

How are we to evaluate the issue of abortion?

Abortion is one of those issues that is dividing not only the United States but the world. There are those to are adamant that it is a perfectly legitimate option for women who find themselves pregnant without wanting to have a child.

1. What biblical arguments are given to support the issue of abortion?
Exodus **21:22**

The primary text used to support abortion is translated by the NAS to say "... so that she has a miscarriage, yet there is no further injury ...". It is understood by the proponents of abortion that since she had a miscarriage and yet it is described as there being no harm following. This is used to imply that a miscarriage caused by another (in the midst of a fight) is a situation in which no harm took place. There are a couple of problems with this. The basic issue is that the word is translated miscarriage literally means "her child departs from her" and the phrase "no further injury" literally means "no injury". The word "further" was inserted by the translators. The real situation is that a type of premature birth took place and both mother and child are fine.

2. What does God think about life?
Deuteronomy 30:19
Ezekiel 33:11

Throughout the scriptures, God is calling people to "live". God does not even desire the wicked to die.

3. What does God think about children dying?
Leviticus 18:21
Ezekiel 18:4
Amos 1:13
Jeremiah 19:5
Hosea 13:16

God considers it a matter of profaning or defiling His name when the life of a child is taken. One of the most heinous crimes that man can perpetuate upon other men is to kill a child. It is strongly disliked by God..

4. When does God believe that life begins?
Psalm 139:13-16
2 Kings 15:16
Psalm 51:5

God communicates in a fairly clear fashion that life begins at the moment of conception.

5. What did Jesus say about children?
Matthew 19:13-14

Jesus wanted to be with the little children. He wanted to bless them. He has great hopes for children.