

## Exodus 23:19 - Goats and a Godly view of Life

Intro – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in January is set aside as a Sanctity of Life Sunday coinciding with the devilish decision of SCOTUS that legislated the immorality of killing children in the womb. SCOTUS ruled those human children were not persons, not protected, only potential life and meaningless unless mom...

The purpose of today's message is not just to call attention to this atrocity but to impress upon us a Biblical view of these matters and that holding such a view is not a choice for the Christian. Also- with MLK day tomorrow- abortion is a civil rights issue (inalienable right of life) because once this evil was unleashed in our land it has disproportionately effected minority communities. Minority babies are the majority killed in USA and this is by design. Promoters of abortion have an insatiable appetite for killing babies with black skin. The Pro-death politicians say they have your back while targeting your babies.

### The Mystery and Miracle of Life

- Life is an amazing and mysterious thing. We still do not know what it is-cannot explain it
  - Nat. Geo - "There is no agreed scientific definition of life, though not for want of trying... 123 published definitions..." [organized cells, growth, reproduction, adaptation]
  - Science can recognize life, try to define life but it cannot explain life- Miracle of Life
- Aristotle gave 3 categories of life - plant, animal and human (corresponds with creation account)
  - Not to be wanton destruction of life. Steward, cultivate, considerate, respect of life
- Plant Life - seed bearing plants (grass, herbs and trees) created on 3<sup>rd</sup> day-
  - Plant life to be tended/cultivated (seeds are amazing receptacles of life)
  - Deut. 20:19 trees were not to be indiscriminately destroyed
  - Ex. 23:10-11 - Sabbath year rest for ground/plants (dust bowl)
- Animal Life fascinating, varying, waters teeming...to be considerate with animal life
  - Ex. 23:12 - Sabbath law applies to animals Deut. 25:4 – don't muzzle an ox...
  - Deut. 22:4 - helping a donkey or ox (even an enemies animal to be helped – Ex. 23:5)
  - Deut. 22:6-7 – bird and its young - good animal husbandry, kindness, long life in land
  - Ex. 23:19 - 3 times in scripture this command about a goat is given
  - It would be cruel and inhumane to cook a young goat in its mother's milk (Chewbacca)
    - Life is to be respected and motherhood is to be venerated (even in a goat/bird)
- If God is concerned about how we treat lower life forms - if we are to tend to plant life and not wantonly tear it up and wage war...; if we are to considerate and kind to animal life, cultivate it and even venerate motherhood in it...imagine what God requires of us regarding human life?!

### Human Life is Higher Life

- God made us in His image with dominion over creatures and responsibility for their care
  - Human life is a higher life and to be given higher respect, consideration and protection
  - Jonah - people and animals are more important than plants (Jonah 4:9-11)

- Jesus - are you not worth more than many sparrows? Matt. 10:31
- We treat the most innocent among us in the most inhumane way
  - Ripping out of womb, harvesting parts for medical advancements, burning alive
    - Illegal to boil lobster alive in Switz. - “crustaceans can feel pain” (babies???)
    - Ex. 23:19b-goat - kill a baby in mother womb???) (pig abortions –covid)
- The numbers of this slaughter of the innocent is staggering and beyond belief
  - W.H.O. - 40-50 million “safe” abortions a year + 25 mill. “unsafe” (73 mil. per year)
  - 2 million COVID deaths world wide - 20/30/35x’s that in killing babies
    - Imagine hearing on news “7k died of covid today, but 210k babies murdered
    - The abortion epidemic in Okla. is twice as deadly COVID (twice the concern?)
  - 60-70 million in our own country since ROE (BEAD VIDEO)
    - Abortion is the leading cause of death worldwide and nationwide
    - CDC says heart disease....maybe right...there is something wrong with our hearts
      - If wrong to cook a young goat in mothers milk...then how wicked is ....?
- MLK – dream that kids would be judged by content of character not color of skin
  - Nightmare of abortion targets those with dark skin – Guttmacher- 32%; CDC 36%; 42%. 42% of abortions happening in black community is not an accident – on purpose
  - Abortionist kill more black babies in 1 week than the Klan lynched in 90 years – genocide
  - Black babies have bore the brunt of this evil. Don’t believe the liars who’ve said “got your back...take you from back of bus to front of line...at abortion clinic.
  - The systematic targeting and destruction of a people is a civil rights/human rights crisis

### [A Godly/Christian Viewpoint of Life](#)

- Abortion is a religion – always has been/will be. Canaanite, Israel, Romans, US
  - Religious devotion to abortion. It is a sacrifice and a sacrament (Ps. 106:36-38)
- Being Pro-Life is part of our religion. Christians hold to a sanctity of life (goat life/human)
  - Not conform to pattern of world but be transformed by renewing of the mind Rom. 12:2
  - It is anti-Christian to be pro-abortion...pro-lying...pro-stealing...pro-coveting...pro-rebellion...pro-blaphemy...pro-idolatry...pro-immorality...pro-murder/abortion
  - You cannot stand for abortion and be a Christian in good standing. Those who try to do so are either wolves in sheep’s clothing or woefully deceived and need to repent
- Council of Ancyra (314) barred from Lords Table for 10 yrs – procure/performed/promoted ab.
  - Synod of Elvira (304) excommunication until death
  - BFM – XV-Christian & Social Order- “we should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception until natural death” XVIII- “children from the moment of conception are a blessing and heritage from the Lord”
  - The issue of abortion is not a choice for a Christian- a conviction and part of our religion
- Part of our religion is to point out sin. Repent - have a change of mind
  - Maybe you have had, or had a part, in an abortion your guilt is real
  - Forgiveness from sin and guilt is real as well there is hope and healing