

"The Sanctity of Human Life"

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Let me read something from the news this past week that is a complete disgrace.

"New York state has enacted strong new legal protections for abortion rights. The new law, signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo on Tuesday, safeguards rights laid out in Roe v. Wade and other court rulings, including a provision permitting late-term abortions when a woman's health is endangered, [The Associated Press reports](#). The state's previous law, which had been on the books for nearly 50 years, only permitted abortions after 24 weeks of pregnancy if a woman's life was at risk.

Governor Cuomo celebrated the passing of the bill in the Democrat-led Senate and Assembly on Tuesday, which happened to be the 46th anniversary of the Roe decision. "In the face of a federal government intent on rolling back Roe v. Wade and women's reproductive rights, I promised that we would enact this critical legislation within the first 30 days of the new session — and we got it done," Cuomo said in a [statement](#). He directed state landmarks like the spire of One World Trade Center to be lit up in pink to "shine a bright light forward for the rest of the nation to follow."

"We're saying here in New York, women's lives matter. We're saying here in New York, women's decisions matter," Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said.

Sarah Weddington, the Texas attorney who successfully argued Roe before Supreme Court, was at Cuomo's side when he signed the Reproductive Health Act into law.

"Thank you for what you've done for women," Weddington told the governor, lawmakers and advocates."

Tuesday was the 46th anniversary of Roe vs Wade. Now you may not understand much about Roe vs Wade so let me simplify the entire matter and explain what it was all about.

Supreme Court decision

The Supreme Court made a decision on January 22, 1973, with a 7-to-2 majority vote in favor of Roe. The Court deemed abortion a [fundamental right](#) under the [United States Constitution](#).

That was 46 years ago and in those 46 years about 60 million unborn babies have been killed.

That is an average of 1.4 million babies a year being killed just in the USA.

When the Supreme Court made their decision back in 1973 everyone thought the fight was over and those in favor of life would eventually get tired and go away but the opposite has happened. It has turned into a political hot button topic.

But please let me be very clear about something and that is abortion is not a political issue it is a moral issue.

Now before I go any deeper in this sermon there is something I need to say. I do not know all of you and your past and with a crowd this size there may be someone here that has had an abortion. I am not here to make you feel bad nor am I here to pile guilt upon you this morning. I want you to know that God's grace is far greater than any sin you have ever committed. He will forgive you of every sin if you will accept His Son as your Savior.

The purpose of this message today is twofold:

- a. To help you to understand that unborn babies are people.
- b. To equip you to answer those who support abortion.

Let me ask you a couple of questions:

1. What would you say to someone who believed it is the woman's right to terminate the life of her baby?
2. What if someone ask you when life begins, what would you say?
3. Can you defend your stand with the Word of God?

I. **When Does Life Begin?**

There are no verses that directly name a specific time when life begins but there are verses where we can clearly see that while a baby is developing they are seen as a human life in God's eyes.

I want you to also notice that every baby is formed by God. These verses are clear that the mom is not sovereign over the life of the baby but it is God Who is sovereign over every baby that is conceived.

Psalm 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 unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.*

Psalm 22:9-10

⁹ *But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.*

¹⁰ *I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.*

Isaiah 44:2

² *Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.*

Isaiah 44:24

²⁴ *Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;*

Job 31:15

¹⁵ *Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?*

These verses make it clear that in God's eyes the baby in the womb from the point of conception is a living human being.

Let me show you some statements from doctors.

"To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place a new human has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion ... it is plain experimental evidence." The "Father of Modern Genetics" Dr. Jerome Lejeune,

"By all the criteria of modern molecular biology, life is present from the moment of conception." Dr. Hymie Gordon, Chairman, Department of Genetics at the Mayo Clinic.

II. The Old Testament and the Unborn.

Exodus 21:22-25

²² If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.

²³ And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

²⁴ Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

²⁵ Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

Here are some very interesting verses. First of all the pregnant woman in this setting is said to be with "child" therefore we can conclude that the unborn fetus is a baby. But there is much more here.

If someone strives with her and she delivers the baby early and the baby and her both live then the man is to be fined as the judges would determine.

But if "mischief" follows meaning that the child dies, or the mom dies then it is to be life for life.

Now I want you to listen very closely to what I am about to say.

Unintentional life-taking was not a capital offense.

Exodus 21:12-13

¹² He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

¹³ And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver him into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.

But when it came to the life of the unborn then unintentional life taking was considered a capital offense and was punished by death.

That alone tells us that that God sees the unborn as living human beings.

III. **The Consequences of Abortion.**

A. **The Woman**

Psychological complications

"A "pro-choice" research team in New Zealand, analyzing data from a 25-year period and controlling for multiple factors both pre- and post-abortion, found conclusively that abortion in young women is associated with increased risks of major depression, anxiety disorder, suicidal behaviors, and substance dependence. This is the most comprehensive, long-term study ever conducted on the issue."

B. **The Nation**

Notice Jeremiah 1:4-5

⁴ *Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,*

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.*

When God spoke to Jeremiah here in these verses He told him that before Jeremiah was born God had a plan for his life. God had ordained him to be a prophet unto the nations. Jeremiah would be sent to warn the people of God's judgment that would come through the Babylonians. Jeremiah's mission was so important that we are still learning from it today. There have been millions of people that have been encouraged through his message.

Jeremiah also wrote Lamentations which contains some verses that have comforted many people.

Lamentations 3:22-23

²² *It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.*

²³ *They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.*

Application:

God not only had a plan for Jeremiah's life but also yours and mine. I am a Pastor because that was God's plan for me. In the same way God has a plan for you and it will be through your life that people will be encouraged or comforted if you live in His will.

Now that is not only true for you and me, but it was also true for the 60 million that were killed by abortion over the past 46 years.

That makes me wonder about something:

1. How many Pastors were killed?
2. How many doctors were killed?
3. How many missionaries were killed?
4. How many Presidents were killed?
5. How many people who would have touched your life were killed?
6. How many scientists were killed that may have contributed to the cure for cancer?
7. How many people are we missing that could have made a great difference in this world?

Within those questions lie the consequences of aborting 60 million babies.

There is yet another consequence for a nation and that is judgment!

Matthew 18:5-7

⁵ And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

⁶ But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

God will not ignore the slaughter of the unborn in the USA. There will be judgment for this nation because of all the babies that have been killed. Man was created in the image of God.

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Let us not forget that man has been created in the "image of God" and any attack against human life is an attack against God!

Conclusion:

Listen to the words of one writer:

"According to Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary, a person is "a human being." Attempts to render an entire class of human beings as "non-persons" based upon arbitrary qualities such as age and place of residence in order to discriminate against them is immoral and unjust. History is full of infamous examples of governments legalizing the discrimination of an entire class of human beings by rendering them "non-persons." Jews were rendered "sub-humans" in Germany in the 1940's and colonial slaveowners bought and sold Africans as "property." As a matter of fact, the Supreme Court in 1857 ruled that Dred Scott, a black slave, was not a "person" with rights but the "property" of his master. Was the Court wrong then? Of course! The Supreme Court of 1973 that legalized abortion nationwide with its Roe v. Wade decision was just as immoral and unjust. They dehumanized an entire class of human beings in order to legitimize wholesale discrimination against them. Abortion may go down in history as the greatest human rights abuse of all time. As our nation's founding documents make clear, the right to life is God-given and inalienable. The right to live cannot be legitimately usurped by men. No man, no government has the right to deprive one of life or liberty without a trial by jury, regardless of skin color, age, stage of development, level of dependence upon others for survival, or place of residence."

How far has our nation sunk into spiritual darkness?

On May 13, 2013, Kermit Gosnell was convicted and now serving three life sentences in prison. He was guilty of first degree murder in the deaths of three infants. He was also convicted of 21 felony counts of illegal late-term abortion, and over 200 counts of violating the 24-hour informed consent law. Yet it is estimated that he murdered thousands of unborn babies over the course of several decades while government officials looked the other way.