



“I shall always be ready to remind you of these things...”
2 Peter 1:21



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When We Meet

Sunday

Bible Classes – 9:00 am
 Worship – 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Classes – 7:00 pm

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God's View Regarding Life

By Alex Hale

This past week two major events occurred relating to the “pro-life, pro-choice” debate in our nation. Tuesday marked the 46th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court decision which made abortion legal in this country. In Washington, D.C., hundreds of thousands of “pro-life” advocates marched in protest of this decision, as they have done for the past 45 years.

Then on Wednesday, New York governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation permitting abortions up until the baby’s due date if the mother’s health is said to be at risk. This new law removes abortion from the state’s criminal code and allows medical professionals other than licensed physicians to perform abortions in New York. Cuomo proudly stated, “I promised that we would enact this critical legislation within the first 30 days of the new session – and we got it done.” In addition, he directed state landmarks such as the spire of One World Trade Center to be lit in pink to “shine a bright light forward for the rest of the nation to follow.” State senate majority leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, “We’re saying here in New York, women’s lives matter. We’re saying here in New York, women’s decisions matter.”

What does God say? What matters to Him? In scripture, the expression “*with child*” is used 26 times in reference to pregnant women. It is interesting that terms such as “fetus” or “clump of cells” are not used.

- Luke writes of Elisabeth conceiving John, saying that “*the baby leaped in her womb*” (1:41). The Greek word here is βρέφος, which just so happens to be the same word used to describe Jesus after He was born (2:12, 16). What this shows us is that God views the unborn baby and the newborn baby in the same way. Both are living human beings.
- As he is suffering, Job cries, “*Or why was I not hidden like a stillborn child. Like infants who never saw light?*” (3:16). The unborn child is called an infant.
- In Psalm 139, to illustrate God’s power, David describes himself as an unborn child in his mother’s womb, writing, “*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.*”

When you compare biblical teaching with the thoughts and actions of many current leaders, it appears that the characteristics of the leaders God described in Isaiah 5 apply to some, if not most, of our leaders today.

- They “*draw iniquity with cords of vanity*” (5:18).
- They “*call evil good, and good evil*” (5:20).
- They substitute “*darkness for light, and light for darkness*” and “*bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter*” (5:20).
- They “*are wise in their own eyes*” and “*clever in their own sight*” (5:21).
- They “*take away justice from the righteous man*” (5:23).
- At some point, they will be devoured because they have rejected God’s law (5:24).

Perhaps Ronald Reagan said it best when he quipped, “I’ve noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born.”