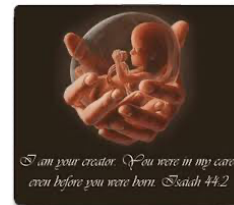


What God's Word Says About the Unborn

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The Bible shows that both **an embryo and a fetus** are precious to God. How do they differ? “An embryo is the early stage of human development in which organs and critical body structures are formed. An embryo is termed a fetus beginning in the 11th week of pregnancy, which is the 9th week of development after fertilization of the egg.” (1) Let’s see what the Bible says about both.

1. Human Life Begins at Conception. At that moment, God Calls these Embryos “Children.” - God knows at the moment of conception, that an embryo has been conceived and what gender it is. “May the day perish on which I was born, And the night *in which* it was said, ‘A male child is conceived.’” (Job 3:3)

2. Embryos/Fetuses are Formed and Called by God.

a. God forms an embryo/fetus in the womb and He knows its name. - “The Lord has called me from the womb; From the matrix of my mother He has made mention of my name. (Isaiah 49:1)

b. God knows an embryo/fetus before He forms it and gives it its purpose for living before birth. - “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you...” (Jeremiah 1:5) Everyone’s purpose is unique and important, yours and the baby’s!

3. A Fetus Responds to God & Feels Emotion, An Embryo is Blessed by God.

a. A six-month fetus responds w/joy, a few-weeks old embryo is “blessed.” - “Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren...And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed *are* you among women, and **blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!** But why *is* this *granted* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, **the babe leaped in my womb for joy.**” (Luke 1:36, 41-44)

b. An embryo/fetus was filled with the Holy Spirit even before birth. - “For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.” (Luke 1:15)

4. God Calls for Punishment of Those Who Hurt the Unborn Child or Its Mother

a. If anyone caused a woman to go into labor prematurely, yet the fetus and mother were not harmed, the husband could bring the perpetrator to court and he had to pay whatever the judge imposed on him. - “If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished as the judges *determine.*” (Exodus 21:22)

b. If either the baby or its mother was injured or died, God required that the perpetrator was to suffer the same consequences as did the victim(s). - “But if *any* harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.” (Exodus 21:23-25)

5. God Has Made Those of Us with Disabilities - “So the Lord said to him, ‘Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord?’” (Exodus 4:11) Those of us with disabilities are special to God also.

6. God is Concerned and Watches What is Done Delivery Rooms.

a. When the Bible was written, God’s people were not aborting babies, but some were killed right after birth. God deals with those who kill or save the lives of babies in the delivery rooms. Pharaoh commanded two Hebrew slaves, - “ ‘When you do the duties of a



midwife for the Hebrew women, and see *them* on the birth stools, if it *is* a son, then you shall kill him; but if it *is* a daughter, then she shall live.’ But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive... Therefore God dealt well with the midwives,” - (Exodus 1:16-17, 20)

7. Here are Additional Facts about God's Design of an Embryo and Fetus. - “The heart of an embryo starts to beat from around 5–6 weeks of pregnancy.”(2) “The published scientific literature shows that unborn babies can experience pain at 20 weeks gestational age (20 wks. since Last Menstrual Period, the fetal age estimate used by most obstetricians) or earlier.”(3)

8. What Does God Say About You? - “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine... Everyone who is called by My name, **Whom I have created for My glory;**” (Isaiah 43:1, 7)

9. For Those Considering Abortion - Get all the information you need before you make your decision. “Not every woman’s going to regret her abortion or have mental health problems, but there’s an increased risk, Coleman said. And so that’s something women have a right to know about prior to undergoing the procedure.” (4) You may contact a Pregnancy Resource Center. They can explain alternatives and provide the support you need. (5)

10. For Those Who've Already Had Abortions - “More than 85% of women reported negative reactions to their abortions including sorrow, sadness, guilt, regret, grief and disappointment, according to the study.”... “some are at a higher risk of suicide.” (4)

a) God will forgive us if we come to Him, confess our sins, and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from **all unrighteousness.**” (1 John 1:9)

b) Contact our church and a post-abortive recovery resource for the support you need to help you recover. (6)



11. Do you want a new life and to turn to God? You can pray to Him now. **A suggested prayer** . . . “Dear Jesus, forgive me for all my sins and cleanse me from all my sinful ways. I repent from trying to live my life my way and ask You to be my Lord. Help me make the right decisions. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Right now, Jesus, I receive You as my personal Lord and Savior. I want to have a new vibrant relationship with You. AMEN!” Name _____ Date _____

Now that you have received Jesus, spend time with Him. Start talking (praying) to Him. Read His book, the Bible, where He reveals Himself even more clearly. Daily, ask Him to become involved in your life and request His advice, direction, even correction. Obey Him when He reveals His will to you. Spend time with others who love God too. Go to a good church where you feel God’s presence, they preach the Bible, and you can fellowship with other believers. **Contact us, we want to help. GOD BLESS YOU!**

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