

The Cult of Molech Lives

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Introduction

- A. Walk through Old Testament history – written for our learning (Romans 15:4)
 - 1. Genesis 15:13, 16 God’s promises to Abraham
 - 2. Leviticus 18:21 – 30 Spewing out of nations and why.
 - 3. Leviticus 20:1 – 5 (cf. Gen. 9:6)
 - 4. Deut. 18:10a, 12 makes son or daughter “pass through the fire”
 - 5. 2 Kings 21:6,9, 16 Wickedness of Manasseh
 - 6. 2 Kings 23:10 Efforts on the part of **Josiah** to purge the nation of idolatry
 - a. “He desecrated Topheth, which was in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, so no one could use it to sacrifice his son or daughter in the fire to Molech.”
 - b. Topheth – an incinerator of humans - red hot arms of Molech
 - 7. 2 Chron. 33:6 – 10, 36:16 A nation that rejected God’s love – would receive His wrath - Manasseh’s actions:
 - a. “But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy.” (2 Chron. 36:16)
 - 8. Jeremiah 32:35 Even God is amazed at the depth of degradation
 - a. “They built high places for Baal in the Valley of Ben Hinnom to sacrifice their sons and daughters to Molech, though I never commanded, **nor did it enter my mind**, that they should do such a detestable thing and so make Judah sin.”
- B. Picture of a nation: Judah condemned: Why?
 - 1. Ezekiel 16:36, 38 Commit adultery and then shed blood of your sons
 - 2. Ezekiel 20:31 Inquiring of God – He will not answer “pass through the fire”
 - 3. Ezekiel 22:1 – 6 Jerusalem, a bloody city with bloody rulers (v. 6) and citizens
 - 4. Ezekiel 23:2 – 3a 36 – 39 Harlotries began in Egypt and persisted
- C. Principles: What God Hates (Prov. 6:16 – 17) “hands that shed innocent blood”
- D. Decline and Fall of Nations (Romans 1:21 – 32) Platform for disaster

I. The Value of Human Life

- A. Luke 1:39 – 44 “baby leaped” Mary was a mother while baby in the womb.
- B. Psalm 139:13 – 16

- C. Jeremiah 1:5 “I formed you in the womb but before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.” What was Jeremiah while God “formed (him) in the womb?”
- D. Dr. Jerome Lejeune, professor of fundamental genetics in Paris. He’s not writing as a Christian, he’s writing as a scientist in the area of genetics. He says, “Life has a very long history but each individual has a very neat beginning, the moment of its conception. The material link is the molecular thread of DNA. In each reproductive cell, this ribbon roughly one meter long is cut into twenty-three pieces, or chromosomes. As soon as the twenty-three paternally derived chromosomes are united through fertilization to the twenty-three maternal ones, the full genetic meeting necessary to express all the inborn qualities of the new individual is gathered and personal constitution takes place. At two months of age, the human being is less than one thumb-length from the head to the rump. He would fit at ease in a nutshell, but everything is there, hands, feet, head, organs, brain. In the fourth week, there is consciousness. All are in place. His heart has been beating for a month by the second month. His fingerprints can be detected, his heart is beating 150 to 170 beats a minute to accept the fact,” he writes, “that after fertilization has taken place, a new human being has come into being, is no longer a matter of taste or opinion,”

II. When People Forget God

- A. Romans 1: When any people refuse to retain God in their knowledge we can observe what happens.
 - 1. Romans 1:28 – 32
 - 2. Would you have thought at the end of WWII that after we uncovered the massacre of 6 million unwanted people that we would now be facing the massacre of over 54 million unwanted children?
- B. A recent political platform advocates homosexuality on an equal level with marriage, the murder of the unborn, and the elimination of God.
- C. Is there anyone who will stand in the gap? (Ezek. 22:30) "So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one."

III. Abortion is a deceptive Idol

- A. (Ephesians 5:1 – 11)
- B. Reasons given for abortion:
 - 1. Fear is a factor
 - 2. Care Net, a network of more than 1,100 pregnancy centers. I was told that **90% of pregnant women who visit a crisis pregnancy center carry their child to term.** [Value of an Ultrasound] Conversely, more than 90% of pregnant women who go to Planned Parenthood choose abortion. The reassuring words, health care, resources about adoption, and provision of basic material needs provided at a crisis pregnancy center allow women to

make a clear-minded, optimistic choice about their pregnancy, rather than reacting out of fear and desperation. When given a real choice, women tend to choose life.” John Stonestreet

3. Abortion is a cover up for immorality.

C. Who has abortions?

1. Guttmacher Institute

a. • Eighteen percent of U.S. women obtaining abortions are teenagers; those aged 15–17 obtain 6% of all abortions, teens aged 18–19 obtain 11%, and teens younger than age 15 obtain 0.4%.

b. • Women in their 20s account for more than half of all abortions; women aged 20–24 obtain 33% of all abortions, and women aged 25–29 obtain 24%.

c. • Women who have never married and are not cohabiting account for 45% of all abortions

2. Flee immorality (1 Cor.6:18 – 20) It is a sin against your own body.

3. The baby is not your body. It is a distinct person with his/her own DNA.

IV. Conclusion: What Can I do?

A. What did Jesus do?

1. He wanted the “babies” to come unto Him (Luke 18:15).

B. We can “flee sexual immorality” (1 Cor. 6:18)

C. We can be an example of the believer (1 Tim. 4:12) in conduct

D. We can pray for leaders who will protect life. (1 Timothy 2:1 – 2)

E. If you had an abortion or encouraged someone else to have an abortion you can repent and renounce that sin and be forgiven.

F. 1 Timothy 1:12 “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service; 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. And yet I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; 14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus. 15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.”

G. Based upon your confession of Christ as Lord of your life and your willingness to turn from every past sin in repentance you can be baptized into Christ in order for all your past sins to be washed away.