

Pro-God Equals Pro-Life

Job 31:13-15

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Bob and Pam were missionaries in a very remote place. Parents of four children already, Pam became pregnant with the family's fifth child. Just prior to this pregnancy Pam took some rather high-powered antibiotics to fight off a life threatening infection caused by contaminated drinking water. Immediately, Pam became aware that the pregnancy was not normal. Doctors diagnosed her condition as placental abruption, which means that the placenta was detached from the uterine wall, thus depriving the fetus with needed oxygen and nutrients. The doctor's choice was simple—the baby would be still-born so have an abortion now. As persons of faith in Jesus Christ, Bob and Pam's choice was simple—abortion was not an option. Though described by Pam as "skinny" at birth, the child was fine. Thankfully, this similar story is told over and over again. Regrettably, the opposite of this story is told over and over again. In fact, it could be argued that the most dangerous place in America is in the Mother's womb.

Why this sermon this morning? Well, for starters, every generation is going to be faced with a new temptation to believe the lies of Satan. Though, in our midst this morning, I have no doubt that we are thoroughly convinced that abortion is a sin, we must continue to preach this truth to the next generation. The numbers tell us that we are losing the battle for the minds of our young people. (For example, we are told that there are 3300 babies aborted in America every day. That is a staggering number to me.

For our emphasis on the Sanctity of Human Life this morning, I have been drawn to an obscure text in the book of Job.

Text: ¹³ If I have dismissed the case of my male or female servants when they made a complaint against me,

¹⁴ what could I do when God stands up [to judge]?
How should I answer Him when He calls [me] to account?

¹⁵ Did not the One who made me in the womb also make them?
Did not the same God form us both in the womb?

Introduction: The context of this passage is the dialogues that Job has with friends about the reason for all of his misfortune. Job's friends keep insisting that he must have some great sin against the LORD. Job continues to maintain his innocence. The primary argument that Job makes in our text this morning is that he has given fair and honest treatment to all human life—even his slaves. He recognized that God was the maker of all. What does this have to do with the question of abortion? This passage points to two specific claims that have a great bearing on the question of abortion. Let me point them out to you.

God creates all life uniquely.

There are several aspects to this creation that we ought to notice and let them speak to this question of abortion today.

- **The Person Responsible for Creation**
The life of every person is God's idea. Biologically, we know that life requires a male and a female, but make no mistake, no life comes into being without God as the author of that life. Not only this, but we (humans) are made in the image of God. That is, we are the pinnacle of God's creation.
- **The Point that Life Begins**
Scientists and physicians may debate the point at which life begins, but theologically and Biblically, there is no debate. God knew us when we were yet unformed.
- **The Providence of God**
God not only knew us before we were born, He was already at work making us unique. There has never been another person like you. Every person ever conceived has a uniqueness given to them by the hand of God. When that life is snuffed out, that uniqueness is snuffed out.

If we are willing to accept these three Biblical truths, it is very difficult not to have strong pro-life views.

God cares for all human life equally.

Here is Job's point exactly.

There are many reasons that abortion is wrong. But ultimately, abortion is wrong because it is an assault on the person-forming work of *God* in the womb. This is God at work doing what he alone can do creating a person in his own image; and to attack this little person being completed by God is to attack God.

So I conclude that this issue of abortion – the taking of the life of the unborn – is a very important issue. It is not just a social issue, or a justice issue, or a woman's issue, or a children's issue, or a health issue; it is, beneath all those and more important than all those, a God issue. And therefore a big issue. (John Piper)

This is what I mean when we say to be Pro-God is to be Pro-Life. You cannot undo what God has done.

So What?

God calls those who fear Him to compassionately pursue a culture of life.

Let me give you two more passages of Scripture that help us to see this culture of life in action.

Exodus 1:15-22 ¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you help the Hebrew women give birth, observe them as they deliver. If the child is a son, kill him, but if it's a daughter, she may live." ¹⁷ The Hebrew midwives, however, feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt had told them; they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, "Why have you done this and let the boys live?"

¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before a midwife can get to them."

²⁰ So God was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very numerous. ²¹ Since the midwives feared God, He gave them families. ²² Pharaoh then commanded all his people: "You must throw every son born to the Hebrews into the Nile, but let every daughter live."

Proverbs 31:8 ⁸ Speak up for those who have no voice,
for the justice of all who are dispossessed.

To promote culture of life, we must have courage, conviction, and compassion.

So What? Part 2

What Can We Do?

- Pray
- Participate in Pro-Life Efforts
- Practice what you preach
- Provide real solutions to those who are in crisis

What about Bob and Pam's baby boy—the pregnancy the doctors said to terminate? That little skinny boy grew up. He is now 22 years old, 6'3" and weighs 235 pounds. His family calls him Timmy. (Note to Media: Show Picture now!) You know him as Tim Tebow—LSU's nemesis for the last four years, quarterback of the Florida Gators, Heisman Trophy Winner, among the greatest College football players ever to play the game.