

Bible Verses Addressing Life, Abortion, and Abolition

The Word of God is our Ultimate Authority

Deuteronomy 6:5 – You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

2 Timothy 3:16 – All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

Hebrews 4:12 – For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Proverbs 1:7 – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 - ¹⁸ “And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, ²⁰ that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.

Proverbs 28:9 – If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination. – *God considers even our prayers an abomination when we turn away from the law*

The Divine Value of Human Life (in and out of the womb)

Genesis 1:27 - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. – *Image of God = Value of human life*

Leviticus 19:18 AND Matthew 22:39 – You shall love your neighbor as yourself – *Our individual and collective responsibility to love, value, and care for other human beings*

Psalms 139:13-16 - For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. – *Life in the womb*

Jeremiah 1:15 - Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations. – *Life in the womb*

Luke 1:39-44 - In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the **baby** leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the **mother** of my Lord should come to me? – *Life in the womb, referring to the fetus as a **baby** using the same Greek word, βρέφος (brephos) that is used when referring to baby Jesus in Luke 2:12*

Prohibition Against Murder (in and out of the womb)

Genesis 9:6 - Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. – *Universal prohibition of murder and establishment of consequences*

Exodus 20:13 - You shall not murder – *God's law prohibition of murder*

Exodus 21:22-25 - When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. – *Value of life in the womb, and equating the destruction of that life with murder (capital punishment)*

Leviticus 18:21 – You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 20:2-5 – ²“Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. ³I myself will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given one of his children to Molech, to make my sanctuary unclean and to profane my holy name. ⁴And if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to Molech, and do not put him to death, ⁵then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in whoring after Molech. – *Sacrificing children to idols is not only wrong, but so is turning a blind eye to it!*

Ezekiel 16:20-21 – And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you had born to me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your whorings so small a matter that you slaughtered my children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them?

How God Commands Us to Treat Other Humans

Matthew 7:12 – So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. – *This goes far beyond the teachings of Hillel the Elder (a contemporary of Jesus) who said, “Whatever is hateful to you do not do to your fellow. This is the whole Torah.”*

Matthew 25:40 - And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.” – *Extending value, love, and care of human beings to even the least of these (such as babies in the womb)*

Proverbs 24:10-12:

¹⁰If you faint in the day of adversity,
your strength is small.

¹¹Rescue those who are being taken away to death;
hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.

¹²If you say, “Behold, we did not know this,”
does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?

Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it,
and will he not repay man according to his work?

This passage guides us to protect those being taken to death (such as babies in the womb at the abortion centers)

Proverbs 31:8-9:

⁸ Open your mouth for the mute,
for the rights of all who are destitute.

⁹ Open your mouth, judge righteously,
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

This passage guides us to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves (such as the preborn) and for the poor and needy (including those who are needy in terms of protection)

Micah 6:6-8:

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ **He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?**

God desires justice, kindness, and humility, not showy, symbolic acts such as sacrifice.

2 Chronicles 7:14 - if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. – *Importance of repentance*

James 1:27 - Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. – *Attend to the needs of the fatherless*

Isaiah 1:11-17:

¹¹ “What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

12 “When you come to appear before me,
who has required of you
this trampling of my courts?
13 Bring no more vain offerings;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—
I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.
14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
15 When you spread out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
17 learn to do good;
seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause

Even prayer and sacrifice and an abomination to the Lord when we refuse to do what is right. He desires righteousness, justice, and correction of oppression against the fatherless and the widow.

Psalm 68:5 – Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

As image bearers we should seek to be fathers to the fatherless as God is the ultimate Father of the fatherless.

Do Not Compromise With Evil

Isaiah 10:1-4:

Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees,
and the writers who keep writing oppression,
²to turn aside the needy from justice
and to rob the poor of my people of their right,
that widows may be their spoil,
and that they may make the fatherless their prey!
³What will you do on the day of punishment,
in the ruin that will come from afar?
To whom will you flee for help,
and where will you leave your wealth?

⁴ Nothing remains but to crouch among the prisoners
or fall among the slain.

For all this his anger has not turned away,
and his hand is stretched out still.

God is opposed to unjust laws, and those who write/enact them

Proverbs 25:26 - Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain is a righteous man who gives way before the wicked. – *The righteous should not give way to/compromise with wickedness*

Genesis 19:4-11:

⁴ But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. ⁵ And they called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them.” ⁶ Lot went out to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, ⁷ and said, “I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. ⁸ Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof.” ⁹ But they said, “Stand back!” And they said, “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them.” Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. ¹⁰ But the men reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. ¹¹ And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

Lot attempts to compromise with evil by offering what he perceives to be a “lesser evil” (allowing his daughters to be raped by a mob) – The results are disastrous. The people turn on him for “judging” them for their desire to rape his houseguests, and they begin to attack him. God’s agents (the two angels) uncompromisingly oppose this evil and mercifully protect Lot by blinding his attackers. This theme of compromise vs. complete rejection of evil continues as Lot and his wife both express hesitancy to leave, and the angels uncompromisingly direct them that it is an all-or-nothing departure. Lot’s wife continues to “compromise” and winds up dead.

Exodus 10:7-11 (8th plague, locusts):

⁷ Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, “How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined?” ⁸ So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. And he said to them, “Go, serve the LORD your God. But which ones are to go?” ⁹ Moses said, “We will go with our young and our old. We will go with our sons and daughters and with our flocks and herds, for we must hold a feast to the LORD.” ¹⁰ But he said to them, “The LORD be with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go! Look, you have some evil purpose in mind. ¹¹ No! Go, the men among you, and serve the LORD, for that is what you are asking.” And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

Exodus 10:24-29 (9th plague, darkness):

²⁴ Then Pharaoh called Moses and said, “Go, serve the LORD; your little ones also may go with you; only let your flocks and your herds remain behind.” ²⁵ But Moses said, “You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. ²⁶ Our livestock also must go with us; not

a hoof shall be left behind, for we must take of them to serve the LORD our God, and we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there.”²⁷ But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.²⁸ Then Pharaoh said to him, “Get away from me; take care never to see my face again, for on the day you see my face you shall die.”²⁹ Moses said, “As you say! I will not see your face again.”

In both of the above passages Pharaoh offers to compromise, first by allowing the Hebrews to leave Egypt, but without their little ones, and then offering to let them all leave, but without their flocks. Moses, acting as God's agent, refuses both offers. He will accept nothing less than the complete abolition of Hebrew slavery in Egypt, complete with the just rights they should be afforded as free persons, such as the right to bring their children out of the land, and right to their own property such as animals. We never advocate for or accept anything less than the total abolition of abortion, including equal justice for the preborn.

Our Daily Response

2 Kings 22:11 – When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes.

Jonah 3:6-9 - The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

Jeremiah 29:7 - But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. – *Be engaged tangibly in the welfare of our community – Daniel and Esther are both great examples of those who lead out even politically while in Exile in a way that God used for great good*

James 4:17 - So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. – *Pray. Read God's word. Search your heart. What is the right thing to do for the preborn?*