

The Oologah Informer

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

In Search of Peace
(Mt 11:28-30)

PM Sermon:

Samson
(Judges 13-16)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The book of Joshua – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

Swearingen

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

Radio Program

"The Minister's View" on
KTTRadio.org on Tuesday's at 9
am with Russ & Vance.

Abortion — Is It OK with God?

Randy Watson

Since the Supreme Court declared abortion to be a constitutional right of women on January 22, 1973, the Alan Guttmacher Institute (special research affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America) reports that there have been over forty million legal abortions in the U.S. alone. In our country, there are nearly one third as many abortions every year as there are births. Pro-abortionists defend the practice as: (1) a woman's right to choose (a form of birth control); (2) expected in cases of conception from incest or rape; (3) expected in cases where the mother "might" be at risk; (4) preferred in cases where the child "might" have some physical disability or disorder. For those of us who acknowledge God's authority, there are two questions which are relevant to the issue: First, is it wrong to take an innocent person's life at any age?; And second, is an innocent person's life taken when an abortion is performed?

The first question is easily answered by understanding one aspect of God's nature. In Proverbs 6:16-19, we learn of seven things which are an "abomination" to God. Among these seven is "hands that shed innocent blood" (verse 17b). This being true, and IF an abortion includes the willful shedding of innocent blood, THEN abortion is an abomination to God. So the only question which really remains is: "When does a person become a person?" At fertilization of the mother's egg? At implantation of the fertilized egg into the mother's uterus? At a certain stage (day or week) of development after implantation? Or at the time the child is born? The term "viability" is often heard, which is suggestive of that moment when the child could live without any medical intervention outside of the mother's womb. However, not all in the medical field agree that this is the beginning of life and with good reason. Dr. Jerome Lejeune, late professor and world renown geneticist, University of Descartes, Paris, is quoted on the Westside Pregnancy Resource Center of W. Las Angeles, CA, website, "Life is present from the moment of conception."

On the same website, we find the page "Fetal Development" on which the center has posted the following moving account by Dr. Paul E. Rockwell, M.D. "Years ago, while giving an anesthetic for a ruptured tubal pregnancy (at two months), I was handed what I believed to be the smallest human being ever seen. The embryo sac was intact and transparent. Within the sac was a tiny human male, swimming extremely vigorously in the amniotic fluid, while attached to the wall by the umbilical cord. The tiny human was perfectly developed, with long, tapered fingers, feet and toes. It was almost transparent as regards to the skin, and the delicate arteries and veins were prominent to the ends of the fingers. The baby was extremely alive and did not look at all like the photos and drawings of 'embryos' which I have seen. When the sac was opened, the tiny human immediately lost its life and took on what is accepted as the appearance of an embryo at this stage, blunt extremities, etc." Viable or not, what he saw as a

living person, is the epitome of “innocence” or the “innocent blood” of Proverbs 6:16.

In addition to this, God has given his perspective which morally and spiritually is really the only one that will count on judgment day. In Psalm 139:13-16, the inspired psalmist David beautifully described the recording of his life by God before it was developed. Not only was he not yet viable, but he was not even “recognizable” a person (from our perspective), and yet he was known by God. (Read also Judges 13:3-5; Isaiah 44:1-2, 24-28; Isaiah 49:1, 5; Jeremiah 1:5; 20:17-18; Luke 1:13-15, 30-31, 39-44.)

Morally then, every abortion destroys an innocent and living person and is, therefore, an abomination to God.