

## PREGNANCY: Biblical Teachings Pertinent to Abortion

Supplement Handout

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- Imago Dei: Genesis 1:26-27 "Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."
  - Human beings are distinct in all creation, bearing the image of God in a way that no other creature does. This forms the Christian basis for the sanctity of human life and undergirds later biblical prohibitions against the taking of innocent life. Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind."
- Verses referencing God knowing, forming, and making plans for those not yet born.
  - O Psalms 139:13-16 NIV "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."
  - Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."
  - The words of David about the Lord forming him in his mother's womb and can be assumed to apply to each human being, and since God set Jeremiah apart and appointed him before his birth, we must assume the Lord may do the same with others. Since God forms us and ordains our days, it is wrong for another human being to destroy that form and cut those days short.
  - Other verses to consider: Galatians 1:15; Psalm 22:9; Isaiah 44:2, 44:24, 49:1, 49:5; Job 10:8-12, 31:15
- John the Baptist: In Luke 1:15b an angel tells Zechariah that his son, John the Baptist, "...will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born." When Mary (carrying the unborn baby Jesus) visited Elizabeth (carrying the unborn baby John the Baptist), an unborn baby became one of the first people to acknowledge the arrival of God in the flesh. Luke 1: 41-44 "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy."
  - Since an unborn baby can be filled with the Holy Spirit and acknowledge our Savior with a leap, we must value and protect other unborn babies.