

CALL to PRAYER - Pray that God would grant our culture repentance.

2 Tim. 2:25

Intro – God is light and in Him is no darkness at all ^{1 John 1:5}. In the beginning God said, “Let there be light” and there was light ^{Gen. 1:3}. There was light at the dawn of creation and there is also light at the dawn of procreation. We live in an amazing time where we can peak inside the womb & see the growing baby. But scientists have also witnessed the moment of conception, and they saw something wonderful. The video you are watching shows the “*fireworks display*” that happens the moment a sperm enters the egg. The first image shows the various elements as colors. In the other image you see the clear production of light that accompanies conception. Science doesn’t know why there is a flash of light at the beginning of life... (they call it a “zinc spark”). Maybe they will figure it out someday (why there is a microscopic flash of light the very moment life is created) But... the God who is light... and who commanded light at the beginning of creation, seems also to command the light to flash at the very moment of conception. Light & Life go together. From the moment of fertilization there is light and there is life in the womb. And human life should have the full protection & total admiration of society & government.
Law....light & life

But alas we live in a very dark world where the forces of darkness want to extinguish the light. Men love darkness instead of light and evil men don’t want the “*light of life*” to shine. Wisdom says, “*those who hate Me love death.*” ^{Prov. 8:36}. Our society loves darkness and loves death so our society loves abortion. Christians are people of light and light scatters the darkness. We want to expose the darkness ^(Eph. 5:11) and depose the darkness, so we strongly oppose abortion (hate it). Democrats celebrate abortion. Republicans want to regulate abortion. But as Christians we want to eliminate abortion. The passage we are about to read in Leviticus 20 tells us that the evil of child sacrifice is not to be tolerated in society by either citizen or foreigner. But if culture turns a blind eye to this cruelty, then it becomes culpable (for ignoring the problem enables the problem). They are complicit if they don’t confront it. But even if a community does ignore wickedness God says that He will surely punish wickedness. Any society that ignores the slaughter of children and refuses to punish it (much less promotes it)...is under the wrath of Almighty God. Even a great repentance won’t stop the great consequence of the shedding of innocent blood.

Leviticus 20:1-5 - Extinguishing the Light

- The Sanctity of Human Life
 - Sanctify = to set apart as holy. To treat as different, other, unique, special...
 - Human life is special and is to be kept in a class by itself. Image of God
 - At what point does human life become special? When is it stamped with the IOG?
 - Only after the “magical birth canal?” If only some LIGHT could be shone on this subject...
 - Jesus’ “*light of life*” was recognized when He was very little. (He was microscopic)
 - Mary was just days pregnant when John ^(6 months) leaped in womb ^(Luke 1:38-45)
 - What is a pregnant woman pregnant with? (only a woman can get pregnant)
 - Not a goat. She is not “*with clump*” she is “*with child*.”
- The sickness and wickedness of abortion
 - Jesus classifies the sin against children as a particularly heinous wickedness

- Abortion is the leading cause of death in our nation
 - CDC says it is heart disease (maybe they are right – something is wrong with our hearts)
 - Guttmacher - 1 million + abortions in formal health care system in 2023
 - CNN/Axios - average of 98,990 abortions per month in 2024 (approx. 1.2 mil)
 - That is twice as many as heart disease
 - I am thankful the wicked ruling of Roe was overturned...
 - But Roe going away didn't do away with abortion.
 - It just sent the issue back to the states to regulate
 - Abortion is up 14% since Roe fell. (abortion pill a huge problem)
- Abortion is the leading cause of death in the world
 - W.H.O. - 73 million abortions per year in our world. (200,000 per day)
 - 62 million died of all causes * (* abortion kills more than all other causes combined)
 - There is something wrong with a world that wants to *extinguish the light*
 - There is great corruption when children are seen as a problem.
- Modern day child sacrifice – VIDEO
 - Child sacrifice is nothing new
 - False religion kills children...it always has
 - Abortion is a religion that is defended with religious zeal in our society
 - Any society that kills its children is destroying its future
- Christians opposing abortion is nothing new -
 - *Didache* - Look at the flap of today's bulletin
 - The early church stood against abortion in their day. we must in our day
 - Abortion is against our religion. To be Pro-abortion is to be Anti-Christian
- Society has a responsibility to punish child sacrifice
 - Leviticus 20:1-3 The community has a responsibility to confront & condemn child sacrifice (abortion)
 - Child sacrifice is an abomination – Jeremiah 32:35
 - God's just law ^(Rom. 7:12) says the murder of children should have the same punishment as the murder of any other humans. (see Exodus 21:22-25) Is. 55:8-9
 - To extinguish the light is to forfeit your life (light & life)
 - Ok. law classifies abortion as a homicide but a homicide that won't be punished
 - *Oklahoma Statute 21-691*
 - *Homicide is the killing of one human by another*
 - *Under this section "human being" includes the unborn child....*
 - *Homicides shall not include:*
 - *Acts which cause the death of an unborn child if those acts were committed during a legal abortion to which the pregnant woman consented....*
 - *Under no circumstances shall the mother of an unborn child be prosecuted for causing the death of the unborn child unless the mother has committed a crime....*
- Society is complicit if society doesn't confront it & stop it.
 - Leviticus 20:4-5
 - Prov. 24:11-12 Ezekiel 3:17-18
 - Even if society ignores it God will still punish it...and us God will be against us
 - 1 million + per year is a lot of innocent blood for which to give an account ^(73 mil.)
 - Is. 26:21 Is. 24:19-20 Our world is weighted down by a lot of blood

- Even great repentance won't stop great consequence –
 - Manasseh was a wicked king who filled Jerusalem with blood. 2 Kings 21:16
 - His grandson Josiah came to power 2 years after Manasseh's death.
 - Josiah led the greatest revival in Jewish history.
 - He really cleaned up the land. The reading of the Bible started the revival
 - He restored Temple...got idolatry out & Molech out (2 Kings 23:10)
 - But that great revival didn't stop a great upheaval.
 - Great repentance didn't stop great consequence. (Gal. 6:7)
 - 2 Kings 23:25-27
 - Numbers 35:33-34
- We live in a great place
 - I am thankful for our country and that the new administration will allow and listen to the pro-life point of view
 - And a reduction in abortion is better than the celebration of abortion...
 - Less sin is always better than more sin for a society....but...
 - Trump is to be inaugurated tomorrow. His slogan is MAGA
 - America cannot be great again if America ignores its great sin.
 - 1 million baby murders per year is much to give an account for
 - Other nations have more baby murder but we have given more light...
 - God has blessed us with the Bible and with His gospel.... we know better
 - We have the benefit of a Christian heritage
- We have a heart problem in our land.
 - Why do we love the darkness?
 - Why do we want to extinguish the light?
 - Government has a responsibility to legislate morality and punish immorality
 - But government & laws cannot change the heart
- Only God can change the heart
 - Ezekiel 36:26-27
 - Only God can grant repentance
 - 2 Tim. 2:25 Acts 11:18
 - Only Christ can forgive sins
 - Acts 5:31 Is. 55:6-7
- Our land is guilty of great sin...but there is a Great Savior - (Titus 2:13)
 - Jesus has given us His word to tell us what is right.
 - Jesus gave us His life so we might live.
 - *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.* John 1:4
 - Men hated *The Light* and tried to extinguish *The Light*...but after three days *The Light* was shining again and declaring to all that, "*In Him is light & life.*"
 - Come to the Light so you might live.
 - Don't extinguish the light.

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