FOCUS ON LIFE

Scriptures: Psalm 139:7-18

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And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. Genesis 9:5

THE BIBLICAL CASE FOR LIFE

1. The life we have comes DIRECTLY FROM GOD and we are made in HIS OWN IMAGE. Genesis 1:26, 27

2. God breathed His OWN BREATH INTO ADAM that he might become a living being. When we destroy a human life we destroy something SACRED. Genesis 2:7

3. God intentionally made humankind MALE and FEMALE for purposes of PROCREATION within the bonds of marriage. Genesis 1:27; 2:18, 20b-24

4. God's first COMMAND and BLESSING to Adam and Eve was ""Be fruitful and increase in number." Genesis 1:28

5. God is the God of life, not of death; death only entered the picture because of SIN. Genesis 2:15-17; 5:1-5; Romans 5:12-17

6. God says that children are a an inheritance from Him and a REWARD. Psalm 127:3

7. Scripturally, BARRENNESS is a byproduct of the CURSE and in Old and New Testament times carried a reproach. Exodus 23:25, 26; Dt. 7:17; Genesis 30:22-24; Luke 1:23-25

8. God is personally interested in each individual from the MOMENT OF CONCEPTION and is thoroughly aware of the gestational process. Psalm 139:7-18

9. Every life is PRECIOUS to God; as His children, every life is to be PRECIOUS to us as well.

RESPONSIVE READING
Psalm 139:7-18

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You.

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are Your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with You.