



REPENT AUSTRALIA

"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 I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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OUR MOST BARBARIC SIN

Despite the protestations of feminists that women do not want a debate on abortion this contentious subject has again been thrust into the limelight. Once more battle lines are being drawn by the pro-choice and pro-life advocates on an issue that just refuses to go away. On the one hand the pro-choice lobby adamantly maintains that it is a woman's right to do whatever she likes with her own body, even to destroying the foetus in her womb. On the other hand, the pro-lifers insist that a foetus is a separate human being whose life is sacred and that unless the mother's life is threatened it should be fully protected by law. Who is right? Has a woman the right to have the embryo in her womb destroyed? Or has that embryo as much right to life as the woman herself? Can the foetus be slain as a means of birth control? In fact, are the pro-choice advocates right in claiming that a foetus is not a human being, but merely a protoplasmic mass of cells that are part of the woman's body? That, from the moment of conception, it is the most awesome and breathtaking marvel of the physical creation, testimony to the great Creator who designed such awe inspiring works!

A Quarter of the Population

Every year in Australia between 80,000 and 100,000 babies are killed in the womb. That is one abortion for every three live births. We are slaying a quarter of our population before they even see the light of day. In other words, we are decimating an entire generation of young Australians at a time when we badly need them. Every Remembrance Day we mourn the loss of some 82,000 Australians lost in combat throughout the 20th century, yet abortions top that figure every year! Jesus Christ warned that at the end of the age "because lawlessness will abound the love of many would grow cold" (Matt 24:12). Surely it is time to reconsider our value system

Decline in Reverence

One must ask: Why has there been such a tragic decline in reverence for the sacredness of human life over the past thirty years? One explanation for the pro-abortion mentality is our increasingly utilitarian society where just about everything is disposable and easily replaced: cars, homes, household appliances, etc. Even spouses! Sadly this attitude has even been extended to unborn babies. Since it is cheaper to dispose of unwanted foetuses than to raise them as children to adulthood they too have become expendable

Sex a Plaything

Another reason is a blend of permissiveness and selfishness. For many people sex has become a plaything, merely a means to physical gratification instead of a communion between two people within the bounds of marriage. Because they want sexual freedom without accepting any responsibility for their actions abortion on demand becomes a quick, easy solution to an embarrassing problem, with dire consequences for the product of their permissive conduct – the innocent child in the womb.

Secular Humanism

A third explanation for the flood of abortions today is the prevalent philosophy of secular humanism which denies an overruling providence and insists that we are accountable to no one for the way we live our lives. We are seen as just another form of higher animal and the life of a human being is no more sacred than that of a whale or a dolphin. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster summed up the situation when he said at a conference in Britain, "Specifically we have dispensed with the traditional Christian vision of the sanctity of human life. There is an urgent need for our society to rediscover respect and dignity belonging to all human life, young or old, whether handicapped or not. Without such respect society becomes prey to

the interests of the strong and the weak lack any security." In other words we have lost sight of the fact that every soul born or unborn possesses intrinsic value, significance and dignity because each one has been created in the image of God.

A "Holocaust Mentality"

From every point of view the abortion industry is a tragedy. It deprives babies of the opportunity of experiencing life and contributing to the human story; it robs the nation of its most valuable asset, its youth; and it breeds in us a "holocaust mentality", an attitude that some lives are less valuable than others. Incredibly, there are people who would do everything in their power to save a rare species of animal or a tree, but think nothing of the tens of thousands of young lives cut off in their mother's womb. And the law supports them! You will be fined heavily for destroying an eagle's egg but recompensed for terminating the life of an unborn baby. How twisted is our logic!

Anathema to God

Can man really play God who alone has the right to put to death and to bring to life? (That is, apart from executing murderers, a duty He imposed on man as His divine instrument of justice). Obviously the answer is NO. Abortion, the mutilation and destruction of unborn children, is anathema to God. The Bible makes it abundantly clear that each embryo is a living soul and precious to Him. To the prophet Jeremiah He said, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I sanctified you a prophet to the nations." God has a purpose for us all before we were born. Should abortion on demand be allowed to shatter His plans? Heaven forbid! God forbid, too, that any future potential servant of God – and that could mean anyone one of us – should be destroyed before birth. How evil! We reap what we sow!

Hippocratic Oath

Millions of dollars are paid annually by taxpayers through Medicare for abortions, forcing doctors to violate their Hippocratic Oath wherein they swear they "will not aid a woman to procure an abortion." The Federal Government has a clear duty to see that its revenues are not used to undermine the basic human right to life. In fact, no condemnation is strong enough to level at our leaders for their acquiescence in this horrendous crime against the future citizens of this land. Moreover, claiming that a foetus does not become a human being until it is born is a heresy. His Word makes it abundantly clear that even as we are being formed within our mother's womb He looks upon us and decrees the very days of our lives. Psalm 139 says: "For You created my inmost being; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. All the days ordained for me were written in Your Book before one of them came to be."

Judgment Must Fall

God must be both saddened and horrified by the continual slaughter of innocents by the millions across the world today. But there will come a time - probably very soon – when He cries out, "No more! I can endure this killing of the innocent no longer. My judgment must fall." Let us wake up before that happens and put an end to this horrific crime in our midst. May we, both leaders and citizens, all deeply repent of this evil blight on our so-called civilized society and put a swift end to it. For surely abortion is the most barbaric of all our modern day sins!

PRAYER

Omniscient Father of infinite grace, mercy and justice; our coming King of kings and Lord of lords; and Judge of each person and nation, we thank You for the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary, setting lost souls free through Your Holy Spirit. Holy Lord, by Your Spirit, help us to understand the magnificent process of human conception and birth as the beginning of a spiritual process demonstrating in physical terms our incredible human potential. Indeed, Lord God, teach us of our remarkable potentialities as the literal children of God the Father! And so, Merciful Father, we come in Jesus' name to beg Your forgiveness for every nation including Australia for killing a whole generation of unborn babies. Forgive us, O Lord, for this our most barbaric sin! By sowing abortion, we admit, we reap lawlessness, dysfunctional families, mental illnesses, fornication, deception and murder. Yet dear Lord, we thank You for the righteous standards established in Your Holy Word that many have rejected. Therefore Holy Spirit, we beseech You, touch the hearts of all and renew their minds to truly repent and help to bring healing and restoration to a broken world. Anoint our leaders, we pray, to come before Your throne of grace in all the Parliaments of the land to seek Your mercy and goodness and release Your omnipotent power, enabling them to put our house and nation in order. Glory be to God. In Jesus' precious Name we pray. Amen.

R.A: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify God with the Brotherhood of Man and in love and faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His Holy Name. Amen
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