

Fearfully And Wonderfully Made (Psalm 139:13-16)

Two subjects that most people hate to discuss are politics and religion. Occasionally, Man's politics and God's Word collide in conflict or agreement. This especially happens around voting time as we decide who will be chosen to make crucial decisions locally, statewide, and nationwide.

I work very hard to not be a political preacher: keeping it away from the pulpit and out of my preaching. God is not a political God. He does not care for Man's politics and does not take the side of the Independent, Democrat, or Republican. He has a side all His own and it is up to the believer in Jesus Christ to choose to side with Him (**Joshua 5:13-15**), even at the expense of tradition.

So, what issues should matter to the Christian? Should we be concerned about immigration, terrorism, the national debt, and high taxes? These things are certainly important, but we must learn to emphasize what God does. In the scriptures, we find that God speaks about debt, finances, freedom, and other things. However, one subject that trumps all others is the discussion of life.

The Bible tells us that God gave us life to serve Him, but that mankind fell into sin and received death as the penalty (**Romans 6:23**). In response, our loving God sent His Son, Jesus Christ to pay our sin debt and offer eternal life to all men as a free gift (**Ephesians 2:8-9**). We see an emphasis on human life from **Genesis** to **Revelation**. It is God's emphasis.

I. When Does Life Begin?

Consider **Psalm 139:13-16**. This passage was written by King David, under the inspiration of the Spirit of God. In the midst of this psalm we see some precious language that reveals where life begins.

David states in **verse 13** that God was in control of who He was as a human being. Whatever personality David had, it was because God made him that way. This is what God *possessing his reins* means: God was in control of the seat of David's emotions. Not only does God make us to be who we are, but He causes us to bear certain afflictions in life. All men have some manner of affliction. Some are blind, others are deaf, while still others deal with cancer or another disease. All men suffer from something. The often asked question is, "Why did God allow me to have this?" The only answer the scriptures give is that He is trying to draw us closer to Him and get the glory through our lives (**II Corinthians 12:7-10**).

David also explains to the reader (**v.14**) that all human beings are created to be unique in their own way. He states that human beings are fearfully and wonderfully made. We are created to be different than the animals, which is one reason why evolution cannot be true. Man is created in the image of God; not in the image of a monkey. He is a living soul, whereas the animals have none (**Genesis 1-2**). Beyond this, we know that each human is uniquely different from each other. We all have different DNA and fingerprints; coming in all sorts of shapes, colors, and sizes.

David concludes by explaining that God begins to form us immediately upon our conception (**v.15**). He tells us that God knew when he was made in secret. This speaks of his conception. Life does not begin when a child comes forth from its mother. Life begins at conception, when two living cells unite to create one that bears the attributes of the previous two! It is God that is in control of who is born and who is not; not mankind! To prove this further, David speaks of God logging all the parts of his body in a book in Heaven, while he was yet an embryo (**v.16**)! The word *substance* literally means *embryo*. God saw David as a living, developing, and yet undeveloped child; but knew what he would look like and how he would be when he was fully developed. What a God!

II. Where Will You Stand?

One of the greatest evils our country participates in today is that of aborting living, defenseless children. Since 1973, our country has murdered over fifty million children (over one billion worldwide). This equals about one-sixth of our current population! The primary reason for this? Not because of rape, incest, or medical purposes; but because the mother was afraid a baby would dramatically change her life or because she could not afford a child at that time! What selfishness!

God states that life begins at conception. He states that He causes all life to occur and develop, despite the sins of mankind against one another. He states that He has a purpose for every child, despite the nature of their conception or birth. To kill an unborn child is to take the place of God, which He despises and does not hold the offender guiltless.

The Bible tells us that the most important political issue is the issue of life. Where does your candidate stand on abortion? Do they believe in slaying the unborn or preserving their lives? Whatever their political party, we must decide to stand for life; with God and His Word. If we vote for murderers, we are disobeying God and the blood of the unborn will be on our hands.

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