

# Shedding Innocent Blood

God created male and female in His image and commanded them to be fruitful (Genesis 1:27-28). He purposed that children are to be brought into the world. Offspring are a blessing. *“Behold, children are a heritage from 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. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.”* (Psalm 127:3-5).

The world can be a dangerous place for children. Evil exists in society. One of the greatest threats to children is a failure to value their lives before they are even born. Before *“the fruit of the womb”* is given the opportunity to be born, millions of people choose to end the lives of unborn children. Since 1973 there have been more abortions just in the United States than all the people killed in World War II.

By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, King Solomon stated that *“hands that shed innocent blood”* are an abomination to the Lord (Proverbs 6:16, 17). What is more innocent than the defenseless life conceived and growing in the womb of a woman? God condemns murder (cf. Exodus 20:13; Romans 1:29; Revelation 21:8). Under the law of Moses accidental interruption of a pregnancy was punishable (cf. Exodus 21:22-25). If accidental interruption was punishable, what does that infer in regard to shedding deliberately the innocent blood of the unborn?

Life in the womb is a work of God (cf. Psalm 139:13, 14). That life is a child, not an expendable fetus. When Rebekah conceived by Isaac, two children struggled in her womb, not two fetuses (cf. Genesis 25:21-23). Unborn John was a babe in Elisabeth’s womb (cf. Luke 1:44). A woman pregnant is a woman with child (cf. Ecclesiastes 11:5).

Child abuse is immoral, and abortion is a form of child abuse. The aborting of unwanted pregnancies is a selfish solution to escape accountability and responsibility. Is it right to destroy the innocent to free the guilty and the careless? Love does no harm (cf. Romans 13:9, 10). A person who purposely takes the life of a child within the womb or without is one who is truly *“without natural affection”* (Romans 1:31). God condemns that.