

Taking Innocent Life Is Murder

The Bible says of our Creator, “In His hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being” ([Job 12:10](#)). God, the giver of life, commands us not to take the life of an innocent person: “Do not shed innocent blood” ([Jeremiah 7:6](#)), and He warns us, “Cursed is the man who accepts a bribe to kill an innocent person” ([Deuteronomy 27:25](#)). The Sixth Commandment, written in stone by the finger of God, commands, “You shall not murder” ([Exodus 20:13](#)).

“God speaks very clearly on the value of the unborn in the Scriptures, the basis for both the Jewish and Christian faiths.”

The unborn baby is undeniably alive and growing, and taking its life is clearly murder, as the prophet Jeremiah points out: “He did not kill me in the womb, with my mother as my grave” ([Jeremiah 20:17](#)). God vowed to punish those who “ripped open the women with child” ([Amos 1:13](#)). In ancient Israel, the unborn child was granted equal protection in the law; if he lost his life, the one who caused his death must lose his own life: “If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined . . . But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life” ([Exodus 21:22,23](#)).

According to the Scriptures, God, Jews, and Christians unanimously agree: Life is a gift created by God and is not to be taken away by abortion. God is “pro-choice,” but He tells us clearly the only acceptable choice to make:

“I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.” ([Deuteronomy 30:19](#))