

March 29, 2012 *What Happens to Babies Who Are Aborted?*

The WHO (World Health Organization) recently reported that an estimated 150,000 babies are aborted every day around the world every day. It is likely that most of these occur in more developed countries that have the technology to perform this medical procedure which is tantamount to murder in the womb. Most developed nations around the world have a negative birth rate, where more people are dying annually than are being born and this shrinking population is being bolstered by immigration – while the resident population commits voluntary, generational genocide.

What do the Scriptures say about this topic? Let me be very clear that not all the issues we will face in our lives are specifically outlined in the Scriptures and abortion is one of them. The closest thing the authors of the Bible came to speaking about this slaughter of the innocents was a firm, blanket condemnation of offering children to Moloch (Lev. 18:21 etc.). Three things need to be examined as we discuss this topic: first does the Scripture forbid this practice, second what happens to the babies whose lives are snuffed out before they draw their first breath and third how to we relate to this phenomenon, both as believers and as a community.

Ex. 21:22-25 speaks of a pregnancy that is terminated by accidental violence. Matt. 19:13-15 speaks about how we should receive the kingdom as a little child. Matt. 18:10 forbids us to despise a single one of these little children. Ps. 139:13-16 speaks about our formation in the womb, even determining the number of our days. We have to distinguish between abortion and a miscarriage, because the one is involuntary and the other is by active intervention.

I would argue that the Scriptures indicate that life begins at conception and that, after we are conceived, there are five stages of life we all pass through, unless something or someone intervenes to end our lives prematurely: the womb, childhood, youth, adulthood and old age. Scientifically, once conception occurs, the life develops solely according to the genetics which were initiated once the egg cell and the sperm cell united. The womb functions solely to provide nutrients and protection until this new life is ready to exit this place of safety enter the world. I do not feel that there is any other way to see the origin of life, either biblically or scientifically (medically).

What happens to these children who are killed before they were given the chance to come to faith and know the Saviour? The Catholic Church places these children (aborted and miscarried and those who die un-baptised, along with the simple minded) in a place called limbo, which is neither heaven nor hell – a place of minimal eternal bliss.

Verses: Ez. 18:20; Eph. 1:3-6; Rom. 9:14-18; 19-23; Rom. 2:13-16; Acts 17:30, 31; Matt. 19:13-15; I Cor. 4:5; Eccl. 7:20 and 7:29; Ps. 14:1-4.

The big question is whether we are born innocent or if we are just conceived as sinners in waiting (Ps. 51:5 and Gen. 4:7). Do we carry Adam's guilt with us (Ez. 18:20) or are we responsible for the decisions we make on our own? If we understand that we were known before our conception, then we could argue G-d will know which one of these murdered babies would have accepted Him if they would have had the opportunity and all they would be deprived of was the rewards that come to believers who have built their houses on the rock (Matt. 7:24-27 and I Cor. 3:10-15).

Conclusion:

(1) G-d will deal with these people with both mercy and justice. (2) They will not be punished either for what was done to them or for not having come to faith. (3) Their innocence did not have a chance to succumb to sinfulness (is sin innate or learned behaviour?). (4) There is no other way to access the Father except through the Son and His sacrifice covers them too. (5) We cannot know how the L-rd will deal with their inability to store up anything in heaven. (6) The only guilt associated with these victims will be assigned to those who killed them. (7) They were not predestined to be aborted or those who killed them would be doing the will of G-d. (8) There will be a compensatory blessing for these unborn heirs to salvation (Matt. 20:1-16). It is never better for anyone not to have been born. (9) Salvation can never reduced to a rigid formula, yet there are no exceptions, either to His judgment or to His grace (Rom. 11:28-36). (10) They are safe in His arms and what they shall be has not yet been revealed (I John 3:2) – more cannot be said.