewish midwives to perform partial birth abortions in Ex. 1:16. The midwives refused to do it and "therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty," (Ex. 1:20).

Since the baby boys were being born instead of killed like Pharaoh commanded, Pharaoh got mad and told his people to drown the male sons of the Jews in the river (Ex. 1:22). As a result, God destroyed Egypt with plagues (Ex. 10:7) and drowned Pharaoh in the Red Sea (Ex. 14:27-28). You reap what you sow.

If you work in an abortion clinic, "Quit!" If you are thinking of having an abortion, "Don't!" If you know someone who is thinking of having an abortion, tell them to "Stop!"