

RESCUE THE WEAK AND THE NEEDY: Psalm 82

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- **Q. What is abortion? A.** Abortion is the unjust killing of a human being made in the image of God while still in the womb. Abortion is murder. Abortion is child-sacrifice.
- **Concerning abortion, R.C. Sproul wrote,** “From my perspective the number one ethical issue that this nation has ever faced is the issue of abortion. Abortion is not a matter of private choice—not for the Christian who understands anything about the sanctity of life. The first century church made it very clear in their day, explicitly stating that abortion is murder.
I’ve written over 70 books. The book that had the shortest shelf life of all of my books was my book on the case against abortion. I talked to pastor after pastor and sought to understand why they weren’t using this material (for which we also made a video series). They told me, “Well, we agree with it but we can’t do it in our church.” And I said, “Why?” They responded: “It will split the congregation.” And I said, “So be it!” A million and a half unborn babies are slaughtered wantonly in the United States of America every year in the name of women’s rights. If I know anything about the character of God after forty years of study, I know that God hates abortion.”

I. THE LORD MAKES THE MARCHING ORDERS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FOR GOVERNING AUTHORITIES (v.1)

- **Romans 13:1-2** “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.”
- Jesus does not say please. He makes commands. We must decide: will we listen to the whispers of the serpent “Did God really say?” or stand firm on “Thus says the LORD”?

II. THE LORD CONDEMNS THOSE WHO SHOW PARTIALITY TO THE WICKED (v.2, 5-7)

- **Sadly, the Pro-Life Establishment’s position is to keep showing partiality to the wicked. Founder of And Then There Were None, Abby Johnson, told LifeSiteNews in October 2014:**

As pro-lifers, we must preach mercy, not condemnation. We believe that abortion is the ultimate violence against women and their unborn children...If abortion were to become illegal, I would not support punishment for women who abort...Most women seeking abortions state that they felt forced or coerced into their decision. I would not support a system that punishes those who are already victimized.²³

- **When asked if he thought a woman who has an abortion should be put on trial, BEN SHAPIRO said,** “No, I think the abortionist should be put on trial.”
- **They say the woman who had the abortion is the second victim.** They have taken the exception to the rule and made it the rule. The vast majority of women who murder their babies are not at all victims—they are the victimizers. What about the CHILDREN?!?!
- **The LORD speaks numerous times in His written word concerning** “Just balances and scales.” Proverbs 11:1-3, 16:8-12, 17:15, 18:5, 20:10, 24:23-26
- **Something interesting is what the President of the United States said in a town hall meeting in 2016:** when asked if he thought that woman who have abortions should be prosecuted, he answered “yes.” Why? Because when someone murders someone else, they need to be brought into due process of the judicial system.
- But—the *Pro-Life Establishment’s argument goes*—people have been *indoctrinated* and do not know it’s a baby—they think it’s a clump of cells. The problem with that is that it’s a lie. No other laws reflect this.

CR CALI, in his book *The Doctrine of Balaam*, writes,

abortive mother as the second victim.) According to them, there is only one particular class of people that have been completely indoctrinated by the propaganda of the culture of death: mothers who kill their own preborn children.

If a man kills a pregnant woman under these laws, he will be charged with two counts of homicide. If a woman kills a pregnant woman under these laws, she will be charged with two counts of homicide. If a pregnant woman kills another pregnant woman under these laws, she will be charged with two counts of homicide. It is only when a pregnant woman kills her own preborn child that she is exempt from homicide prosecution. *Every person in these examples has been indoctrinated by the same propaganda from our culture of death.* The Mens Rea has been met for the prosecution of criminal homicide in each case. The secular Pro-Life establishment, inconsistent with the laws they write and promote, asserts that the only indoctrinated class of people are women that kill their own preborn children.

- **In his commentary on Psalm 82, William S. Plumer says, “Let all, who hold authority in families, in schools, and in civil governments, remember that to God nothing is more offensive, or to man more injurious, or to themselves more disgraceful than partiality.”**

III. THE LORD’S MARCHING ORDERS ARE FOR GOVERNING AUTHORITIES & INDIVIDUALS TO GIVE JUSTICE TO THE WEAK (v.3-4)

- **Romans 13:3-4** “For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.”
- **We must not make peace with child-sacrifice.**
- **We must not make peace with simply regulating the slaughter of babies.**
- **Anything short of us calling for the ABOLISHMENT OF ABORTION is to give approval to those who murder (Romans 1).**

IV. THE LORD WILL JUDGE ALL BECAUSE HE OWNS ALL (v.8)

- **Leviticus 20:3-5** “I 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. And 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, then 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.”
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- **Proverbs 24:11-13** “Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. If 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? My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste.”
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