OPENING VERSES:

"And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no one might burn his son or his daughter as an offering to Molech." - 2 King's 23:10

"You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD." - Leviticus 18:21

"They have filled this place with the blood of innocents, 5 and have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or decree, nor did it come into My mind." - Jeremiah 19:4-5

I. Children: God's Gift

A. "Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior. So are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. They will not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate." - Psalm 127:3-5

B. God is in control of all conceptions - as seen in the births of Isaac, Samuel, Samson, John the Baptist, Jesus Christ and others in Scripture. All throughout Scripture God is showed to be in control of who conceives.

C. God has a purpose for all infants, even while they are still in the womb:

1. Jeremiah 1:5 - "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."."

2. Isaiah 49:1- "Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations. Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name."

3. Luke 1:31-33 - Jesus Christ: "You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

4. Galatians 1:15-16 - Paul: "... But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being."

5. Luke 1:15-16 - John the Baptist: "He will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God."

D. Scripture refers to us as people with God-fashioned body parts while yet in the womb (Psalm 139:13-16)

"For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them."

E. Scripture describes children in the womb as having personalities and emotions

1. Genesis 25:21-27- Jacob & Esau struggled for power while in Rebekah's womb

II. Abortion: Satan's Scheme

Jeremiah 19:4-5 - "They have filled this place <u>with the blood of innocents</u>, 5 and have built the high places of Baal to <u>burn</u> their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or decree, <u>nor did it come into My mind.</u>"

A. Reasons for having an abortion

26% desire to postpone childbearing {Convenience}

21% cannot afford to raise the child {Economics}

14% have a partner who does not want the child {Relationships}

12% are too young and have parents that object to the pregnancy {Immaturity}

11% feel that a child will disrupt their education or career. {Ambition}

8% simply do not want to have another baby. {Indifference}

B. Nearly 1.3 million abortions per year in America; nearly 3600/day; app 150/hour

C. 47% of abortions are performed on women who have had at least one previous abortion

D. Only 1% for rape/incest. Only 1% for fetal abnormalities. Only 3% mother's health in jeopardy.

E. 51% of unmarried women who become pregnant elect to have an abortion.

F. Margaret Sanger quotes - Founder of Planned Parenthood

"The most merciful thing that a family does to one of its infant members is to kill it."

"Our failure to segregate morons who are increasing and multiplying...a dead weight of human waste...an ever-increasing, unceasingly spawning class of human beings who never should have been born at all."

"The marriage bed is the most degenerative influence in the social order...{our objective is} unlimited sexual gratification without the burden of unwanted children."

G. National surveys show that 90% of people who gather, write, and report our news are supporters of abortion. One study showed that 93% of Hollywood actors, screenwriters, producers, and directors are abortion supporters.

H. More babies are murdered every year in America than the combined totals of deaths of Americans in every war we have ever fought from the Revolutionary War until today's war in Iraq. In the eight years of Hitler's reign in Nazi Germany, 6 million Jews were killed. In eight years of American history there is an average of 12 million babies murdered per year.

III. Alignment: The Christian's Choice

A. God has severely judged or completely destroyed every nation that murdered its children:

 Egypt - Pharaoh slaughtered the babies and within 80 years the enitre nation was judged with famine, plagues, and death.

2. Ammon- they sacrificed their children to the false god, Molech, and God destroyed them.

3. Moab - they offered their children to the false god, Chemosh, and God destroyed them.

4. OT Israel - they adopted the pagan practices of child sacrifice in idolatry and God allowed them to be invaded, destroyed, and taken captive by foreign invaders.

5. In NT Israel, Herod's slaughter of the innocents at the time of Jesus' birth preceded the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans.

6. America - the flaming stench of legalized abortion will inevitably invite the full wrath of God. If God did not spare His own chosen people from judgment, how foolish and proud we are to think that we shall escape.

B. Psalm 94:16, 20 - "Who will rise up with Me against the evildoers? Or who will stand up for Me against the workers of iniquity?...Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame injustice by a law?"

C. What Must The American Christian Do?

 Become vocal against the accepted policy of murdering infants. Let your voice be heard when their voices cannot.

 Pray for mercy for America, and intercede for those who hold government positions so that their blinded eyes might be opened.

3. Believe that God expects you in some fashion to stand against abortion as an evil practice {above verses}

4. Understand that a candidate for government office can be right on every issue, but if he is wrong on the issue of abortion the Christian must not align himself or herself with that candidate.

5. Share the message of absolute forgiveness of all sins, including abortion, is available through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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