

If My People...

“If we’re going to be against abortion, we have to be for life.”

What does God think? The first thought of Psalm 139 is that God thinks of you.

Psalm 139:1-3 O Lord, You have searched me and known *me*. 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. 3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways.

Psalm 139:13-16 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb. 14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, *and* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; 16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained *for me*, when as yet there was not one of them.

- We can draw many things from this Psalm, but the first one is that God is pro-life.

1. Dispel the myths

- **There’s no such thing as a lifeless fetus.**
 - The Hebrew word used for the unborn child is the same word used as a young child or even teenager.
 - We know...
 - At about 5 weeks after conception, an unborn baby’s heart begins to beat.
 - And a baby begins to show brain activity at about 6 weeks after conception.
 - This means that around the time a mother realizes she’s carrying a child, this child would be called a human being by any other measurement.
 - For some reason, we insist on calling this unborn child a fetus. It’s easier to terminate a fetus than it is to kill a child.
- **There’s no such thing as an unplanned birth.**
 - God has a plan for every child while that child is still in the mother’s womb.
 - Psalm 139:15-16 My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, *and* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; 16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained *for me*, when as yet there was not one of them.
 - Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
- **There’s no such thing as an illegitimate child.**
 - As Greg Laurie says, “There is no such thing as an illegitimate child. Illegitimate parents, perhaps, but not children.”
 - Psalm 127:3-5 Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth. 5 How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them...

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2. Consider the victims

- There are so many victims of abortion. The unborn child, the mother, the father, the poor, the deceived, the society, and even those retired adults dependent upon Social Security.
- **The parents**
 - Secularists make a big deal about a woman being called a man's helper in scripture like it somehow diminishes her value.
 - They don't realize that the same word is used to describe God in Psalm 115:9 O Israel, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their shield.
 - When we think about being for life, we must be for the life of the mother.
- **The unborn**

Proverbs 31:8 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.
- **Our society**

Proverbs 24:11-12 Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh hold *them* back. 12 If you say, "See, we did not know this," Does He not consider *it* who weighs the hearts? And does He not know *it* who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work?

3. What do we do?

- Pray
- Act
- Give