

Destroying Someone's Workmanship

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Anyone, who has witnessed the skill and hard work associated with building ornate sand sculptures, can also express sadness when they are broken apart by rising tides. In fact, it is fair to ask why any sculptor would put so much effort into something that is destroyed in a day or so.

In contrast, many people express no sorrow for the greatest sculptor of all time when His "living masterpieces" are destroyed by ungrateful and sinful human beings through the act of abortion. These people do not acknowledge His brilliance and handiwork like King David did, nor His ownership of all life.

For You (Almighty God) have formed my inward parts; You have covered (woven) me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. ¹⁵My (bones were) not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book (of life) they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them (Psalm 139:13-16; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Have we not all one Father (in heaven)? Has not one God created us? (Mal. 2:10a; Ed. note in parenthesis).

As you do not know what is the way of the (spirit; cf. Jn. 3:8), or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, so you do not know the works of God who makes all things (Eccl. 11:5; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Every human being is created in the image of Almighty God (cf. Gen. 1:26), and therefore has the potential of being "a god" that can live forever (cf. Jn. 6:40; 2Pet. 3:9). This truth was revealed by Jesus Christ.

*Jesus answered them (Jewish religious leaders), "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "**You are gods**"?" ³⁵If He (God the Father) called them gods, to whom the word of God came, and Scripture cannot be broken, ³⁶"do you say of him (Christ) whom the Father sanctified (set apart) and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?" (Jn. 10:34-36; cf. Psalm 82:6; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Therefore, every baby, who is murdered through abortion, is denied everlasting life by the sinful action of his/her parents. Paradoxically, this is happening at a time in history when thousands of couples would like to adopt a baby.

In order to discourage unwanted pregnancies, God's law includes deterrents to protect women from this scenario. One of these is referred to as "paying the bride-price," which could be the equivalent of eight year's salary.

And if a man entices a virgin who is not betrothed, and lies with her, he shall surely pay the bride-price for her to be his wife. ¹⁷If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money according to the bride-price of virgins (Ex. 22:16-17).

Consequently, impregnating women outside of marriage had grave consequences according to God's legal system. Sadly today, it is often the taxpayer who ends up "footing the bill" for single mothers and their fatherless children. This scenario can contribute to women aborting their babies.

Also, God's law acts to deter men from having sexual relations with women and then making false accusations to justify abandoning them. As mentioned previously, the penalty could be up to an eight year salary according to the purchasing power of a silver shekel during the Old Testament (see article entitled: "The Purchasing Power of Silver and Market Efficiency from a Babylonian Perspective" by Bert van der Spek, Bas van Leeuwen, and Peter Foldvari; www.cgeh.nl/sites/default/files/VdSpek%2BLeeuw%2BFold_Silver_6-5-2011.pdf).

*If a man takes a wife, and goes into her, and detests her, ¹⁴and charges (accuses) her of shameful conduct, and brings a bad name on her, and says, 'I took this woman, and when I came to her I found she was not a virgin,' ¹⁵then the father and mother of the young woman shall take and bring out the evidence of the young woman's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate. ¹⁶And the young woman's father shall say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man as wife, and he detests her; ¹⁷now **he has charged her with shameful conduct**, saying, "I found your daughter was not a virgin," and yet these are the evidences of my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. ¹⁸Then **the elders of that city shall take that man and punish him; ¹⁹and they shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver and give them to the father of the young woman**, because he has brought a bad name on a virgin of Israel. **And she shall be his wife; he cannot divorce her all his days** (Dt. 22:13-19; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

However, if the woman in question was guilty of having sexual relations with other men, she would be sentenced to death per Deuteronomy 22:20-21. So, the likelihood of unwanted pregnancies in the ancient nation of Israel would have been a rarity, and the divorce rate relatively low.

In contrast, with today's casual approach toward sexual relations, there are many "*unwanted pregnancies*" followed by the murder of many babies. This will continue because mankind does not want to follow God's rules. Instead, our human nature considers them "*burdensome restraints*."

By swearing and lying, killing and stealing and committing adultery, they break all restraint, with bloodshed after bloodshed (including abortion) (Hos. 4:2; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

*For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. **And His commandments are not burdensome*** (1Jn. 5:3; emphasis added).

Hosea 4:2 groups killing, stealing, and committing adultery together because there is a connection. For instance, when someone takes another person's spouse and has a sexual relationship with them, they are stealing. This theft can result in a pregnancy that is subsequently terminated in order to cover up the crime. This is why God exacts a severe penalty on those who behave in this manner.

If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then both of them shall die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman; so you shall put away the evil person(s) from Israel (Dt. 22:22; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Again, man's carnal mind is adept at accusing God of being unfair. They would prefer that the baby be executed by the couple that had an adulterous relationship; as opposed to the offending adults incurring the death penalty for their sinful conduct (cf. Ex. 20:14, 17).

For the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23a).

Anyone executed for their sins will be resurrected and have a final opportunity to repent and begin living in accordance with God's will, as summarized in His law and commandments. Unfortunately, this truth is not understood by the majority of mankind, which contributes to the belief that God is unfair.

*The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward (you), **not willing that any should perish** (forever) **but that all should come to repentance** (2Pet. 3:9; Ed. notes in parentheses).*

Another law of God, which minimizes fatherless children and abortions, also carries a financial penalty.

If a man finds a young woman who is a virgin, who is not betrothed (engaged to be married), and seizes her and lies with her, and they are found out, ²⁹then the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife because he has humbled her; he shall not be permitted to divorce her all his days (Dt. 22:28-29; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Therefore, any pregnancy resulting from this relationship would be the responsibility of the man and not taxpayers. And aborting any baby would have incurred the death penalty.

Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He (Almighty God) made man(kind) (Gen. 9:6; Ed. notes in parentheses).

Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death (Lev. 24:17).

Contrary to many peoples' opinion, no life can begin without the action of Almighty God's Spirit.

You send forth Your Spirit, (and) **they are created** (Psalm 104:30; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).

*... **Thus says the Lord, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him** (Zech. 12:1b; emphasis added).*

*... O God, **the God of the spirits of all flesh...** (Nu. 16:22b; cf. 27:16; emphasis added).*

The phrase "all flesh" is meant literally, because Almighty God also knows when an animal dies because the spirit, He issues to all animals returns to Him when they die. Christ pointed this out in the context of a sparrow dying.

*Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And **not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will** (Mt. 10:29).*

*And **the spirit will return to God** (the Father) **who gave it** (Eccl. 12:7b; cf. Psalm 146:4; emphasis added).*

The context of the above verse is to stress that the death of human beings, including aborted babies, is of greater importance to God the Father, because they are His children first and foremost.

*But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Do not fear therefore; **you are of more value than many sparrows** (Mt. 10:30-31; emphasis added).*

Eventually these truths will be known by all of mankind, and at this future time they will recognize God the Father as Creator of all living things.

*... Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to **the Father of spirits** and live (forever)? (Heb. 12:9b; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Not only does Almighty God create in “real time,” He already knew in advance who He would create, and the means through which he would create them. Therefore, asking “*when life begins*” is a moot question.

Before I (God) formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified (set apart) *you...* (Jer. 1:5a; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Just as He (Almighty God) chose us in Him (Christ) before the foundation of the world.... having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will (Eph. 1:4-5; cf. Rom. 8:29-30; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

*For I am God, and there is none like Me,*¹⁰ ***Declaring the end from the beginning*** (of time), *and from ancient times things that are not yet done....* (Isa. 46:9b-10a; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Therefore, every baby that is conceived was “foreknown by Almighty God,” despite the fact many of these potential “*gods*” are killed by parents who do not acknowledge that these same children do not actually belong to them. Instead, parents are simply custodians of God’s living masterpieces. As such, these babies need to be treated in a loving and protective manner by their human parents. Consequently, aborting a baby should never be considered because they are the workmanship of Almighty God.

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