

Answering the Top 10 Reasons that Abortion Should Be Legal: Part 2

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Prelude:

- I. 1st Reason: “My Body, My Choice” – Women have the right to choose what to do with their body.**
- II. 2nd Reason: Personhood begins when a fetus is viable.**
- III. 3rd Reason: Abortion supports the right to life.**
- IV. 4th Reason: The right to abortion is critical to gender equality.**
- V. 5th Reason: Banning abortion risks illegal abortions.**
 - A. If you were not present two weeks ago,
 - B. you probably want to know what I said, but
 1. I can’t take the time here to deal with those again.
 2. I can provide you with either my notes or audio recording.

Persuasion:

- I. 6th Reason: Modern medicine makes abortion less of a risk.**
 - A. My question is: For the baby or for the mother?
 - B. I’m glad that they did not say that modern medicine makes it risk free.
 1. There are still dangers to the woman or girl, and
 2. what happens to the baby has not changed.
 - a) I will show you later how abortions are performed, but
 - b) you do not even have to know how they are performed, because
 - (1) think about it.
 - (2) The abortionist has to do something
 - (a) to get that baby out of the mother’s womb.
 - (b) What would you do to get it out?

i) It is not a pretty picture.

C. Truly, what happens to the baby during an abortion is horrendous.

1. What abortionists do to unborn babies,
2. we would never allow for any animal.

D. The fact is, abortion butchers

1. an unborn human baby because
2. it will disrupt the life of the mother.
 - a) Modern medicine does not change the fact
 - b) that an abortion is killing what is growing inside of the woman.

E. Abortion take the life of an innocent human being, and

1. the God of heaven has something to say
2. about the shedding of innocent blood.
 - a) Psalm 106 explains
 - b) that Israel did not obey God's to rid the land of the Canaanites.
 - (1) Therefore, they started learning the ways of the Canaanites,
 - (2) which included the shedding of innocent blood and
 - (a) the children of Israel suffered badly for it.
 - (b) Think about our nation as I read this text:

**34 They did not destroy the peoples,
Concerning whom the LORD had commanded them,
35 But they mingled with the Gentiles
And learned their works;
36 They served their idols,
Which became a snare to them.
37 They even sacrificed their sons
And their daughters to demons,
38 And shed innocent blood,
The blood of their sons and daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan;
And the land was polluted with blood.**

**39 Thus they were defiled by their own works,
And played the harlot by their own deeds.
40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against
His people,
So that He abhorred His own inheritance.
41 And He gave them into the hand of the Gentiles,
And those who hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were brought into subjection under their hand.
43 Many times He delivered them;
But they rebelled in their counsel,
And were brought low for their iniquity.**

– Psalm 106.34–43

- i) We have gotten away from our God as a nation and
- ii) we have embraced the thinking of the world,
 - (1) leading to eliminate our children
 - (2) when we do not want them,
 - (a) Therefore, we have displeased God and
 - (b) our nation suffers for it.

II. 7th Reason: Abortion gives women the option to minimize their child's suffering.

A. What they mean by that is that something might be wrong with the baby:

“Circumstantially, not every pregnancy is a bed of roses. Many have complications; some fetuses have severe disorders that can cause the child to live a very difficult and painful life.”

- 1. So, just kill it?
- 2. Is that what the land of the free and the home of the brave has become?

B. Why are children born with “difficulties,” as they term it?

- 1. Never forget what sin on earth has done to the earth.
 - a) God created the earth and human life perfect in the beginning.

- b) However, through our sin we have corrupted the natural order.
 - (1) That shows up in birth defects and other things.
 - (2) Abortion, rather than fixing the problem,
 - (a) only adds to the problem,
 - (b) just as we see happening today.
- 2. Atheists use pain and suffering to claim there is no God, because
 - a) if he is all powerful and
 - b) if he is all loving,
 - (1) they conclude that he would remove all suffering.
 - (2) Truly, God is compassionate, for
 - (a) if he had not been,
 - (b) he would have obliterated Adam and Eve.
 - i) Instead, he gave them a chance and
 - ii) he gives us all a chance after we have sinned.
 - c) However, the consequences of man's sin remains.
- C. Destroying what grows in the body of a woman
 - 1. does not fix her situation:
 - 6 With what shall I come before the LORD,
And bow myself before the High God?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
With calves a year old?**
 - 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
Ten thousand 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 shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?**

– **Micah 6.6–8**

2. If a woman conceives because

a) she engaged in activity reserved for marriage,

(1) when she was not married,

b) she does not rid herself of her sin, and

(1) if the man or young man encourages her to abort,

(2) he is not avoiding what he thinks is a problem, because

(a) there is something undesirable about the baby.

(b) I cannot sacrifice my baby for my sin.

3. What the Lord says

a) if we have a child with something wrong,

b) is to do

(1) what is just,

(2) what shows mercy, and

(3) to humble ourselves before the God of heaven.

D. Therefore, we should see children with “difficulties,” as opportunities

1. to glorify God,

2. to show love,

3. to think of others rather than self.

a) In John 9, Jesus showed what his thoughts

b) about a person born with “difficulties.”

(1) His disciples saw a man whom they knew had been born blind.

(2) Therefore, they wanted to know what he thought

(a) on why this man had been born blind.

(b) They wanted to know

- i) if he had sinned or
 - ii) if his parents had sinned.
- c) However, listen to Jesus:

3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him."

– John 9.3

4. A child with difficulties is not something
- a) to bring shame or embarrassment or inconvenience.
 - b) That child represents a life
 - (1) that can glorify God,
 - (2) that can show the work of God,
 - (3) that gives us an opportunity to show love.
 - (a) We know love
 - (b) when we can love the difficult.

III. 8th Reason: Completely enforcing anti-abortion laws is impossible.

A. Is that not true of all laws?

- 1. Why not apply the same logic to other activity.
- 2. Some men are going to rape,
 - a) regardless of the laws against it, and
 - b) regardless of the punishment we impose on them.
 - (1) Truly, we have laws against rape and
 - (2) we punish rape (not severe enough in my opinion).
 - (a) What shall we do about it?
 - (b) Shall we erase those laws since it will happen anyway?
 - i) You know that if we do that,

ii) rape shall increase dramatically.

(1) My proof of that is all the cities

(2) that have defunded police and softened punishment.

(a) What is happening.

(b) Crime is skyrocketing.

(c) Remember:

11 Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

– Ecclesiastes 8.11

B. The truth is laws do keep many people from doing evil things.

1. I know that may depend on the activity, for example,

2. 99% of people do not obey the speed limit laws,

a) even at these super high gas prices, but

b) I think that is because they get away with it.

C. Even the Scriptures teach

1. that we have to have laws:

8 But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, 9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, 11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

– 1 Timothy 1.8–11

2. Does that not make sense?

IV. 9th Reason: Abortion is humane.

A. Do you know how they perform abortions?

1. What do they do to get a baby out of the mother?
2. I asked you earlier how you would get the baby out.

B. Well, I present to you the methods of abortion:

1. 1st Trimester: Vacuum Aspiration (Suction Abortion) (WebMD.com)
 - a) The hose end has a sharp cutting edge.
 - b) The abortionist sucks the baby out tearing it in pieces.
2. 2nd Trimester: Dilation and Evacuation (WebMD.com)

“The main difference is that in addition to using a vacuum suction in your uterus, they’ll also use forceps and other medical tools, including one called a curette to scrape the inside of your uterus.”

“Your doctor may use ultrasound to guide them, and will likely use a suction or vacuum to make sure everything is cleared out.”

3. 3rd Trimester: Dilation and Extraction (lozierinstitute.org)

“...involves crushing, dismemberment and removal of a fetal body from a woman’s uterus, mere weeks before, or even after, the fetus reaches a developmental age of potential viability outside the mother.”

“In some cases, especially when the fetus is past the stage of viability, the abortion may involve administration of a lethal injection into the fetal heart *in utero* to ensure that the fetus is not pulled out alive or with the ability to survive.”

- (1) If it is born alive,
 - (2) which does happen from time to time,
 - (a) the abortionist will kill it or
 - (b) sometimes a nurse will rescue the baby.

C. Does any of that sound humane?

1. Is there a humane way to kill your grandmother?
2. Is this the way that the “broad stripes and bright stars,” now thinks?
 - a) May the church of our Lord Jesus Christ

V. 10th Reason: Abortion is not a question of morality it is a question of providing options to prevent and mitigate risks in certain circumstances.

A. Abortion touches upon several issues:

1. It is a religious question:
 - a) because man is made in the image of God.
2. It is a political question:
 - a) because it's a law.
3. It is a civil rights question:
 - a) because even some atheists and secularists discuss whether its murder.
4. It is a military question:
 - a) because who will fill the ranks?
5. It is a social security question:
 - a) because who will support the older?
6. It is a tax question:
 - a) because there are fewer taxpayers.
7. It is an employment question:
 - a) because many occupations deal exclusively with children.
8. It is an economic question:
 - a) because billions are being made.

B. Above all, abortion is an issue that matters to God.

1. He created us.
2. Everything that happens on earth is his concern.
3. Can I look at my Creator at the Judgment

- a) after having had an abortion, or
- b) after performing an abortion, or
- c) after encouraging a woman to have an abortion, or
- d) after having justified abortion?

(1) The Scriptures teach that we shall give an account to God:

Ecclesiastes 12.14

**For God will bring every work into judgment,
Including every secret thing,
Whether good or evil.**

Romans 14.12

So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Hebrews 4.13

**And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are
naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give ac-
count.**

2 Corinthians 5.10

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that
each one may receive the things done in the body, according to
what he has done, whether good or bad.**

(2) Think on these things because they will come up at the Judgment.

Exhortation:

I. The world wants

- A. abortion from the moment of conception
- B. right up to the moment of birth,
 - 1. even allowing partial-birth abortion.
 - 2. You do not hear much about partial-birth abortion because
 - a) Congress in 2005 outlawed it, but
 - b) that does not mean the pro-abortion forces do not want it.

- (1) If you are not sure what it is,
- (2) just think on the name.
 - (a) They pull the baby out by the feet, but
 - (b) stop at getting the head out.
 - i) Then something is inserted into the base of the brain
 - ii) at the back of the brain and its life is taken.

II. For most young women,

- A. I know that if you are with child,
- B. your situation and your decision
 1. cause you great trauma.
 2. The God of heaven knows what you are experiencing.
 - a) He cherishes you and
 - b) he cherishes the baby growing inside of you.
 - (1) He will be with you as you struggle through this life, and
 - (2) especially as you struggle with a child
 - (a) that you had not anticipated conceiving.
 - (b) Love that child as God loves that child.

III. If you have had an abortion,

- A. God again knows of the turmoil
- B. that has torn your heart apart.
 1. Think of what he went through
 2. when men brutalized his son and then crucified him.
 - a) He allowed that to happen.
 - b) He sent Jesus that it might happen.
 - (1) He knows how we have hurt ourselves with our sin.
 - (2) He knows the reckoning

(a) that is coming for our sins.

(b) But he does not want that for you.

IV. He desires to forgive you, but

A. he also wants you to give him your heart and your life.

B. Are you ready to do that today?