

ABORTION

- I. There are no direct statements about physical abortion within the Bible.
 - A. The "argument of silence" and Biblical interpretation.
 - B. Developing a Biblical mind-set - Phil. 4:8
- II. Scriptures to be considered for determining personal opinion:
 - A. Scriptures about God's effecting conception:
 - Gen. 29:31 - "the Lord opened her (Leah's) womb"
 - Gen. 30:22 - "God opened her (Rachel's) womb"
 - Judges 13:3-5 - "committed to God from the womb"
 - Ruth 4:13 - "the Lord gave her conception"
 - Luke 1:15 - "filled with Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb"
 - B. Scriptures about God's involvement in forming unborn:
 - Job 10:8-12 - "God knit me together with bones and sinews and granted me life"
 - Psalms 127:3 - "the fruit of the womb is a reward"
 - Psalms 139:13-16 - "God weaved me in my mother's womb"
 - Eccles. 11:5 - "bones are formed in the womb of the pregnant woman?"
 - Isa. 49:1,5 - "the Lord called Me from the womb...formed Me from the womb"
 - Jere. 1:5 - "before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I consecrated you"
 - Luke 1:15 - "filled with Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb"
 - Luke 1:39-44 - "the baby leaped in my womb for joy"
 - Gal. 1:15 - "set me apart from my mother's womb, and called me through grace"
 - C. Scriptures to consider about alleged "sacredness" or "sanctity" of human life:
 - Gen. 1:26,27 - "God said, 'Let us make man in our image...'"
 - Psalms 8:3-8 - "God made man a little lower than God"
 - D. Scriptures about sacrifice of children:
 - Lev. 20:1-5 - "if give offspring to Molech, shall be put to death"
 - Deut. 18:10,12 - "there shall not make son or daughter pass through the fire"
 - Psalms 106:37-40 - "sacrificed son and daughters to demons...anger of Lord was kindled"
 - Ezek. 23:36-46 - "abominations...slaughtered children for their idols"
 - E. Scriptures about miscarriage:
 - Exod. 21:22-25 - "cause miscarriage...shall be fined; cause injury...life for life"
(Some take as premature birth, and "injury" referring to mother or child.)
 - Job 3:16 - "miscarriage which is discarded"
 - F. Scriptures to consider if abortion is murder:
 - Gen. 9:6 - "whoever shed's man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed"
 - Exod. 20:13 - "you shall not murder"
 - Exod. 23:7 - "do not kill the innocent or the righteous"
 - Prov. 6:17 - "God hates hands that kill innocent blood"
 - Amos 1:13,14 - "God punished those who ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead"
 - I Peter 4:15 - "do not let any of you suffer as a murderer"
 - G. Scriptures used to justify civil disobedience
 - Psalms 82:2-4 - "rescue the weak and needy"
 - Prov. 24:11,12 - "deliver those who are being taken away to death"
 - Prov. 31:8,9 - "open your mouth for the dumb, for the rights of the unfortunate"
 - H. Scriptures to consider about conflict and civil disobedience:
 - Eph. 6:12 - "our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers,

powers..."

II Tim. 2:23-26 - "refuse speculations that produce quarrels..."

I Peter 2:12 - "keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles"

I Peter 3:8,9, - "let all be harmonious...not returning evil for evil"

I Peter 3:15 - "sanctify Christ as Lord..ready to make defense...with gentleness and reverence"

III. Some questions to consider:

- A. Is the action of abortion intrinsically right or wrong, good or bad?
- B. Is killing or murder intrinsically right or wrong, good or bad?
- C. Did God ever direct His people to kill and murder?
 - Joshua 8:24,25 - "killed the inhabitants of Ai...12,000"
 - Eccl. 3:3 - "time to kill"
- D. Is abortion murder?
- E. Is it possible to "abort" the expression of the life of Christ in conflict?
 - Gal. 4:19 - "I am in labor until Christ is formed in you"