TITLE: A Biblical World-view on Life

TEXT: Ps. 138:8; Gen. 2:7; Acts 17:24-25; Pro 14:12;

Ps. 139:13-16; Jere. 1:4-5; Ex. 21:22-25; 2nd Chr. 7:14

INTRODUCTION: This morning in continuing our series on developing a Biblical World-view, I want to talk about coming to embrace a Biblical world-view on life..

 So this morning we will see what Gods Word has to say about life.

 Three or four weeks ago we talked about evolution vs. creation to set the foundation for developing a biblical world-view.

 The biggest danger in embracing an evolutionist philosophy is that it pretty much takes God out of the picture. If we are but a mass of cells, a mass of energy that merely evolved until it became man and man was not specifically and divinely created as the Bible says that man was then we are not really accountable to God…

 Which is the whole dynamic behind creation. If God created man, then man is directly accountable to God for his life.

 And if we view ourselves and view others as creative acts of God Himself then it will change, or should change, our whole perspective on life.

 First, If God created me then I am ultimately accountable to God for the life that I live.

 And secondly, if God created me and He created you then I am also accountable for how I treat you sense you also are a life that God has created.

Psal 138:8 (NIV) The LORD will fulfill [his purpose] for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever--

**do not abandon the works of your hands.**

King David knew that His life was a life that was a part of Gods creative design.

 In speaking about Himself he cries out to God, **God, do not abandon the work of your hands…**

 Do not abandon the work of creation that you have done in me…

 In the beginning Scripture says that God created…

**Gene 2:7 (NIV) the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.**

And Gods creative role in man doesn’t stop here.

Acts 17:24 (NIV) "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.

**25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.**

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Every person that has ever been or ever will be is a life that God has created..

**Because He himself gives all men life and breath.**

 So, if God is the giver, the creator of all life, then what implication does this have for us?

 Primarily we need to be a respecter of the life that God has created. Both our own and the life of others.

 There is an interesting progression of events that has transpired within our nation over the last few decades.

 First we started to adopt and propagate the theory of Evolution within America….

 And whether consciously or not with the adoption by many of that theory we started on a path toward diminishing our societies awareness and consciousness of God..

 If we are not a direct act of Gods creative hand then we are not necessarily accountable to God for what we do.

 Within a few short years after the introduction of Darwinism and evolution we invited God and His Word out of our schools, public places and governmental institutions…

 Then within a few more short years we make it legal to kill our unborn Children through legalized abortion.

 Now we are talking about making it legal to take life at the other end of life’s spectrum…. Doctor assisted suicide—which is just a prelude to euthanasia.

 And this is a logical procession once you remove or start to diminish a society’s awareness and consciousness of God.

 If man is not a direct act of Gods creative hand, if we don’t see God as our creator, the one who brought us into existence, the one who **gives all men life and breath and everything else,** then it will have an effect on how we view ourselves as accountable to God for what we do…

 In other words, if I am not divinely created by God but am merely a product of evolutionary process then what is to say that what I am evolving into is wrong?

 So, things that seem right to us, seem right by our human understanding of things, become our standard for action instead of what the Word of God may say is right…

 It seems right to me that we shouldn’t inflict our Christian values on people in this country that may not be Christians so let’s remove any reference to Christ from our public institutions…

 There may be some who don’t even believe in God so let’s not even mention Him lest we offend someone.

 It seems right to me not expect a women to have to give birth to a child that she does not want for whatever the reason so let us make it legal for her to end that child’s life….

 It seems right to me not expect a person who is suffering to go on suffering if they choose to end their life so let’s make it legal for that person to end their life with the help of our medical community.

 It seems right to me not to expect the young in our nation to support the old who are draining our economy through social security and Medicare when there are so many more of them starting to draw the funds then there are of us who are paying for them, so let’s make it legal to terminate the life of a person when they get old…

Sound far fetched. Like it could never happen?

 It is not anymore far fetched then the thought of taking prayer and the Bible out of our public institutions would have been 75 years ago!

 It is not anymore far-fetched then the thought of actually making it legal to kill our unborn children would have been just 65-75 years ago!

 It is not anymore far fetch then contemplating the thought of making doctor assisted suicide legal in America would have been just 30 years ago!

 The more we remove accountability to God from our consciousness as a society the more rapidly we will move toward accepting things that have been unacceptable in the past…

Teach a generation that there is no sanctity of life at one end of life spectrum by passing laws such as legalized abortion, and it won’t be all that long before life will not be viewed as all that sacred at the other end of life’s spectrum…

 You see it is awful hard to insist on life being sacred at the end of life’s spectrum when by our actions we are demonstrating that life is not all that sacred at the beginning of life’s spectrum….

 Diminish the value of life at one end of life’s spectrum and over time you will diminish the value of life at the other end of life’s spectrum.

 That is just the natural progression that a diminished view of life will take.

 And the evidence is in! Just the fact that we are seriously talking about making it legal in America to take life through DR. assisted suicide in some states and in some parts of our world making euthanasia legal is proof of this.

 EXAMPLE: Movie--Wild in the Streets…[Christopher Jones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Jones_%28actor%29), [Hal Holbrook](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hal_Holbrook), and [Shelley Winters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shelley_Winters)--- Theme of movie was anyone over 30 was put to death…. The Movie ended with a couple of 28-29 year olds picking on some 9-10 year old boys and the movie ends with the 9-10 year old saying how that anyone over 21 should be put to death..

 This movie illustrates a point that Abraham Lincoln once said: *“The philosophy of the classroom in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.”*

 Or if you want to know what the government of tomorrow will be like just look at the youth of today.

Because they will be the leaders of society tomorrow.

 And that can be a good thing, or it can be a bad thing.

 A good thing if we instill Godly values in our children today---A bad thing if we continue to raise them up in a secular humanistic environment where if seems right to me then it must be right to do…

Prov 14:12 (NIV) There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

 There are many today who say that life is sacred to them yet still say that it seems right to them that legalized abortion should remain legal because the rights of the mother outweigh the rights of an unborn child or that the child isn’t really a life until after the second trimester or even until after the child comes out of the mother’s womb.

 The big argument that those trying to get abortion legalized in the United States used back during Roe Vs. Wade trying to draw public sympathy and support was, well, what about a woman who is raped and becomes pregnant or what about a woman who becomes pregnant through incest? It doesn’t seem right to me that they should have to be expected to have that child!

 And it was through this one argument that many came to support the legalization of abortion. Or at least not verdantly oppose it!

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Non-therapeutic simply means that the abortion is not performed to insure the life or health of the mother..

 In other words, abortion has evolved into no more than an alternate form of birth control within America.

 Which it is not because birth control stops a life from beginning where abortion snuffs out that life once it has already begun.

 There are 1.2 million abortions each and every year in this country.

 That would be 32, 867 each and every day!

Or 1,369 every hour!

Or 23 every minute!

 In the time it will take me to deliver this message this morning, statistically, about 700 of this nations un-born children will die through abortion!

 Sense the inception of Roe vs. Wade and the legalization of abortion in America we have killed approximately 60-75 million of our most innocent citizenries, our unborn children!

 Less then 1% has been for the reasons of incest or rape.

 You see, we have come to believe that it is easier to abort then it is to abstain.

 And we try to justify our actions by saying well, it isn’t really a life anyway. It only becomes a life after the 2nd trimester or after the child actually leaves their mother’s womb.

 It that the biblical definition of life?

 Is that where God says life begins? After the 2nd trimester? Only after delivery?

 Where does God say that life really begins? What is to be our biblical world-view on life?

King David has this to say on the subject…

**Psal 139:13 (NIV) For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

**14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,**

**I know that full well.**

**15 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,**

**16 your eyes saw my unformed body.**

**All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

 **For you created my inmost being;**

**you knit me together in my mother's womb**

**My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. your eyes saw my unformed body.**

**All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

The Lord has these words to say to the prophet Jeremiah…

**Jere 1:4 (NIV) The word of the LORD came to me, saying,**

**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 Lord knew Jeremiah before he was born.

 The Lord recognized life before birth.

 Like David, it was the Lord who formed Jeremiah in his mother’s womb.

 It is at conception that the process of life begins!

 God recognized David and Jeremiah as a life when they were conceived! It was then that God started to knit them together.

 God placed the call of a prophet upon the life of Jeremiah before he was born!

 God knew Jeremiah while he was being formed in his mother’s womb!

 God recognized life while it was in its earliest stages of development!

**"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,**

**before you were born I set you apart!**

God recognizes life at conception, at its very beginning stages!

 It was in those early stages of life that Jeremiah was called and commissioned by God to be His prophet to the nations.

 God’s eyes saw David’s unformed body.

All the days God had ordained for David were written in His book before one of them came to be.

 Be thankful that Mary & Joseph didn’t live in America today..

 If they had, then there is at least a 50% chance that the savior of the world would have been aborted and we would be forever lost in our sin….

 Think about it, a young girl who is engaged to be married, becomes pregnant and the one she is engaged to is not the father of the baby..

 This is one of the primary reasons abortions are performed in America today….

 If Mary & Joseph lived in contemporary America this would have been a culturally acceptable thing to do.

 Now I don’t believe that there is any way that Mary or Joseph would have done that but I do believe that there would be many who would have counseled them to do it..

 And it would have been culturally accepted today if they had.

 **Exod 21:22 (NIV) "If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows.**

**23 But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life,**

**24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,**

**25 burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.**

This is contained within the law that God gave man.

**If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury**,(to mom or baby**) the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows.**

**23 But if there is serious injury,** (to mom or baby) **you are to take life for life!**

If a man was fighting with another man and a pregnant woman got hit and it caused her to have her baby prematurely and if the child died than the penalty was that the man who did it was to be put to death!

 Life for Life!

 Point is, God considers the unborn child as a life at whatever their stage of development.

 In Hitler’s Germany it is estimated that over 25 million Jews were killed in the holocaust and the world was saddened and outraged. And the world rose up and did what was necessary to end that injustice to the Jews.

On September 11, 2001 over 3000 Americans were killed by a single terrorist act and the world was saddened and outraged. And we rose up as a nation to end that kind of injustice.

 The question that I have this morning is why aren’t we saddened and outraged in America today about the slaughter of our unborn children?

 Why are we allowing this injustice to go on against our most innocent citizenry, our unborn children?

 Why are so many of us not rising up to do anything about it? Why are we, the Church, doing so little about it?

 Could it be because we have departed from a biblical world-view of life?

 That we have bought in to the lie of Satan that all life is not sacred?

What can we do…

 First and foremost allow the Word of God to be what gives us our world-view of life.

 To see life, all life, as sacred and precious to God. To see each life as a life that was created by the hand of God!

 See life as sacred at whatever part of life’s spectrum it may be…At its beginning or at its end or anything in-between..

 To see each life as a life so precious to God that Jesus came and gave His life for it….

 We need to be raising our voices for those who do not have a voice---our unborn children.

 Letting our leadership know how we feel….Encouraging them to pass legislation that will put an end the holocaust of abortion in America.

 Select and prefer men and women who have a biblical world-view of life to be those who we send to Washington and our state houses to represent us.

 Look for ways to give those who may feel like abortion is their only way out another option…

 Supporting places like Bethany Christian Services and Agape Pregnancy Centers and other family organizations that offer help and alternatives other then a mother aborting the life of her unborn child…

 Be willing to open up our pocketbooks and even open up our homes if that be necessary.

 What God has intended to be the safest place for a child, we in America, have made the most dangerous place for a child, and that is the mother’s womb

 Thomas Jefferson once said some words that I believe are very pertinent for America today…

*“And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis—a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?*

 *That they are not to be violated but by His wrath?*

 *Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: That His justice cannot sleep forever.”*

 This echoes the sediment of George Mason, the father of our bill of rights when he said: *“As nations cannot be rewarded or punished in the next world, they must be in this. By an inevitable chain of causes and effects, Providence punishes national sins by national calamities!”*

 How secure can the liberties of a nation be when that nation stops viewing its most basic liberty, life, all life, as sacred?

 If God is just, and He is, then His justice demands that all sin be judged…

 Personal sin will ultimately be judged when we will all one day stand before Christ and have to give an account.

 Nation’s do not have a soul and will not stand accountable to God on that day of judgment, so national sins, the sins of a nation must be judged in this life…In the here and now.

 The question isn’t will America be judged for her sins such as the sin against our unborn children, but when will we be judged for that sin?

 And we will be judged because God is just and His justice demands it----That is unless we come to a place of national repentance….

 Even now God offers us hope as a nation to advert His sure and just judgment upon us…

 2Chr 7:14 (NIV) if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

 It starts with you and I, the Church.

 We need to be humbling ourselves before God and praying and seeking His face and turning from our wicked ways…Then and only then will God hear from Heaven and forgive our sins and heal our land…..

What is your world-view on life this morning?

 Is life, all life, precious to you?

 Whether at the beginning or at the end do you see life as the precious gift of God that is? Do you see life as worth standing up for?

 The United States Supreme Court is now about to issue a ruling that will affect Roe vs Wade and abortion on demand in America.

This past week the draft majority option was leaked to the press and It appears that Roe vs Wade may be about to be overturned and the decision of abortion put solely back upon the states to decide for themselves.

 Until it is officially ruled upon, believed to be later this month, the Justices can still change their votes. And with the leaked court draft option there is going to be great pressure put of the justices that are in support of overturning Roe vs Wade.

 This is what we have been praying for the last 60 years and now is the time to pray even more fervently. That the majority of the court hold to their beliefs and Roe vs Wade is struck down and that from here we put the hellish practice of killing our unborn children behind us, seek God’s Forgiveness for what we have allowed to happen in this nation and pray for God’s healing for our nation…