

The Sin of Silence

Isa 5:20; 58:1

Introduction:

1. I want to clearly and Biblically address one of the most controversial and critical issues of our times.
2. The safest place on earth ought to be a mother's womb – but it has become the most dangerous
3. In January we had the 38th anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in the US
4. Murdering an unborn child in the womb is a sin, and we are guilty of the sin of silence.
 - a. Each day, in the US, some 4000 innocent lives are snuffed out by abortion
 - b. In all, 51 million innocent babies have been executed
 - c. They had no trial – they had no counsel to represent them
 - d. They have been executed in a cruel and inhumane way
 - e. Every 21 seconds a baby dies by execution, in the US
5. Who are the conspirators in this crime? –
 - a. Supreme Court who found right to abortion in the Constitu
 - b. The physicians whose responsibility it is to prolong life, will now take life for money
 - c. Abortion clinics - reap the rewards in this harvest of death
 - d. Mothers / fathers who willingly have their offspring killed
 - e. Those who will not speak up – the silent ones
6. Hitler, Pharaoh, and Herod the Great do not hold a candle to what is happening in America today.
 - a. \$5000 / 1 yr in prison for crushing the egg of an eagle
 - b. And yet, here in America, you can make a comfortable living putting babies to death
 - c. A school nurse, who can't dispense an aspirin without parental permission can help a teenage girl get an abortion without the parents' knowledge or consent.
7. There is something very wrong in America and I want to give you three reasons why we dare not remain silent any longer.

I. IT IS A MATTER OF LIFE – Ps 139:13-16

13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

A. God Forms the Baby

1. When a woman is pregnant, God Himself is forming a child in the mother's womb
2. The Psalmist said that it is both fearful and wonderful
3. Imagine the excitement of a young couple as they view the ultrasound of their first little baby
 - a) *The little baby was clearly seen*
 - b) *It was only 7 cm in size – about 3 inches long*
 - c) *It wasn't perfectly formed – it was imperfect*
 - d) *But someday it would have everything – as it continued to grow and develop*

B. The Bible Makes No Distinction Between Prenatal and Postnatal Life – Jer 1:5

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

- a) *While Jeremiah was in his mother's womb, God set him apart to be a prophet of God*
- b) *I am grateful his mother did not abort him*
2. Lu 1:41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:
 - a) *When John the Baptist was in his mother's womb and Jesus was in His mother's womb*
 - b) *Mary went to visit Elisabeth*

- (1) When Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary the babe in her womb, John the Baptist, leaped
- (2) John the Baptist, still in his mother's womb, in the presence of the yet unborn Lord Jesus Christ was so filled by joy that he leaped for joy
- c) *Babe = brephos – Luke 2:12, 16*
 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
- (1) An unborn child, fetus, embryo, a newborn child, an infant, a babe
- (2) The same word is used for a baby that is born or unborn – used in Lu 1:41
- 3. We dare not be silent because this is a matter of life

C. At Conception, There is Life

- 1. 23 chromosomes are contributed by the mother and 23 chromosomes are contributed by the father
- 2. Those 46 chromosomes containing the genetic blueprint
- 3. Some say, "I can do what I want with my body"
 - a) *That cell structure is as much a part of the father as it is a part of the mother*
 - b) *That baby is not just part of the mother, but also of the father*
 - c) *It is a different person from the mother*
 - d) *An 80 year old is a person, a young, strong 20 year old is a person, a child on his first day of school is a person, a 2 year old toddler is a person, a baby one minute old is a person, a baby developing in the mother's womb is a person and a baby that was conceived yesterday is a person.*
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D. How Does God Feel About the Abortion Business?

1. Pr 6:16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
 - a) *Here are 7 things on God's hate parade*
 - b) *#3 – Hands that shed innocent blood*
2. Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a gynecologist and obstetrician, once an assistant professor at Cornell University Medical School, now a leader in the National Association for Repeal of Abortion Laws, was at one time the director of the first and largest abortion clinic in the western world. In 18 months his clinic performed 60,000 abortions. Dr. Nathanson resigned and this is what he said, "I am deeply troubled by my own increasing certainty that I had presided over 60,000 deaths." Doctors and nurses told him of nightmares and depression they were experiencing and personality changes developing in other personnel.
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II. IT IS A MATTER OF LOVE – MATT 7:12

A. Abortion Transgresses the "Golden Rule"

- If that is a real, live baby growing in the womb of it's mother, then how should we treat it? - Jesus tells us...
12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.
1. The whole OT is summed up in doing to others as you...
 2. What mother would want to be dismembered
 3. What doctor would like to be trapped in a small room and killed by having corrosive acid poured all over his body and forced into his lungs, and forced to convulse for hours until he was dead?
 4. What judge would like to be ripped out of his home and be torn apart by some machine?

B. Abortion is Contrary to Basic Human Instinct

Rom 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

1. Without natural affection does not refer to homosexuality
2. Astorges – without family love
3. A lack of affection toward one's own children

C. Abortions are Performed Primarily for Selfish Reasons

1. We are told that abortion and abortion laws are for the poor and overburdened ...
 - a) *but 76% of women having abortions are unmarried and 53% have no other children.*
 - b) *It is not because they are overburdened.*
 - c) *Most of them are over 20 and upper and middle class*
2. 1/3 of those who are having abortions are going back for the 2nd, 3rd or 4th abortions
 - a) *It is not for the health of the mother*
 - b) *Abortion is a means of birth control for many*
 - c) *Many of these are women were involved in illicit sex*
3. Some of these are professional people
 - a) *Don't want their careers to be hindered by children*
 - b) *They don't want to be bothered with children*
4. Selfishness is the multi-million dollar abortion industry
 - a) *Abortion doctors are living lavishly because they are in the grizzly business of taking lives*
 - b) *Every brick in that home is a child's bones*
 - c) *And all the mortar in that home is child's blood*
 - d) *They are in the business of killing for hire*
 - e) *De 27:25 Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person....*
 - f) *The curse of God is on abortion*

III. IT IS A MATTER OF LOGIC

A. Many People Have Their Arguments for Abortion

1. "That's not a baby when it is in the mother's womb, life begins with breathing."
 - a) *The child has been breathing all along in it's mother*
 - b) *Breathing its mother's O₂ through the umbilical cord*
2. "Abortion may be necessary to save the mother's life."
 - a) *In a few instances this might be the case*
 - b) *She was here first.*
 - c) *Dr. Jerome LeJune, world famous geneticist said, "I would do everything I could do to save the life of the mother, but I would never attack / kill unborn child."*
3. "What about all those babies that are conceived out of rape and incest?" (This is just a smokescreen)
 - a) *1/10th of one percent of abortions are for this reason*
 - b) *Are we to play God? - Who are we to say that a baby conceived out of rape or incest should not live?*
 - c) *What if there was a one month old baby in a crib that was born from rape or incest, would you kill it?*
 - d) *What if there was a 1 yr old baby – would you kill it?*
 - e) *The child is a child regardless of the circumstances.*
 - f) *Should we kill the baby just because it was conceived in circumstances that we don't approve of?*
4. "If we know that the baby in the mother's womb is deformed, should we not put it to death?"
 - a) *Then should we put to death people who are defective?*
 - b) *Just how perfect do you have to be in order to live?*
 - c) *Where do we start when we start eliminating defective*
 - d) *Suppose the defect is not detected and a baby is born with the defect – do we kill it?*
 - e) *Start eliminating the unwanted, and where do we end?*
 - f) *Do we practice euthanasia – a person is old, no longer productive, consuming too many medical resources that other people might need – do we kill them?*
 - g) *Suppose a whole race is undesirable, do we just have some ethnic cleansing and get rid of a whole race?*

- h) Where does it end?*
5. "A woman's body is her own to do with it as she pleases."
- a) That is not true.*
 - b) She couldn't be a prostitute in most states.*
 - c) It is not legal for her to inject her veins with heroin.*
 - d) She has to wear a seatbelt while driving in a car.*
 - e) No, we realize that a woman's body is not always her own to do with it as she sees fit.*
 - f) We are not talking about her body, we are talking about a life living in her.*
 - (1) She is the host and the baby is just a guest in her body – wanted or unwanted.
 - (2) Suppose there is an unwanted guest in my house – do I have a right to murder the guest – "It is my house I can do with it what I want."
6. "I am personally against killing babies, but what someone does with their own body is none of my business."
- a) Suppose in the 1940s a politician stood up in Congress and said, "I am personally against Hitler killing the Jews but what someone does in their own country with their own gas chamber is his own business."*
 - b) Do you see the lack of logic*
7. "The baby is unwanted and would probably suffer child abuse so it needs to be aborted."
- a) That makes a lot of sense.*
 - b) We don't want the child to be abused so we kill it.*
 - c) If you don't want that baby there are plenty of people standing in line who would be glad to raise that child.*
8. "Those abortion laws are unfair to the poor. The rich can go out and get an abortion, but the poor will be condemned to back-alley abortions. It is discrimination."
- a) Does this mean that since it is easier for the rich to do wrong, that we ought to make it right for the poor to do wrong?*
 - b) Rich people have better access to heroin and cocaine – they can get it easier. Does that mean that we must*

supply heroin for the poor because the rich have better access to it.

B. What Must We Do?

1. Stay informed – that is why I am preaching this message
2. We need to work for and pray for a constitutional amendment making abortion on demand illegal
3. We need to teach and preach sexual morality
4. We need to have more compassion for an unwed mother – we often drive them into the arm of the friendly abortionist
5. We dare not be silent
6. We must pray for this nation
7. We must preach the glorious saving gospel of Jesus Christ
8. We are in a crisis and we dare not be silent.
 - a) *Write your senators*
 - b) *Write your congressmen*
 - c) *Write the president*

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