

I Formed You in the Womb

Jeremiah 1:1-10
Psalm 139:1-16
Galatians 1:11-24



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Who Is GOD?

- (Genesis 1:1) The Creator - Owner. As He is the Creator, every human being will one answer to Him. (Hebrews 4:13)
(Psalm 24:1; 50:12; Exodus 9:29; 19:5; Deuteronomy 10:14; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Job 41:11; Daniel 4:25; 1 Corinthians 10:26)
- (Acts 17:24-25) Lord - Owner, Ruler, Master
→ The ONE who gives to all life, breath, and everything.
- (Isaiah 64:8) Potter - one who has absolute power over the clay.
→ Isaiah 29:16; 45:9; Romans 9:21
- (Isaiah 33:22) Judge, Lawgiver, King
→ No murderer is allowed in heaven. (1 John 3:15; Revelation 21:8; 22:15)
→ The Law: Genesis 9;; Leviticus 24:17;
- (Isaiah 46:9-11) God is sovereign. He has a plan and everything He does fits perfectly into His plan. He does not consult humans. He answers to no one. (Job 33:13). See also: Ephesians 1:11; Isaiah 14:24-27; Psalm 33:11; 115:3; 135:6; Proverbs 19:21; 21:30; Daniel 4:35; Romans 11:33-34.

The Days We Live In

- (2 Peter 1:3-4) Saved to “escape the corruption that is in the world through lust”.
- (Galatians 1:4) Delivered from this present evil age.
- (1 John 2:15-17) The love the world and the things of the world is enmity toward God. (James 4:4) **BUT** those who do the will of God (not a corrupt government) live forever.
- (Ephesians 5:15-17) Live circumspectly . . . the days are evil.
★ Those who do not walk (live) circumspectly will be “seduced” by the governments, false teachers, and others. (2 Kings 21:9; Numbers 25:18; Ezekiel 13:10)
- (Jeremiah 17:5-9) Cursed in the man who put his trust in the government rather than God. (Psalm 118:8-9; Psalm 40:4)
- (2 Timothy 3:1-5) We are living in “perilous times” in which “church” people are

- lovers of themselves, money, and pleasure rather than lovers of God.
“Church” people are boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy - having only a form of godliness.
- (Matthew 24:11) Because of abounding lawlessness (anarchy-leaders/people doing what they want - as they want) people’s love has grown cold. (Judges 17:6; 21:25)
- (Luke 4:4) MOST people live as they want rather than living on “every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”
- (Isaiah 5:20) We not call good evil and evil good. (**READ** vv. 18-30 - pay attention to the “therefore’s”.)
- (Jeremiah 6:15; 8:12) We do not know even how to blush! We are not ashamed at the abominations that our nations are committing!
- (Romans 1:18-32) Because governments/people do not glorify God as God and are not thankful, God **is** and **has been** handing us over to a reprobate mind! **MEDITATE ON THIS!**
- (1 John 5:19) The whole world lies under the influence of Satan.

Learning from Jeremiah - a Man (Jeremiah 1:1-10)

- JEREMIAH: “Yahweh upheld, raised up, appointed, established”
- Born a PRIEST but called to be a prophet of God for 40 years.
- Not allowed to marry. (Jeremiah 16:2)
- Because of his faithfulness to God’s call Jeremiah was:
 - Threatened in his hometown.
 - Tried for his life by priests and prophets of Jerusalem.
 - Put in stocks.
 - Publicly humiliated by the false prophet (but prominent) Hananiah.
 - Thrown into a cistern and left to die.
 - Forced to move to Egypt against his will.
- Measured by worldly standards his ministry was a FAILURE. Measured by God’s standards it was a 100% SUCCESS.
- Four operations of Yahweh in Jeremiah’s life:
 - ① “I formed you”
 - יָצַר yatsar {yaw-tsar} – same word for POTTER.
 - To shape and form to one’s desire! (See Isaiah 64:8; Romans 9:21)
 - Read Psalm 139:16.
 - Meditate on 1 Corinthians 15:10.
 - Jeremiah sinned in chapter 20 in despising his birth. (vv. 14-18)
 - **ARE WE THE POTTERS OF OUR LIVES OR IS GOD?**
 - ② “I knew you”
 - **BEFORE I FORMED YOU! - BEFORE CONCEPTION!!!**
 - The eternal God KNEW the person Jeremiah.
 - ★ **CONSIDER THE POTTER!**

- ③ “I **sanctified you**” – to be “set apart.”
 - To be SET APART from sin.
 - To be SET APART to GOD.
 - To be SET APART for purpose.
 - God sanctifies His people. (Leviticus 20:7-8)

★ **CONSIDER THE POTTER!**

- ④ “I **ordained you**” – appointed.
 - God had a specific work for Jeremiah’s life.
 - God has specific work for OUR lives. (Ephesians 2:10)
 - Consider Josiah (1 Kings 13:2); Cyrus (Isaiah 44:28-45:1); Paul (Galatians 1:14-15)

★ **CONSIDER THE POTTER!**

- God called Jeremiah to be a PROPHET!
 - A PROPHET was **GOD’s SPOKESMAN**.
 - A PROPHET was GOD’s instrument to CALL HIS PEOPLE back from sins – to call His people to REPENTANCE.
- God called Jeremiah to be a PROPHET to the **NATIONS!**
- The PURPOSE of PROPHECY: **PURE LIVING!**

Jeremiah’s Concern (Jeremiah 1:6)

God’s Promises to His Servant (vv. 7-10)

- (vv. 7-8, 19) “I AM WITH YOU!” (See Matthew 28:20; Acts 18:9-10; 2 Timothy 4:17; Hebrews 13:5-6; Isaiah 41:10)
 - “Jeremiah had to GO where God sent him and speak what God told him to speak. He also had to believe God’s promise and prove it by not fearing the people.” (WWW)
- (vv. 9-10) Jeremiah was to PREACH and God would EFFECT **HIS** Word.
- Jeremiah would have to ROOT OUT, to PULL DOWN, to DESTROY, and to THROW DOWN **before** he could BUILD UP and to PLANT. (v. 10)

The Sanctity of Every Life

- God, and God alone, reserves the RIGHT to give or take life. (1 Samuel 2:6; Deuteronomy 32:39; 2 Kings 5:7)
- Taking the life of another human being is murder.
- When does human life begin? Who should we believe? Who are the experts?
 - Is this a religious question or a science question?
 - Steve Jacob, a doctoral student at the University of Chicago did his research on abortion and what factors would influence peoples opinions. Some of his findings:
 - He surveyed 2,899 adults and asked, “Who is most qualified to answer the question, “When does life begin?”

- He found 81% answered that biologists as scientists were able to answer this question objectively. (Other answers: 7% religious leaders; 7% voters; 4% philosophers; 2% High Courts)
- He then got 5,502 academic biologists from 1,058 academic institutions and found that 95% of all biologists affirmed the view that human life begins at fertilization.

★ So it is SCIENCE!

- Each and every life is made “in the image of God”. (Genesis 1:26, 27)
- To take a life, that belongs to God, has the consequences dictated by God - Genesis 9:6; Exodus 21:12-14; 22:2-3; Leviticus 24:17; Romans 13:4)
- Most western nations consider abortion murder all the way up to the 1970s. What changed?
- Why do women get abortions? REALITY . . .
 - Taking one state out of the USA that performed 71,740 “legal” abortions in one year . . . Here were the reasons:
 - 0.001% Incest (1 baby)
 - 0.065% It might endange the mother’s life. (46 babies)
 - 0.085% Rape (61 babies)
 - 0.288% Mother’s psychological health was threatened (207 babies)
 - 0.294% Serious fetal abnormality (211 babies)
 - 6.268% Social or economic reasons (4,497 babies)
 - 93.33% No reason (elective) (71,259 babies)
 - ★ That is 99% selfish reasons for murdering a baby.
- Remember King Manasseh! He **seduced** his people into doing more evil than other nations!!! We in the West have been **seduced** to “accepting” the lies of others. REMEMBER Satan’s first lie - Genesis 3:4.

The Sanctity of ALL Life

- Where does it end?

Consequences of Continued Taking of Innocent Life

- Abortion is one of those sins that God **hates**. (Proverbs 6:16-19)
- Unconfessed abortion leads to DEATH. No murderer will be allowed into heaven.
- God’s wrath will continue to fall on the nations that continue to pass laws “legalizing” sin against Him!

HOPE

- ① Who will pray for these women contemplating murder?
- ② Who will pray for the leaders on their nations?
- ③ Abortion is the unpardonable sin? God’s grace (power) can overcome even the sin of abortion!