All those who hate wisdom love death.
Proverbs 8:36

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ABORTION?
The Bible doesn’t mention abortion explicitly, but teaches that human life is sacred and begins in the womb. Life should be celebrated! Here’s what the Bible says about . . .

- Where life comes from
- Why human life is special
- Who determines when life begins and ends
- What God thinks of someone killing another person
- Whether an unborn baby is a person, the same as someone who is already born
- What God thinks of children
- What God thinks about the murder of innocent unborn babies
- What God thinks of those who use drugs to cause abortions
- What God thinks about child sacrifice
- Whether God forgives people who have had abortions
- Whether abortion is ever a solution to problems
- Whether we should abort babies who are defective
- Whether we should abort babies who are conceived through rape or incest
- What we should do about the problem of unplanned pregnancies

God creates life and gives it as He wills.

Genesis 2:7 - And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Genesis 25:21 - Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived.

Genesis 29:31 - When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.

Genesis 30:1-2 - Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, “Give me children, or else I will die!” And Jacob’s anger was aroused against Rachel, and he said, “Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?”

Genesis 30:22-23 - Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. And she conceived and bore a son, and said, “God has taken away my reproach.”

Job 12:9-10 - Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?

Job 33:4 - The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Psalm 36:6, 9 - Your righteousness is like the great mountains; Your judgments are a great deep; O LORD, You preserve man and beast . . . . For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.
Psalm 104:29 - You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Isaiah 42:5 - Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it.

John 5:26 - For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.

Acts 17:24-25 - God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

Col 1:17 - And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

See also Nehemiah 9:6, 1 Corinthians 8:6, Hebrews 1:3, and Revelation 4:11.

**Human beings are “sacred” because they are made in God’s image.**

Genesis 1:26-27 - Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 9:5-6 - Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man.

Matthew 5: 21-22 - “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.”

James 3:8-10 - But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

**God is sovereign over the beginning life and the timing of death.**

Deuteronomy 32:39 - Now see that I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; nor is there any who can deliver from My hand.

I Samuel 2:6 - The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up.

Job 10:8-12 - Did you not pour me out like milk, and curdle me like cheese, clothe me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews? You have granted me life and favor, and Your care has preserved my spirit.

Job 14:5 - Since his days are determined, the number of his months is with You; You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass.

Acts 17:26 - And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings.

Colossians 1:16-17 - For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

God commands us not to murder, which includes abortion and suicide.

Genesis 9:6 - Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man.


Exodus 23:7 - Keep yourself far from a false matter; do not kill the innocent and righteous. For I will not justify the wicked.

Proverbs 28:17 - A man burdened with bloodshed will flee into a pit; let no one help him.

Romans 13:9-10 - For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

1 Peter 4:15 – But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters.

1 John 3:15 - Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

God speaks of unborn children as people whom he made, knows and loves, for whom he has a plan, and with whom he has a relationship.

Genesis 16:11-12 - And the Angel of the Lord said to her: "Behold, you are with child, and you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has heard your affliction. He shall be a wild man; his hand shall be against every man, and every man’s hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

Genesis 25:22-24 - But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older shall serve the younger." So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb.

Judges 13:4-5 - “Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb.”

Job 31:15 - Did not He who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same One fashion us in the womb?

Psalm 22:9-10 - But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother’s breasts. I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother’s womb You have been My God.

Psalm 58:3 - The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.

Psalm 71:5-6 - For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth. By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother’s womb. My praise shall be continually of You.

Psalm 139:13-16 - For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

Jeremiah 1:5 - Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.

Hosea 12:2-3 - The Lord also brings a charge against Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his deeds He will recompense him. He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and in his strength he struggled with God.

Luke 1:15 - For he will be great in the sight of the Lord. . . . He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.

Luke 1:41 - And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 1:15-16a - . . . it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through
**Children are precious in God's sight.**

Psalm 127:3 - Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward.

Isaiah 40:11 - He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.

Matthew 18:10,14 - Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. . . . Even so is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Mark 9:36-37 - Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

Mark 10:13-16 - Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

See also Matthew 18:1-6 and 19:14.

**God punishes those who shed innocent blood.**

Who is more innocent than the unborn child?

Genesis 9:5 - Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.

Deuteronomy 19:11-13 - But if anyone hates his neighbor, lies in wait for him, rises against him and strikes him mortally, so that he dies, and he flees to one of these cities, then the elders of his city shall send and bring him from there, and deliver him over to the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with you.

Deuteronomy 27:25a - Cursed is the one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person.

Proverbs 6:16-19 - These six things does the Lord hate, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.

Jeremiah 22:3 - Thus says the Lord: "Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place."

Amos 1:13 - Thus says the Lord: "For three transgressions of the people of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, because they ripped open the women with child in Gilead, that they might enlarge their territory."

See also Isaiah 59:7 and Jeremiah 22:17.

**God condemns sorcery.**

The term translated 'sorcery' (pharmakeia) is used in other Greek writings to refer to abortifacient drugs.

Galatians 5:20 - Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkennes, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Revelation 21:8 - But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake
which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Revelation 22:15 - But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

God abhors child sacrifice as used in idol worship. Unborn babies are sacrificed, not to Baal and Molech, but to the gods of Self, Convenience, Health, Perfection, and Lust.

Leviticus 18:21 - And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

Deuteronomy 12:31 - You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way; for every abomination of the Lord which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

Psalm 106:35-40 - But they mingled with the Gentiles and learned their works; they served their idols, which became a snare to them. They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons, and shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood. Thus they were defiled by their own works, and played the harlot by their own deeds. Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against His people, so that He abhorred His own inheritance.

Ezekiel 16:20-21 - Moreover you took your sons and your daughters, whom you bore to Me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your acts of harlotry a small matter, that you have slain My children and offered them up to them by causing them to pass through the fire?

Ezekiel 20:31 - "For when you offer your gifts and make your sons pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols, even to this day. So shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live," says the Lord God, "I will not be inquired of by you."

See also Deuteronomy 18:10-12, 2 Kings 17:17, 2 Kings 21:6, 2 Kings 21:6, Jeremiah 19:5 and 32:35.

God forgives sinners.

Psalm 103:11-12 - For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Proverbs 28:13 - He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

Isaiah 43:25 –I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.

Isaiah 55:7 - Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 1:7 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Abortion is not the answer to problems.

Proverbs 14:12 - There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Isaiah 5:20-23 - Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe to men . . . who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away justice from the righteous man!

Micah 6:7b-8 - Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?
1 John 3:11-12 - For this is the message that you heard from the beginning. that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother’s righteous.

God shows his glory through disabilities. Disabled babies should not be aborted.

Exodus 4:11 - So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord?"

Leviticus 19:14 - You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 - As you do not know what is the way of the wind, 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 everything.

Isaiah 45:9-10 - Woe to him who strivers with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands?' Woe to him who says to his father, 'What are you begetting?' Or to the woman, 'What have you brought forth?'

Isaiah 64:8 - But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand.

John 9:1-3 - Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

Romans 9:20-21 - But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

See also Psalm 94:9 and 1 Corinthians 1:27-29.

Rape and incest are not acceptable reasons for aborting.

Deuteronomy 24:16 - Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall the children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.


God’s justice and love demand a response from us on behalf of innocent unborn children (the fatherless) and their oppressed mothers.

Exodus 21:22-24 - If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman’s husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

Deuteronomy 1:16b-17a - Judge righteously between a man and his brother or the stranger who is with him. You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small as well as the great; you shall not be afraid in any man’s presence, for the judgment is God’s.

Psalm 82:3-4 - Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked.

Proverbs 24:10-12 - If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Surely we did not know this," does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?

Proverbs 31:8-9 - Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.
Ezekiel 3:16-19 - Now it came to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

Zechariah 7:9-10 - Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart against his brother.”

Luke 6:36 - Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

John 15:13 - Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.

John 15:16-17 - You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another.

Romans 8:29 - For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Colossians 2:9b-10 - You have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

Galatians 6:1,10 - Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. … Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 5:1-2 - Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

James 1:27 - Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: To visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

James 2:15-17 - If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

1 John 3:17-19 - By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

1 John 4:11 - Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.