

Abortion: Who Are You Worshiping? **Leviticus 18:1-5, 21; Ephesians 6:12; Genesis 2:7**

When the children of Israel were headed to the Promised Land, also known as Canaan, God gave them a gift, the Ten Commandments, which was their compass for how they were to worship and live. These commandments would keep them pointing true north to God's perfect standard.

The compass the Lord gave the new nation of Israel, didn't point to what they wanted most; it points to what God desired most--righteousness which leads to holiness. It's a moral code by which to discern and choose between what is right and wrong, wise and unwise. And unlike Jack Sparrow's compass, God's needle doesn't change. Instead, the needle of this compass always points directly to God's perfect standard.

The Ten Commandments were necessary, because of the fiasco that happened in the Garden of Eden many years prior. God's people needed a new compass—a compass that pointed to their need to worship God and God alone, both in their affections and in their behavior. If they lived according to this moral compass, they would be holy; different from the nations around them. Like them, we Christians are to live different than the pagan peoples around us.

Worshipping Molek

Leviticus 18:1-3 The Israelites are a new nation. All they have as a pattern for nationhood is the Egyptian culture from which they came. The Egyptian culture was like the Canaanite culture to which they were headed. These cultures morals and standards were opposite to what God's were. The Israelites had to live different.

God tells the Israelites to live different in sexual relationships. Just like our culture is dominated by sex, so was theirs. The danger for them is the same choice we face today. We either embrace the world's standards for sex, which is based upon opinions, physical desires, feelings, wishes, and claimed identity, or we embrace our Creator's standards for sexual relationships based upon design, purpose, science, and truth. God's people are to live different than the world.

Leviticus 18:4-5 God warns Israel not to do incest. What God forbids in vs 6-20, even we in our modern sensibilities find disgusting. God warns Israel not to practice this gross lifestyle, because incest was acceptable to ancient Egyptians and Canaanites. The Canaanites believed that such relationships gained favor with their gods. In short, anything goes when it comes to sex. It pleased the people and it pleased their gods. "Anything" is the moral standard the world has embraced. Anything you feel, anything you identify with. Anything you crave that can satisfy a hunger or desire. If you want it, take it and you're morally justified. That's the new moral standard our society lives by, which is getting closer to the standards of ancient Egypt or Canaan. God's people, however, are to live different than the world.

Leviticus 18:21 Molek would remind them of several gods they knew from Egypt. because Molek was pictured as a bovine bull. The Israelites were familiar with the bovine gods of Egypt, Hathor and Apis, because it was those Egyptian gods they worshiped when they made the golden calf. The bovine god, Molek, was especially wicked, because the worship of Molek involved sexual promiscuity and then sacrificing babies to gain a successful more comfortable life. The moral code of the ancient world approved of this. Not only justifying sexual promiscuity but killing the consequences of that sexual behavior to maintain a comfortable, secure, and successful life (according to what the world defines as successful).

Secular Humanism or Secular Progressivism

The worship of Molek is with us even today in the religion known as secular humanism or secular progressivism. We are involved in a spiritual war. Ephesians 6:12

This movement follows the pattern of an age-old philosophy known as *Gnosticism*. The Greek word *gnostic*, translated into English is *knowledge*. Gnosticism focused on the idea that a *special knowledge* existed that

needed to be added to Christianity to make it complete. There was no one thing that defined Gnosticism, but the philosophical teaching of the Greek philosopher, Plato, known as *body self-dualism* or *gnostic dualism* became the dominate “special knowledge.” The main tenant of this philosophy is *that the real you is not your body, but the real you is your thoughts, your aims, your desires, your consciousness, your self-awareness, your cognitive abilities, your ability to interact with your environment.* In other words, your body is not the real you, but your soul is. Your soul is also known as your *person*. Plato saw that humans had a body, but it was the shell that the soul/person occupied. The body had no value, only the soul/person. Therefore, whatever happened to the body was of no consequence. The soul/person was all that mattered.

This is the opposite of Christian teaching. In Genesis 2:7, the breath of life is man’s physical breath, but also his soul, his personhood. The body and the soul are one. The theological term for this is *hylomorphism*—we are *insouled* human beings—we are both body and soul.

Christ proved this fact with His death and resurrection. The dead Christ’s soul entered the place of the dead, Paradise. At His resurrection, his soul was reunited with his body. Thomas touched His wounds. He was alive—body and soul! Christ proved that we are *insouled*.

Secular humanism or progressivism has adopted Plato’s body self-dualism. The body is nothing. It’s a shell. So, what you do in the body is of no consequence. Your soul/person is all that matters. This is why all sexual deviant behaviors in our society are acceptable since it satisfies the soul/person, and the body is nothing. The Bible says that what you do in the body is as important as your soul/person.

So, if the body is only a shell, then people can do anything with their body or someone else’s body. Rights are not associated with the body This affects how governments govern, for there is no morality. Everyone does what is right according to their person/soul.

Rights are based on your soul/person. If the soul/person is satisfied, you have rights.

What happens if your soul/person is not functional? You have no rights. If you have no rights, you can be killed for the body is nothing and the soul/person is not functioning. Those who cannot live up to the humanistic/progressive standard for personhood will probably live unless those who have power over them do not want them, or sees them as a financial burden, or their existence is cramping their lifestyle.

Why this preoccupation with abortion from the left?

All people have an innate desire to worship. God created mankind to worship Him and to enjoy His presence. Mankind’s rebellion against God forced them to look for something else to worship--themselves. They became gods in their hearts and mind. All deities, whether the true God, Yahweh, or false gods have the power of life and death. Gods get to decide who lives and who dies. For the secular humanist/progressive, others must die so they can live as they want. Since killing people who have a functional person/soul will not work, then the only thing that satisfies their soul/personhood is the death of the unborn.

Abortion is the sacrament of these people. A sacrament reminds people of whom they serve. In this case, they serve themselves and ultimately, Satan.

These people use language to confuse and manipulate. Abortion is now considered “healthcare.” The person-less person in the womb is on the same level as cancer or a cyst. Even the extraction of a dead child in the womb is on the same level as an unwanted one. “Reproductive rights” is nothing more than saying, “I don’t want this child, so it’s my right to destroy it.” This is an inalienable right.

What about “My body, my choice?” This phrase appeals to the American belief in individual freedom. No person and defiantly no government, tells me what I can and cannot do. Again, this phrase says, “I am God. I have the power to decide who will live and who will die.”

“My body, my choice” is the language of the humanist/progressive liturgy. “This is my body. Non-person, shell of a being in my womb, you must die so I can live as I choose.”

The liturgy of the sacrament of communion or the Lord’s Supper, is the words of Jesus: “This is my body, broken for you, so you may have life.”