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PASTOR EMMANUEL SHARING CHRISTMAS DINNER IN A PRISON IN CAMEROON

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Dear Beloved Friends and Supporters of GIMI,

Blessed spring greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus! I pray that you, your family, and your friends continue to remain safe and well as the horrible Covid 19 plague continues to raise its head in all the world. Without a doubt, most all of us have lost some dear family members and beloved friends during this demonic-inspired pandemic that Satan has brought to the entire world. I don't believe any one of us knows exactly why God has allowed the Devil to bombard us with this diabolical attack, other than to believe that God is trying to get the attention of the entire defiant wicked world in which we live and to hopefully stir our hearts to a passionate quest for lost souls. As I have stated so often, all of our GIMI preachers and teachers are finding throughout all of our fields of ministry that many people are indeed responding to the Gospel more so than ever before because so many people are conscious of dying and life after death. The only time I can ever remember reading about such a great harvest

of souls, that was ever reaped like we are seeing right now, was during times of great revival like the I and II Great Awakenings and other wonderful spiritual movements of God in answer to the cries of God's people.

Right now, I would like once again to strongly appeal to every believer in Christ to cry out to God to send genuine Holy Ghost revival during these death-filled days. You see folks, God has promised in **II Chronicles 7:14** to send revival if we will cry out to Him, repent of our sin, and turn from our wicked ways. Then, He will hear from heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land, if we have faith enough to believe that He will. God has never broken a promise in history, and right now He stands more ready to send revival than we are willing to pay the price through faithful obedience to pray for revival. A.W. Tozer, one of God's great late preachers, used to say, "God is much more ready to send revival than God's people are ready to obey for it." Truly, the only hope that America has right now with the political corruption in the White House, in the State House, and in the Church House, is heaven sent revival and Divine intervention. We as a nation are probably in the worst mess we have ever been in since way back in the Great Depression before World War II. Never in my lifetime of 73 years have I seen such wickedness in our churches, in our governments, and in the lives of so many politicians. As terrible as it might seem, like Barak Obama and his wife said several years back, "I am quite ashamed of America." This precious country is in the mess it is in because of stupidity about what is truth, because the Bible has been forsaken, and because of radical attempts to make every sin acceptable and permissible without any accountability from law or from God. Right now, we are living like Israel did in the days of the Judges. Notice

the last verse in **JUDGES 21:25**, *"IN THOSE DAYS THERE WAS NO KING IN ISRAEL: EVERY MAN DID THAT WHICH WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES."* **DOES THIS VERSE READ AND SOUND LIKE AMERICA RIGHT NOW? I WOULD SAY IT DOES!!!!**

I Love Springtime!

I sincerely love springtime! The reason is that it was during this time of the year (particularly the month of Nissan-our April) that Jesus was brutally crucified on the cross, but it didn't end there. After Jesus was placed in the borrowed tomb just outside the walls of Jerusalem, He arose gloriously from that tomb sometime late Saturday evening, and the women discovered the vacant tomb early on the first day of the week (Sunday).

Now, over 2,000 years later, we are still celebrating the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ with much excitement. Why? Because this tremendous act of love by our Lord brought everlasting life into the world for every person that will repent of sin and put his or her faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. He arose, so we don't have to fear death because Christ was victorious over death, hell, and the grave. We don't usually get excited about dying because God doesn't give us dying grace until it is time to go. But, whether we die or go out of here in the Rapture of the Church, we don't have to fear death because the best is yet to come.

Truthfully folks, recently while I have been so sick and the world is in such a mess with the deaths from the plague, I have been praying for the coming of Christ so that we can meet the Lord up in the air and never have to face death again. What a wonderful day that is going to be when we get our new glorified bodies. We must never forget the promises we, as born-again believers, have been made through Paul the Apostle in **I Thessalonians 4:13**. We are admonished by Paul to be comforted by these wonderful words from Christ our King! Yes, we can truly say, "Happy Easter."

The word Easter didn't come from the Bible, but every one of us knows the truth and content of this wonderful yearly celebration. We can truly rejoice because Jesus is alive, and He is coming very soon for every child of God! I pray that all of us are ready to meet Him in the air! Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus! But, until He returns, let's enjoy the beautiful flowers after a long winter, let's get ready to plant our garden seeds, and let's keep telling the world that Jesus is alive forever and that every believer can receive this great promise from the King of kings and Lord of Lords!

A Big Fear That I Have

Since I talked about the crucifixion and the Easter (Passover) celebration in the previous paragraph, I would like to address another serious thing that is heavy on my heart because of what is happening in the world presently with the pandemic and the attitude of those within our churches. In spite of the thousands and thousands of souls that are being saved through our GIMI Mission efforts and some other mission ministries, I have a big fear that during this time away from in-church worship in many churches around the world, many pastors and church leaders are becoming lazy and lethargic about soul winning and missions. And yes, I do realize that for the past year, it has been very difficult for pastors and other church leaders to know just what to do with their Bible studies and worship services in view of the reality of Covid 19 and even other sicknesses within the congregation. I know this candidly because I have watched my son, Pastor Joel Frye, and his Oxford Baptist Church Christian leaders as they have had to plan week by week with different plans and different attempts to carry on the worship and work of the Lord. Because of so many things that the pastors, church leaders, and even the church members have had to initiate and re-initiate, there is the possible tendency in all of our churches to lose sight of the need for soul winning and continuing mission efforts to bring people to Christ. Of course, I do know of a few churches where the pastors are trying very hard to keep evangelism and soul winning before their people in spite of the many difficulties. One of these is indeed my son's church, but Dr. David Gallamore's great Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley, SC, is another church that has kept winning souls the main thing; even in the midst of this pandemic. I have watched these two pastors work so hard to keep the emphasis upon winning people to Christ, especially when so many people are presently death conscious. I have watched Oxford Baptist carefully because Jo Anne and I attend there in person when we are able to do so. And then, every week, we have watched the live streaming from Rock Springs Baptist there in Easley, SC. Of course, I know that there are other churches that still make evangelism and missions the main thing. But, I also know numbers and numbers of churches where the pastors and church members have gotten lazy and have moved away from the Great Commission emphasis. When this happens, a love for souls dies, evangelists are not needed or used, missionaries are no longer invited

to the churches, mission giving drops dramatically, recreation or entertainment becomes the primary emphasis, and most of all, thousands of souls die lost without Christ. I want to plead with all of you dear folks and friends to please not allow this to happen in your churches. We must keep the Great Commission the main thing in our churches, even with all of the necessary changes we have had to make to accommodate the pandemic.

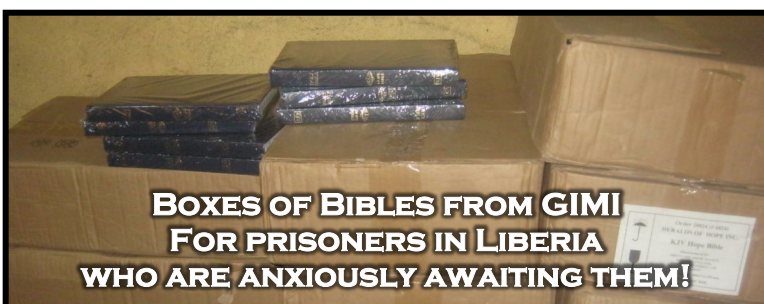
How Much Time Do You Spend Reading Your Bible?

At the risk of sounding like I am preaching, I want to mention something else that has been on my heart heavily in recent days. This is the matter of so many believers not spending time reading God's Word or time in devoted prayer during this uncertain time in which we are living. Of course, all of us know that in the past 40 plus years, our schools and universities have done everything they possibly can to get rid of the Bible. All us know that if Satan can get the Bible out of our homes, our learning institutions, our government, and yes, even our churches, then, he can destroy our entire country. You see folks, if the Bible is tossed aside or thrown out, there is no absolute truth, there are no moral principles to live by, and most of all, it is believed that mankind will not be held accountable for his sins. But, if any person here in America has any true historical facts or just common sense passed down from previous generations, he or she knows that this country was founded upon Biblical principles. May I tell you that if any person has the smallest amount of common sense, he or she knows that this nation cannot continue on without the truth of God's Word. And truthfully, there are many people in our nation's capitol, and yes, even in our state capitols as well, who want to get rid of God so they can have the secular communism that so many countries have tried and failed so wickedly in the past.

But folks, right now the average adult spends almost three hours per day on social media. The average American Christian spends five minutes per day in prayer while the average Christian spends one hour or less per week reading the Bible. It is quite obvious that our professing Christian population is not only enamored with social media, I-phones, computers, and other modern technology, but a huge amount of these people have made these items into personal gods using them endlessly, even to the point of never communicating seriously with their family and friends.

And, while spending hours on social media, these same professing Christians rarely spend any time in serious Bible study or genuine prayer.

I want to encourage every one of you reading this newsletter to put down your I-phones, Smart Phones, computers, and other devices and go get into some serious study of God's Word. Then, practically apply the truth of Scripture into practical application in your lives. I sincerely believe that Satan is doing everything he possibly can to take the Bible out of the believer's life in order to primarily remove the strongest weapon against the devil that any person has. We all remember that in **Matthew 4**, Jesus withstood the attacks of Satan by quoting the Book of **Deuteronomy** to him. Surely, if Jesus withstood the devil with the written Word, how much more do we need to do so?



Is Lent A Christian Festival Celebration?

Well folks, before moving on, I want to briefly discuss a subject that is pretty prevalent this time of the year. This pertains to the Lent celebration that is always conducted at this time of the year in Catholic and several other liturgical congregations. I am going to share with you some information that proves that this Lent celebration is a pagan god festival started way back in Babylon during the days of Nimrod. I beg you to pay attention and please learn that Lent should never be conducted by any Christian or any Christian church.

This festival is an abomination before God. It needs to be stopped immediately! If you don't think it is evil, think back to the last couple of years when one of the wickedest women on earth wore the ash cross on her forehead. That woman is Nancy Pelosi, and she probably was trying to find forgiveness for her diabolic and brazen lying while representing her San Francisco District in the House of Representatives. We truly need to pray that Nancy Pelosi and many of her wicked colleagues in Washington might get saved! This horrible doctrine of Lent was stolen from Babylonian paganism and implemented in the early Catholic Church. By the way folks, there is not one doctrine in the Catholic Church that can provide forgiveness of sin or eternal life. It is all a system of works! Now, let's look at the true meaning of Lent!

Who Was Tammuz?

"In ancient Babylon 'Ishar' (Pronounced Easter) was a day that commemorated the 'resurrection' of 'Tammuz', one of the Babylonian gods, who was believed to be the only begotten son of the moon goddess and the sun god. Tammuz was a descendant of Noah—i.e. he was a great-great grandson of Noah.

Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth (Genesis 6:10). Ham had a son named Cush who married a woman named Semiramis. Cush and Semiramis then had a son and they named him 'Nimrod.' Nimrod was such a nimrod that he attempted to build the tower of Babel, a tower meant to ascend to the 'gates of heaven'. This happened in a bid to defeat God's purposes just in case He sent another flood. Nimrod never stopped to think that God had given a rainbow to be a sign that God wasn't going to bring a flood ever again; an unbreakable promise the Lord made to Nimrod's great grandfather, Noah."¹

Genesis 10:8-10 says: *'And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord. And the beginning of his kingdom was BABEL, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.'*²

"After the death of Cush, his father, Nimrod married his own mother and became a powerful king and a god-man to the people. Semiramis, his wife and mother, became the 'mother of god' and the 'Queen of heaven.'

Nimrod was eventually killed by an enemy, and his body was cut in pieces and sent to various parts of his kingdom. Semiramis told the people of Babylon that Nimrod had ascended to the sun and was now to be called 'Baal', the sun god.

Semiramis claimed that she was immaculately conceived and she taught that the moon that went through a 28-day cycle and ovulated when full. She further claimed that she came down from the moon in a giant moon egg that fell into the Euphrates River. This was to have happened at the time of the first moon after the Spring Equinox."³

"Semiramis became known as 'Ishtar' which is pronounced "Easter", and her moon egg became known as "Ishtar's "egg"(Easter Egg). Ishtar (Semiramis) soon became pregnant and claimed that it was the rays of the sun-god Baal that caused her to conceive. The

son that she brought forth was named Tammuz.

Tammuz was noted to be especially fond of rabbits, and they became sacred in the ancient religion, because Tammuz was believed to be the son of the sun-god, Baal. Tammuz, like his supposed father, became a hunter. The day came when Tammuz was killed by a wild pig.

Queen Ishtar told the people that Tammuz was now ascended to his father, Baal, and that the two of them would be with the worshippers in the sacred candle or lamp flame as Father, Son and Spirit. Ishtar, who was now worshipped as the "Mother of God" and "Queen of Heaven", continued to build her mystery religion.

After Tammuz was killed by a wild pig, the "Queen of Heaven" proclaimed a Forty-Day period of sorrow each year prior to the anniversary of the death of Tammuz. Every year, on the First Sunday after the first full moon, after the spring equinox, a celebration was made. It was Ishtar's (Easter) Sunday and was celebrated with rabbits, eggs and ham.

The truth is that the FORTY DAYS OF LENT, eggs, rabbits, hot cross buns and the Easter ham have everything to do with the ancient pagan religion of Mystery Babylon. These are all pagan practices that came to contemporary "Christian" churches by way of the Roman Catholic System.

The word, Easter, has nothing whatsoever to do with the true resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Besides, it has nothing to do with the true Passover although their respective dates coincide on some occasions.

The pagan holiday is always set as the First Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. Lent days are set by the Catholic Church to precede Easter, which they also set.

The judgment pronounced by God in **Ezekiel 8** will surely be meted on the modern-day Christians who weep for Tammuz while in the Lord's temple. The Lord sees all and has warned all to desist from idolatry. Will you follow the commandments of God or the commandments of men?"⁴

Dr. Isaac Menge is a Medical Doctor and Professor in Australia.

⁴ Ibid, pages 2-4.



**BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN IN DR CONGO
ENJOYING CHRISTMAS LUNCH FROM GIMI**

¹ Fulcrum Website, By: Dr. Isaac Menge, page 1.

² Ibid, pages 1-2.

³ Ibid, page 2

Another Reminder— Our New Spiritual Leadership Seminar Videos Are Now Available!

I am not going to give you another long litany of my health problems at this time as I have done before, but I do want to tell you that I still have the paralyzed vocal cord, which makes it so hard for me to speak these days. I was supposed to have vocal cord surgery on December 1, 2020, but I got extremely sick and could not have the surgery at that time. However, with the help of Jesus, during some of the days when my throat is not too bad, I am still trying to preach and teach some on videos in order to provide some training materials for our African workers, but also, for those of you here in America that might like to become a greater spiritual leader for Jesus. I have just completed my first series, and I preached and taught from the book, which I wrote entitled **"Finishing The Task God Has Given Us"**. This is a twelve session series with 16 videos. I genuinely believe God will use these to bless your life, inspire you, and also, to help you learn a tremendous amount of Biblical Truth that will better equip you for your service to our wonderful Lord and Savior. We now have this series available in an album form. For those of you here in America, if you have the funds, we are asking that you give Gateway International Missions, Inc. a gift of \$25.00. If you don't have this amount, we will give you the set because we want to help you in your service for Jesus. But, if you do have the \$25.00, you can help us help some African preachers and teachers who truthfully have almost nothing. So, if you would like to have a copy of this new set of teaching videos, please contact our GIMI Office. **Our office telephone is 828-632-2344. I truly hope to hear from you very soon to request these videos, which I spent many hours preparing, even with my bad vocal cord! I truly want to help all of you who want to help yourselves!**

Before moving on, I want to tell you that I am hoping to complete some more video series on Revival and the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation very soon, if my voice will allow it. And presently, I am working on another series of videos on the subject of "Accountable Stewardship For Every God Called Servant." This series is about holding ourselves accountable for our servanthood in view of the coming day of accounting when we stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. Presently, we are placing these videos on our GIMI website as I complete them. So, you can go there and view them as I work on completing this new series.

Then, when I finish the entire series, we will have them available for you in an entire set! Just let us know if you might be interested in having one of these new series for Christian leadership development.

My Latest Book Is Still Available!

Months and months ago, I began writing a brand new book. I know that most of you know just how much I love to write, and therefore, another new book wouldn't demand much interest in this day when we are bombarded with new books from everywhere. But this new book is quite the exception because of the subject matter of the book. Now, I in no way want to offend anyone by my new book, but because of the horrible racial and class problems we are now having in our country, some of you may get angry with this book when you read it. But, if you do get angry, then the proposition of the book will truly be borne out by your offense and anger.

For years and years I have looked for some great theologian to exegete the story of Noah and his three sons, which is found in **Genesis 9 and 10**. I have longed for someone who would interpret these verses without a preconceived bias, or without a fear of political and racial correctness enough to get to the bottom of the truth. But folks, because of fear and bias, I have never found anyone who would make this attempt. But, many months ago as I mentioned, I prayerfully started this great project at the risk of being misunderstood by some, and even hated by others. But now, I am bringing this project to a conclusion.

In this book which is entitled, **"The Willful Ignorance and Blatant Denial of the Curse of Ham"**, I have courageously jumped in over my head to try to interpret this great story which happened after Noah came out of the ark following the flood, planted a vineyard and raised grapes, and then, when the grapes ripened, he took them and made wine, got dastardly drunk, lay down on his bed uncovered, and then opened himself up to a shameful and derogatory action by his son, Ham, who walked into Noah's tent and found him lying there naked. With a certain amount of glee, Ham ran outside and told Shem and Japheth, who then, took a covering and backed guardedly into Noah's tent and covered up his shamefulness. As a result of this horrible event, Noah later placed a horrible curse upon Ham, but more so, upon his grandson, called Canaan. And folks, from these three sons of Noah have come the three main races of the world, along with many mixed races as well. The truth of this story cannot be denied with any credibility, but

only by willful ignorance trying to cover up the truth, and, by blatantly denying the truth of this terrible event. So, I have tried to be objective, but yet, very thorough and truthful about this passage of Scripture. And, I do want to say that these two chapters in Genesis are just as much a part of the inspired Word of God as is **John 3:16**. One cannot believe that **John 3:16** is the Word of God, while at the same time disbelieving that the story of Noah and his sons is just a story that has been told from one generation to another.

I would like to offer you a copy of this new book for a gift of \$25.00 to GIMI, if you have the courage to read every word of it. If you are courageous, just contact our GIMI Office at the e-mail address or phone number, which I gave you in the previous discussion of my new video series, and we will send you the book just as soon as possible!

"A Closing Note Of Thanks"

Before giving you some prayer requests to close my article, I want to just stop and send out a great big thank you to my son, Pastor Joel Frye, and several Oxford Baptist men who came over to our headquarters to help us replace 14 pallets of Bibles, Gospel tracts, and many other donated items for Africa. Pastor Joel and Pastor Mike, I want to thank you men and all the others from Oxford who did such a wonderful job in moving all of those Bibles and other items. It is my prayer that Jesus might reward you manifold for all that you did for GIMI and the Kingdom of God. You will share in the rewards for those who come to Christ reading the Bibles and other materials. Again, thank you and please know that Jo Anne and I sincerely love you!



Please Keep Praying Fervently!

I will close my article this time by asking all of you GIMI Team Members to really keep praying fervently for all of our GIMI staff and workers during these difficult days. Pray that God will keep all of them safe and well during this time of disease and death that is everywhere.

Also, my wife and I covet your prayers as we try to continue overseeing this wonderful ministry and keep trying to reach lost people with the Gospel. I would appreciate your prayers for my health to get better, so that I can continue on without so much pain and many limitations.

In addition, please, please pray that my vocal cord will be restored so that we can restart our GIMI radio ministry once again. There is probably no better way right now during this pandemic that we could get the Gospel message out to the lost world than through radio.

One very special request! One of the best preacher friends that I have ever had is Pastor Odell Daughtry in Ingleside, Texas. Brother Odell is the pastor of North Bay Fellowship where I have preached for 20 plus years. Right now, Brother Odell is very sick, and he has been in the hospital with surgery and then had to go back in the hospital with complications. Please pray that God would heal this great servant of God if He can choose to do so. We surely love Brother Odell, his wife, Linda, and the entire family. Truly, this pastor loves souls and missions probably more than any pastor I have ever known. Let's pray together for God to restore his health if possible, and give us some more wonderful years with this wonderful man of God!

The last prayer request is for my Grandson, Matthew's, wife, Katelyn McKinney. Katelyn has been so sick for the last three years, even before they got married. Recently, she had to have another terrible surgery at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida where the doctors have done extensive surgery to try and correct the horrible problems that were caused by incompetent doctors at Forsyth Hospital in Winston Salem, NC, where they cut her up and caused so much scar tissue that it blocked her digestive system to where she has not been able to eat for months. Please pray that God might completely heal her and give her some normalcy back in her life and home. This terrible tragedy has been a literal "hell on earth", just like what happened to her father-in-law, Pastor Mike McKinney, who was destroyed at Catawba Valley Medical Center in Hickory, NC back in 2016 by another incompetent surgeon who botched a rather simple operation. Now, Pastor Mike is a disabled

man with pain almost all the time. Folks, let me get upon my soapbox for moment and tell you that every year in America between 250,000 and 300,000 people die from botched surgeries or medical mistakes. The sad thing is that most lawyers and other doctors never hold these people accountable. So, just like Governor Cuomo in New York, thousands die with no accountability! May God raise up some truly courageous people who will cry out for stopping this licensed blood bath!

I will close by thanking all of you GIMI Team Members for being on our team! Jo Anne and I sincerely love and appreciate you folks so much. And, I pray that it won't be too long before we can come and visit some of your churches again!

Eternally grateful,

Dr. Stan Frye, President of GIMI

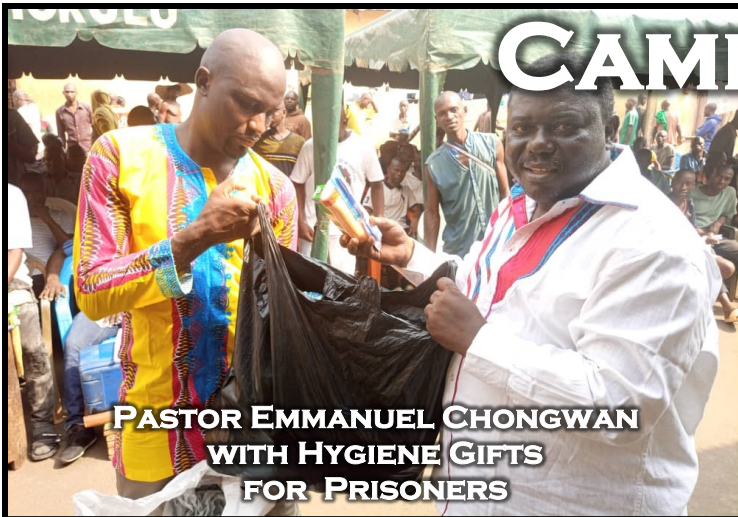
John 4:35



**62 MANY PRISONERS
PRAYING TO RECEIVE CHRIST**



MANY GIFTS FOR PRISONERS



**PASTOR EMMANUEL CHONGWAN
WITH HYGIENE GIFTS
FOR PRISONERS**



**PRISONERS
PRAYING
TO RECEIVE CHRIST**



**PASTOR EMMANUEL
WITH TWO ELDERLY PRISONERS
WHO GOT SAVED**



**PASTOR PHILIP NDURYA
WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR LADY PRISONERS**



**PASTOR JOHN KIBE
GIVING GIFTS TO PRISONERS**

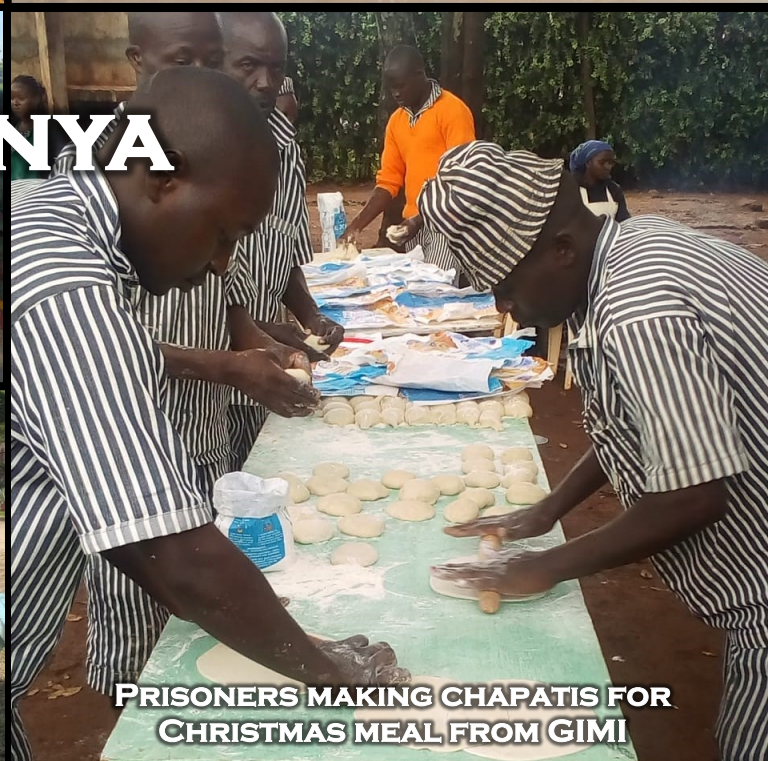


**PASTOR SAMMY MBUGUA
BRINGING HUMANITARIAN AID TO PRISONERS**

KENYA



**PRISONERS PREPARING CHICKENS FOR
CHRISTMAS DINNER**



**PRISONERS MAKING CHAPATIS FOR
CHRISTMAS MEAL FROM GIMI**



PRISONERS WITH THEIR CHRISTMAS CHAPATIS FROM GIMI



**GIMI PRESENTING THE GOSPEL
TO PRISONERS**



**PRISONERS
PRAYING TO RECEIVE CHRIST**



**OUR GIMI PASTOR/OFFICER, FRED NATO,
WITH SOME YOUNG OFFICERS IN A PRISON**

UGANDA



**PASTOR JOHN SSENTUMBWE
LEADING PRISONERS TO CHRIST**



PRISONERS ENJOYING CHRISTMAS DINNER!

GIMI BOOKSTORE

Welcome to our GIMI Bookstore! We usually take these resources with us when we travel to your churches to share our beloved ministry! With the COVID pandemic still raging, we are not able to travel at this time. We certainly miss meeting all of you in person and having a chance to fellowship with you! In light of all that, I decided to give you a list of our available resources in this newsletter. I have put a ☺ by my favorite books. If you would like all 7 of them, I am offering them to you for \$60.00. That is a savings of \$26.00!

*In Christ's Love,
Jo Anne Frye
Media Specialist*

Books

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A study of the Book of Revelation

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Curse Of Ham” (\$25.00) “A Great Big Biblical Truth That No One Wants To Believe”

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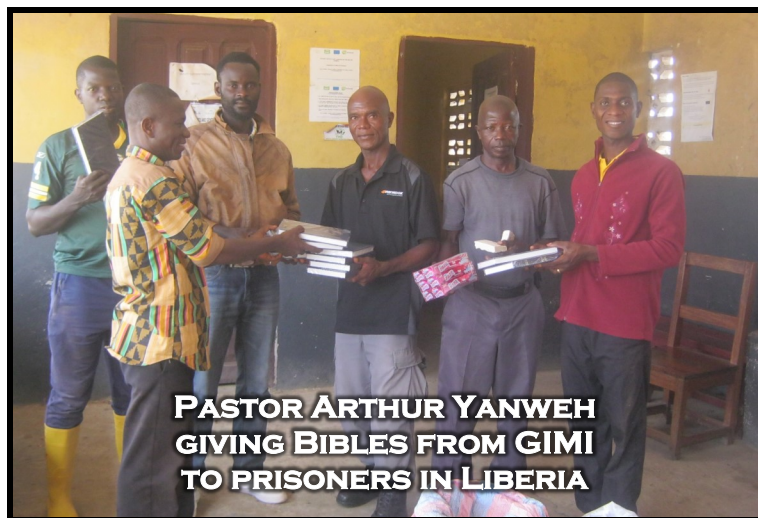
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Introduction

The article that I am about to write is one that lays heavily upon my heart; one in which I can't get out from under. We are told by statisticians that every day in America, 3,000 plus precious babies are butchered in their mother's wombs, and many of these just before they are born full-term. Since the beginning of so-called legal abortions back in 1973, over 61 million babies have been murdered by greedy doctors, confused young ladies, young men who are ashamed of their sin, wrongly supportive parents, scripturally ignorant professing Christians, and a violent radical organization called Planned Parenthood. And, all of these vile decisions to kill these innocent children are defended by the lie called, "Freedom of Choice." Since that infamous day back in 1973 when corrupt judges changed the Constitution in order to approve the murder of our babies, over 61 million children have been killed, but we must not forget that these kids will be in heaven at the judgment of God to bear witness against their murderers unless these killers get genuinely saved and repent of this dastardly deed. Wicked men and women might take this horrible sin casually, but be assured that God doesn't.

Most all of us remember the stories of the horrible holocaust that butchered six million Jewish people under the leadership of Adolph Hitler, and this was a terribly wicked thing. But just meditate upon the brutality that has killed ten times more than were killed in the holocaust. Just try to imagine the enormity of this inexplicable deed. Just think about the thousands and thousands of ill-informed young women, and also, scores of mid-life moms-to-be, who received the wrong counsel from so-called friends, from blatant and definite hypocrites, from money-crazy radicals like the people in Planned Parenthood, and yes, sad to say, but from some very screwed up phony religious people, including liberal preachers and pastors who offered their wicked advice which resulted in the death of multitudes of precious babies. And, I dare not fail to mention the scores of wicked politicians who are more interested in getting votes than they are in saving lives. Right now, we have many of these wicked conspirators in Washington, D.C., and in our state capitols who defy the truth of the Bible, defy those who stand against abortion, and most of all, defy God who gives life at the moment of conception. If rabid liberals had a thousand years on this earth to try to defend the murder of these babies, they would never be able to produce any argument which could give credibility to taking the lives of unborn and recently born children in the name of "Freedom Of Choice."

I have been a pastor for 54 years, and I literally could not tell you how many young women, middle-aged ladies, and yes, even some 60 year old plus women, who have come in to my office seeking help with the horrific guilt that they bear because they had their baby or babies killed. A lot of these ladies have terrific guilt, bad dreams, emotional upheaval, and some who came to see me were at the point of suicide.

For instance, I remember one dear lady who came to share with me that she got pregnant out of wedlock at the age of 16. With the pressure of the child's father and his family, along with some other so-called friends, this precious young lady went through with the abortion and had her baby killed. For over 40 years, this Mom had tried to live with the guilt to the extent that often times she would wake up at night hearing this dead baby cry, and even sometimes, envisioning what the child would look like at its age today, had it been permitted to be born. Then, many women have told me that every year on the projected birthday of their dead child, they would wake up thinking about what they might have been doing today on his or her birthday if the baby would have lived. Their lives will never be normal, but there is hope for them if they will truly give their lives to Jesus and be forgiven of this terrible mistake; better called, sin. Jesus' precious blood will wash away all sin, even the sin of murder, which any person who performs or gives consent to an abortion blatantly commits.

You see folks, for the past 40 plus years I have worked in prisons all over this world; especially 36 years in Africa. I have dealt with thousands of murderers, even Ted Bundy, and scores just like him. But, I have never told any inmate that God wouldn't forgive him or her if he or she would truly repent and turn from his or her life of sin. But, it is amazing to me that scores of professing believers think it is terrible that others in prison ministries, like myself, go to try to get these murderers saved before they die or are executed, and at the same time, a huge amount of these professing Christians don't think that killing 3,000 babies everyday through abortion is bad at all. This wicked double standard is straight out of the pits of hell, and, people without a doubt are going to be held accountable for this horrible sin which has contributed to this conspiracy to butcher babies.

Before moving on to the exegesis of this passage of Scripture on abortion, I want to share some more information with you about the Roe v. Wade decision way back there in 1973.

"Norma McCorvey (Jane Roe) Became The Sacrificial Lamb"

"Sarah Weddington was a graduate of the University of Texas Law School and a friend of the campus radical liberals. While in law school she had become pregnant, and because this would interfere with her career, she and her husband decided to abort the child. Since abortions were illegal in Texas, they traveled across the border to the Mexican town of Piedras Negras.

Part of the campus group's birth control project was counseling women on how to obtain Mexican abortions. They wanted Weddington to give them legal advice on whether giving this advice exposed their group to criminal prosecution. The discussions led rapidly to the idea of filing a Supreme Court suit.

To accomplish this, they needed a plaintiff—a woman who was already pregnant and needed an abortion for reasons the Court would find compelling. The problem was that most women who wanted an abortion wanted to get it over with as soon as possible. A court case, they knew, could take years. Weddington and her co-counsel found the plaintiff they were looking for in Norma McCorvey, who would become "Jane Roe" of *Roe v. Wade*.¹

"The twenty-two-year-old McCorvey had been married and divorced twice. She'd had a child by each husband and had passed both children onto be raised by relatives. Now she was pregnant again by a man she wasn't married to. She was desperate to get an abortion. Her life was in chaos. She was a drug abuser, homeless, sexually confused, emotionally unstable, and fragile."²

"Sarah Weddington's political goal was to make abortions as available as contraception, and she was willing to use any means necessary to do so, even offering to help a woman in dire circumstances and then betraying her. Because of the requirements of the legal case, instead of recommending an abortionist, Weddington persuaded the impressionable McCorvey not to abort her baby pending the Court's decision, even though she was well aware that McCorvey would deliver her baby long before the case was concluded. As it turned out, it took three years for the case to reach the Supreme Court. In the meantime, McCorvey gave birth to a girl and put her daughter up for adoption."³

"Years later, Norma McCorvey had a change of heart (she got saved), renounced her role in *Roe v. Wade*, and joined the antiabortion camp. In 1997 she wrote an account of what she felt was the shabby treatment she had received from Weddington and her feminist colleagues:

Though Sarah had passed herself off as my friend, in reality she used me. When I sat down with her and discussed the possibility of getting an abortion, Sarah knew where I could get one because she had gotten one herself three years before. When I asked her if the court's decision would come in time for me to get an abortion, she gave me an evasive answer. And she did so with full understanding that it would come way too late to help me. If Sarah Weddington was so interested in abortion, why didn't she tell me where she got hers? Because I was of no use to her unless I was pregnant.

Weddington's behavior outraged even a pro-abortion reporter for the *Texas Observer*, who wrote: "By not effectively informing Norma of where she could get an abortion, the feminists who put together *Roe v. Wade* turned her into Choice's sacrificial lamb."⁴

Well friends, do you see what really happened in this *Roe v. Wade* scandal. A wicked woman, Sarah Weddington, used a troubled and confused woman, Norma McCorvey, as a sacrificial lamb to appeal to the emotions of the Supreme Court Justices, and in the end, they misread the Constitution and enacted a law that never should have been enacted. They approved this new law to kill babies under the disguise of "preserving privacy," which is not even insinuated in the Constitution.

So, since that terrible day in 1973, an entire generation of babies have been butchered. And, it is sad to say, but Hollywood, the radical leftwing media, and defiant wicked politicians keep killing children under the phony interpretation of the Constitution, and for most of the 325 million people in America, very few people are ever really convicted enough to take a stand against this blood bath. It is time for people to stand up against abortion like my dear friend, Jerry Falwell, did many years ago before he went home to heaven. And, it is time that we squash this liberal wickedness and violence by going to the polls and voting out those who believe in

¹ The Dark Agenda, by: David Horowitz, Humanix Books, page 85.

² Ibid, page 85.

³ Ibid, page 86.

⁴ Ibid, pages 86-87.

murdering babies.

Folks it only stands to reason that it is no wonder we don't have enough funds to pay for Social Security when in fact, we have killed a generation of would-be tax payers who would have been here if this wicked nation had not killed them. When we have butchered almost 20 percent of the present population of the United States of America, how could we expect anything less than a financial crisis. And too, the sad thing is that it always seems that the older generations suffer tremendously when there is no younger generation coming along to help take care of them. But, we have caused this horrible ordeal because we have killed over 61 millions babies. Can you hear them crying right now, and maybe even saying Mama, Daddy, doctors, "Why did you take my life, I didn't do anything to hurt you?"

Now folks, I am going to spend the rest of this article interpreting our verses. Please pay attention to what God wants to show us concerning the horrible sin of abortion.

I. ABORTION IS MURDER BECAUSE OF THE TIME OF DIVINE CONCEPTION. v. 13

I am one of those pastors that believes emphatically what the Bible teaches about conception; or when life really begins. This truth has been debated over and over down through the past 46 years since the Roe v. Wade decision. When does life really begin? Well, if a person is honest enough to believe the Bible, then this question should not even have to be asked. When male sperm comes together with the female egg, then God creates life and an embryo is formed with 23 female chromosomes and 23 male chromosomes if the baby is normal; right then, not four or five months later, or not even 6 weeks after conception. Therefore, at the moment of conception, life is, and life is, regardless of how we want to deny it or even argue with God in His Word.

A. At the time of conception, the baby is given precious ingredients. v. 13a

Pay close attention to the first phrase in this verse. ***"For thou has possessed my reins."*** The word possessed here is a little confusing because it implies that when God creates us, we belong to him, which in fact is true. But there is a greater meaning to the word "possessed." In the Hebrew this word means to erect or to set up. In my mind it is the word build. What the Psalmist is saying is that at the moment conception takes place, the baby is given precious ingredients which God provides and He starts the process of erecting each of us as an individual person. So, whatever God uses to create us, then we are composed of tremendous ingredients because everything we are, or ever hope to be comes directly from our creator.

Now, as we come to the word "reins" in this verse. This word is an unusual word as well. In the Hebrew the word literally means kidneys. This might seem a little confusing in the age in which we now live, but in the mind of David who wrote this Psalm and other Jewish people, thought of the seat of emotions when they heard the word reins or kidneys. In Barnes Commentary on Psalms, the writer mentions the following. "The word reins means literally the kidneys; and then, it comes to denote the inward part, the mind, the soul, the seat of desires, affections, and passions."⁵

In other words, the Psalmist is saying that when God creates a human being, He builds him or her with all kinds of emotions (love, hate, anger, even lusts or desires). "The meaning here is, that God had made him; that the innermost recesses of his being had been constituted as they are by God; and that, therefore, he must be able to see all that there is in the very depths of the souls, however it may be hidden from the eye of man."⁶

These thought are just remarkable. David the Psalmist in this hymn was singing about the creative power of God, and how that God knew everything about him, even from the time of his conception. God knows our minds, our souls, our passions, our desires, and everything about us from the moment of life. Why of course He should know these things because He gives us these characteristics.

B. At the time of conception, the baby is formed by a precise initiative. v. 13b

In the last part of verse 13, we find these words, ***"Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb"***. The word covered here once again gives a different definition than we usually associate with it. The Hebrew word

⁵ Barnes' Notes On Psalms, By: Albert Barnes, Baker Book House, page 294.

⁶ Ibid.

renders it to interweave or knit together. Now, don't miss what God is trying to show us here in this great verse. Under the inspiration of God, David is saying that from the moment of his conception, God wove him into a special human being as a weaver who weaves a beautiful piece of cloth. In other words, God was right there with each of us in the creation of our different parts. Therefore, this precise initiative by God made each of us uniquely different, which has been proved by even the different genes and fingerprints that we have. As my Daddy use to say about me, "Stanley, there is not another like you." Well, that may have been a veiled criticism, but the truth is that each of us is made especially different, and I can tell you that He made us for himself. May I say right here that we are not an afterthought of God, but before the foundation of the world God planned our birth, and everything that He would use in building us just like His plan. Jeremiah said in **Jeremiah 1:5**, these words: ***"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."*** Wow, what a tremendous verse to remind us just how important to God we are. In His Divine plan, God prepared for our birth and life, and His plan could not be changed because He is truly Sovereign.

II. ABORTION IS MURDER BECAUSE OF THE TRUTH OF DIVINE CONSTRUCTION. v. 14

As we continue this wonderful study on why abortion is indeed murder, we need to really look closely at what David says here under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He starts out this verse with a moment of reflection and praise. Obviously, when David was writing this great text, he must have been somewhere contemplating how great it was to know that God Almighty created him, and that because of that creation, he had been created to bring praise and an awesome respect and reverence for God. David indeed starts out by praising God, and then he proceeds on to tell God why.

A. Once more, David says that as a baby he was specially constructed. v. 14a

It just seems that David was indeed overwhelmed by his awe for God because of the way God had built him. He states in the second part of this verse. ***"For I am fearfully and wonderfully made."*** Let me give you again Albert Barnes' interpretation of this verse. "The literal translation of this—as near as can be given—would be, I am distinguished among thy works by things which tend to exalt my ideas about God, and to fill my soul with reverent and devout feelings. The idea is, that he was distinguished among the works of creation, or so "separated" from other things in his endowments as to work in the mind as a sense of awe. He was made different from inanimate objects, and from the brute creation; he was so made, in the entire structure of his frame, as to fill the mind with wonder."⁷

So, David realized that God had truly made him uniquely different from all of the other creation, and he realized that he was made for God's purpose and to bring pleasure to the heart of God. What a difference it would make if every born again child of God could come to understand that when God made us, He did so for the purpose of eventually saving us when we reached the age of accountability for the purpose of being God's special vessel in His service. Therefore, when any woman, doctor, nurse, father or mother decides to kill a baby, it is far more than just being some tissue from the body of the mom. It is killing a unique and special being made in the image of God with a Divine purpose that God had planned for this child. I sincerely believe that if a mother or father aborts her or his child, and then never gets saved and forgiven, at the Great White Throne Judgment, that aborted child may just be around the throne to witness against its mom and dad. What a tragic day that is going to be.

B. Once more, David says that as a baby he was separately constructed. v. 14b

I have used the word separately in this point to affirm the fact that when David meditated upon his special creation as a man, he came to the conclusion that not only did God the Father want him to understand how wonderfully made he was, but he also came to the conclusion that God had built him for a unique purpose and that he was not his own, but he had been separated by God to worship and serve the Lord faithfully. I suppose we might call this separation a preliminary view that David had of sanctification. Why? Because God creates and then saves every person who will respond by faith unto salvation in order to be a vessel or ambassador for King Jesus.

⁷ Ibid, pages 294-295.

In the last two statements of verse 14, David extolls the work of God in an even greater way. Right in the midst of his meditation and reflection, he just comes out with a tremendous proclamation. I believe David may have even shouted up to God when he makes the statement, **"Marvelous are thy works."** David was so excited about what God had done for him that he was truly ecstatic about the goodness of God. We too should be very excited about the fact that God made us with a purpose for His glory in order for us to bring honor and praise to His name. Thus, we need to quit feeling sorry for ourselves and just stop and realize that God did create us, and that we all have worth because of who created us, and to whom we belong.

The very last statement in this verse is a strong statement that David was totally convinced without doubt that God created him, and that he had a purpose for being here. And, please don't forget, our Lord places upon us much worth and value, if we have totally and completely surrendered to Him for His purpose and will for our lives. I do hope and pray that God has truly touched your heart about how important each one of us is, although I just heard a preacher say the other day, that God doesn't need us, and that He could get along right well without us. Well, this might sound somewhat spiritual because we do serve the omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient and immutable God, but God would not have paid the price for our redemption, and then, cast us away as if He got a bad deal. God does love us, and that was shown when He supernaturally made us at conception, and especially, when He died on the cross for our salvation. At the risk of sounding a little proud, I am convinced that every child of God here on earth is important to God the Father until He is through with us here, and we go home to be with Him forever.

III. ABORTION IS MURDER BECAUSE OF THE TOUCH OF DIVINE CHARM. vs. 15-16a

The word charm, which I have used in this point, directs our attention to someone or something that has much charisma, appeal, beauty, or attractiveness. In other words, this person or item seems to draw people's attention to itself just because of its presentation. In verse 15, the first word that draws our attention is the word substance. This word in the Hebrew language means bones or structure. The idea that God is giving to us through David is that after conception in the womb of his mother, God was watching over him in his structure, even when no one else could see the growth or development that was taking place. Of course, in David's day there were no ultrasound machines for the expecting mother to go to the doctor and see progressive development of the baby inside the womb. But yet, when no one else could see the baby growing, God could because he knows and see everything, and because He conceived this little baby, He is there watching it all the way through the nine month gestation period. In other words, this little baby girl or boy is very charming, even when no one else can see it. But, we need to remember that the Mom who is carrying this little treasure in her womb feels readily every movement of this child. So, through this movement and the reality that the baby is there, Mom and the baby are building a unique relationship that will last for a lifetime. Now, let's look at this charming little gift from God; not a blob of tissue which merits being destroyed by some greedy doctor or maybe by a very sinful and fearful girl or lady who doesn't want to assume the responsibility for bringing this child into the world.

A. This charm is revealed in the baby's skeleton. v. 15a

I have already mentioned that the word "substance" here means bones, body, or as we see here, the skeleton of the new baby. Thus, David is stating that when he had been conceived in the secret womb of his mother without anyone else being able to see him, God was watching over the building of his skeleton or structure as a God-created child. I want to say again that when a child has been conceived when the father's sperm and the mother's egg comes together, this is not just a blob of fetal tissue that can be destroyed without conscience. But, this child has been given life, by God Himself, and as this child grows through the nine months of pregnancy, God is watching everything that is going on because He is the one that is building this child.

B. This charm is revealed in the baby's spectrum. v. 15b

The word spectrum simply means to see the composite combination of everything put together. This idea comes from the phrase "curiously wrought", which means to weave with various colors and knit them together properly. There is truly nothing more charming than a beautiful baby which has been created by God's bringing all

the tissues, the blood vessels, the nerves, the muscles, the skin, the body organs, the brain, and every last part together in a beautiful embroidered human being brought together in the image of God.

Therefore, what David was trying to express to God was that he wanted to praise the Lord because he had stopped to reflect upon the glorious and precious garment, which had been colorfully woven together in the form of a child by the only One that could possibly have done this. And that is none other than God Himself. What beauty, what charm, and what a marvelous creature a precious baby is in the womb of his or her mother. May I just say here, that it takes a very naïve or willfully ignorant person to believe that a living baby in the womb of its mother is not a genuinely living person. But still, who is crying out on behalf of these helpless kids who are being murdered by the tune of 4,000 per day here in America? If anyone is going to stand for those who can't stand for themselves, it has to be truly saved and dedicate believers who will say, "enough is enough," and we are not going to stand silently by while these precious children are put to death daily.

I think this would be a good time for me to remind all of you that in the Old Testament, when the Israelites began to offer their children to the false god, Molech, God Jehovah was enraged. Please notice the following Scriptures given as a warning to the Israelites. ***"And thou shalt not let any of thy seed (children) pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of God. I am the Lord."*** (Leviticus 18:21) Also, notice the next verse. ***"Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed (children) unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones. And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people, because he hath given of his seed (children) unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name."*** (Leviticus 20:2-3).

Now, if we can't see from these verses how serious it is for God's people to offer their children on the altar to other gods, then we have to be willfully blind. But of course, there are some of you who don't believe we should live by the rules of the Old Testament, while other of you might say, this was not abortion, but this was child sacrifice in the worship of another god. May I tell you dear friends, that abortion is no different because what we are doing is killing our children because we are worshipping at the altars of self-centeredness, immoral pleasure, wicked rebellion, and downright heathenism which is rampant not only here in America, but in other parts of the world like Europe, China, Russia. It just seems that these who are killing millions of babies just don't believe that they will have to answer to the same God that told Israel to stone to death every person who burned their children alive in the fiery belly of a huge statue or god. But, let me say that the impending judgment for people in this New Testament era is going to be worse than could possibly be expected, because we have been given so much grace and forgiveness by the death of Christ on the cross. The killing of babies is a serious matter!

C. This charm is revealed in the baby's substance. v. 16a

Well, here is that word substance again. But this time, it has somewhat of a different meaning. Let me give you what Albert Barnes says about this in his great commentary on Psalms. "This whole verse is very obscure, but the idea in this expression clearly is, 'Before I had been shaped or formed, thou didst see what I was to be.' The single word in the original Hebrew was 'golem'. This is the only place this form of the word is used in the Old Testament. The noun then means that which is rolled or wrapped together; that which is folded up, and, hence is applicable to anything folded up or undeveloped; and would thus most aptly denote the embryo, or the fetus, where all the members of the body are yet folded up, or undeveloped; that is before they assumed their distinct form and proportions. This is the idea here. Before the embryo had any such form that its future size, shape, or proportions could be marked by the eye of man, it was clearly and distinctly known by God."⁸

Folks, when I read this verse and Barnes' definition of the verse, I just about shouted with excitement. Why, because this is a tremendous picture of the precious and beautiful little baby in the womb of its mother waiting until Mom delivers the child, but, the baby is not alone because God knows everything about this little gift of joy and beauty. And nothing will please God more than to let this mom birth this beautiful baby, then, to see this child grow up and eventually get saved, and after this, to see this created gift from God to be used in the service of our Master.

⁸ Ibid, pages 295-296.

IV. ABORTION IS MURDER BECAUSE OF THE TABLET OF DIVINE CALCULATION. v. 16b

We now come to the last part of verse 16, which states, "yet in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them." This late phrase in our study is one that is bothersome to a lot of people. But, I truly don't see why there is such confusion when we interpret the phrase in the context of all the verses we have studied here in Psalm 139. In this phrase David just seems to be stating that even before he was conceived in the womb of his mother, God not only had a plan which he was keeping in a book concerning his conception, his development, and eventually his very completion. I like to think of this as the architecture drawings for the creation of a special human being. In other words, David is stating that he doesn't believe he was an afterthought of God, nor did he believe he was just an accident, which happened. Truthfully, David just seems to reveal that he is praising and worshiping God because God had a plan book for his construction, and he didn't have to worry about the final results of how God made him.

You see folks, I don't believe that a house can be properly built without the correct drawing for the proposed building. So, it seems to me, just like it did to David, that when a child is conceived, it is not just the result of a man and woman's physical relationship, but because of God's Sovereignty and His tremendous omniscience, He already has the plan for the building of this special baby, and for the growth and development of the child; both physically and spiritually. Therefore, I sincerely believe that we don't need to think that any child is an accident, but even if the child is conceived out of wedlock between to people who might even be living in sin, God still knows all about it, and He has a divine purpose for this birth. Now, I say this because there are some rabid Calvinists who believe that if a child is born out of wedlock, then God caused the sin between the two unmarried people. But, absolutely not! We just need to realize that in God's foreknowledge before the creation of the world, He knew every person that would ever be born, and He had a record of this coming child even if the child was to be born out of wedlock. Foreknowledge is not the same as foreordained regardless of how many Calvinists try to say it does.

So, I sincerely believe that before the creation of the world God had a record of every person who would ever be born on this earth. And, it would be by God's construction plan that the child would come into existence.

A. The tablet that is mentioned contains the register of the baby's limbs.

Now, I will go as far as to say that I sincerely believe that God not only had our personal building plan for our bodies physically, but He also has a tremendous spiritual plan and purpose for our lives. However, because He loved us enough to give us the choice to make about whether we accept Him as our Lord and Savior, or if we desire to say no to His plan and reject His plan of salvation and His purpose for our lives. And I will right here say, that I believe probably 95 percent of the church people today have no clue what God's purpose or plan for their lives is.

While I continue on with this commentary on this passage, I would like to say that for over 54 years I have been a full-time pastor, evangelist, and or missionary. And, during all of my years of hearing preachers preach and choirs sing, I have heard what I believe to be a false conclusion about our salvation. I hear all of these sermons and songs about our names being written in the Lamb's Book of Life at the moment of our salvation. But folks, I believe that every human being that was ever to be born had his or her name written in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. And, it is only when a person grows up and gets saved that that name is sealed in the Lamb's Book of Life. But, if a person dies lost without Jesus, then, that person's name is blotted out of the Book of Life. Let me give you a couple Scriptures that seem to verify what I am saying.

The first verse concerns the day when the Antichrist rules the world under the power of Satan. Thus, the verse I am going to give you tells us that during that tribulation period, those who have their names in the Book of Life will not worship the beast (Antichrist) because they do have their names in the Book of Life, and the verse seems definitely to imply that God's plan for Jesus to die on the cross for our sins was initiated before the foundation of the world, and this causes me to believe that this is when our names are placed in the Book of Life. Now, please notice this verse: **Revelation 13:8** says, ***"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him (the Antichrist), whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."*** So, if in God's plan for the redemption of those who would come to Christ was planned before the foundation of the world, then it seems very logical that our names were written in the Book of Life back then as well. Also, please notice another verse. **Revelation 17:8**, ***"The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the Book***

from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

Before moving on to the next point, let me address a question about young children dying before the age of accountability. Do they go to heaven, and when are their names sealed in the Book of Life? The Bible doesn't state this clearly, but do you remember when David and Bathsheba's baby died? Please remember that this baby was conceived through adultery. But when David was weeping and mourning the death of his child, he said the following: **II Samuel 12:22-23, "And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."** David was truly inferring that his child had gone to heaven from infancy, and that he would have to go to heaven to see this child again. Therefore, the implication is that the child's name was sealed in the Lamb's Book of Life when he died in the safety of our Lord, and thus, he arrived in heaven safely just like every child does that dies before the age to know genuinely that he or she is truly saved. So the truth is, that if our names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, and I truly believe they were, then either at an age before the age of accountability when a child dies, or later if the child becomes old enough to be saved, then, that child's name is sealed in the Book of Life forever.

B. This tablet contains the record of the baby's life.

Even before a child has ever been conceived, God has a written record of the plan for the baby's body and appearance, and He also has a written plan for the life of this child. So, my dear friends, we need to pay attention to the fact that God had our birth, our development, our growth, our purpose in life before the beginning of the world. Therefore, we can rest assured that He will finish his plan for us until the very end of our lives, or until Jesus comes again. If any of you doubt your importance to God, maybe you should go to God in prayer and ask him to pull up your birth plan and certificate on His divine written plan before the foundation of the world. Of course, I am joking just a little here. But for sure, we need to reflect upon God's genuine plan and purpose for our lives, and when we envision what His plan and purpose for our lives has been and is, then, our response should be total surrender of our bodies and our lives in order to be a greater servant of God.

There is one more thing I want to mention here. In **Malachi 3:16**, we find the following words: ***"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name."*** This, my friends, is a very scary verse. Malachi is telling the rebelling nation of Israel that the judgment of God is going to come upon it, and that God is keeping a record of how every person was going to be held accountable for their lives before the Lord. In fact, the prophet says that in God's book of remembrance, that He is keeping a written record of the very thoughts we have about the Lord; whether good or bad. So, if our father in heaven is keeping a daily record of our behavior and even our thoughts about God, then surely, we should not disbelieve that God had a record of our birth, a plan for our development or growth, and, a plan for our future as well. Therefore, we are extremely important to God, and we must never forget that. And, we must never forget that we don't get by with our rejection, rebellion, disbelief, or any other thought or deed that we might produce without being held accountable for it. God is truly watching over us.

Conclusion

In conclusion to this article I am going to give you a wonderful discussion of these verses of Scripture here in Psalm 139, written by the late Dr. John Philips, one of the world's greatest Biblical commentators. Dr. Philips is now in heaven, but the truth and help He has given us is phenomenal. Please read carefully the following summary of **Psalm 139:13-16**.

"If David knew enough to be awed, what about us? We know that every living creature is made up of microscopic cells so small that the letter "O" on this page would contain between thirty to forty thousand of them. Each microscopic cell is a world in itself, containing an estimated two hundred trillion tiny molecules of atoms. Each cell, in other words, is a micro-universe of almost unbelievable complexity. All of these cells put together make up a living creature.

Each cell has its own specialized function and each works to an intricate timetable, which tells it when to

grow, when to divide, when to make hormones, when to die. Every minute of every day, some three billions cells in the body die and the same number are created to take their place. During any given moment in the life of any one of these cells, thousands of events are taking place, each one being precisely coordinated at the molecular level by countless triggers. The human body has more than a million millions of them—a million in each square inch of skin, thirty billion in the brain, and billions of red blood cells in the veins.

Obviously, such a complicated and unerring development of cells cannot possibly be the result of chance or evolution. David exclaimed, "He created me!"⁹

So, my beloved Christian friends, how on earth could any rational, common sense, or decent person ever want to be guilty of killing these precious little indefensible babies? How could Democratic or Republican law makers and law enforcers ever pass laws and require them to be enforced that suck a beautiful baby being made by God in His image from its mother's womb, and then be sold for tissue, body parts, and to fulfill the greedy hearts of wicked people. It doesn't matter even if its Hollywood stars, hero athletes, elite politicians, and even the lowest of the lowest class people in the ghetto, or even the perfect fake or phony news people, **IT IS MURDER TO KILL ANY UNBORN OR RECENTLY BORN BABY OF ANY CLASS, ANY CULTURE, ANY ETHNIC GROUP, OR ANY PROGRESSIVE OR FAR RIGHT PERSON.** I will promise you that if God's has the plans and the records for our lives, as we know He does, then, any abortionist murderer will answer to God ashamedly and embarrassed, if that person doesn't repent and get genuinely forgiven of the sin of murder. And, as I told you earlier in this article, I worked for several years with Ted Bundy in Florida State Prison, where this man bragged to a friend of mine that he killed more than one hundred women. This was a horrible, horrible thing that Ted Bundy did. But, I believe that the butchering of over 61 million unborn or recently born babies who couldn't defend themselves is a far worse than the blood trail that Ted Bundy left.

I Want To Shout: Stop Killing Our Babies!!!



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