

# Death – A Mercy

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I want to be clear before I start this article. Abortion is not an easy topic. It is not simple and it certainly is not black and white. We will focus on the Scriptural aspects of this, but also the redemptive aspects as well. Before we get to that we must first understand that there are two natures to God. The first we know through His Son which Jesus Christ and the work that He did on the cross, meaning the love of God. The second however, is the severity of God. This is the side where judgment rests and allowing bad things to happen because of the choices of individual people. Paul says as much in Romans when he discusses the goodness and the severity of God and who He is. (Add scripture from Romans, Isaiah - I am the Lord God, I do good and create evil)

Before we get to the core of this discussion, I want to ask a question. Which of the following is more merciful; allowing a child to be born into a family that will ultimately reject Christ, that will lead him or her into that same path where they eventually die and spend all of eternity separate from the Father or allowing a child to be aborted, removed from the womb and the ability to spend eternity in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father? I ask this because this question has plagued me throughout my Christian life. I've found myself asking Lord why did you allow all of these children to die in all of these disasters or of pediatric cancer or in car crashes. The answer is simple. Death can be a mercy.

We see this all the time when an older person dies of a disease or natural causes. One of the first retorts to the news is at least they are not in any more pain or they are home with Jesus now. Both of which are true. Death is looked at in these instances as a mercy to the individual who ran their race and have moved on into eternal glory. But what we don't recognize in the case of abortion is that same mercy. A Christian will not go and have an abortion plain and simple. A true believer cannot bring themselves to do that act no matter what the circumstance. However, the secular world does not believe the way that we do, nor does in conform to the things of God. We must then look at this from the perspective of an eternal and everlasting God.

God told Jeremiah that before he was created in the womb that He knew him. Why should this be any different for any person that is born or conceived? Yes, I'm talking about predestination. God knows every choice that everyone who has ever lived or will live, will make from the beginning of the foundation of the world. Understanding that we have to see that God at times will peer into the future and see a person's life, recognize what it will be and may have mercy with them. I think of the children particularly in false religions. They have not reached the age to be accountable and despite their parents beliefs, their sins are not imputed to the children. God's mercy in this case rails against His judgment.

Similarly, I believe that God turns the choice of abortion to good for the child allowing them to spend eternity with Him. I'm not saying that God condones abortion. He doesn't. When the children of Israel made their children pass through the fire of Molech and offered their children to this deity God judged them and put them into captivity. But God does take the things that were meant for evil and turns them into things for His use.

There is another person involved when an abortion happens and that is the mother. Everyone only sees the act of the abortion as the issue, but it is the culmination of a life of experiences, personal beliefs and circumstance. To not look at these when a mother is driven to have an abortion is a serious disservice to the woman. While it is not my place to discuss the issues of secular government, such as socioeconomic, education and opportunity; to not see these as the part of the iceberg under the water misses the whole of the problem.

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Regardless of the laws that are passed in any country, God judges the society. There were laws for the children of Israel not to offer their children to Molech, but they did it anyway. The heart of society and what drives people to do what they do becomes this issue. Abortion like some many other acts starts with the concept of self, but the selfishness of society to not give those in need a hand. Are there abortions for convenience? I believe there are, but also believe there are some because people cannot afford a child financially or emotionally and those are the situations that we as Christians must recognize and help with even before the conception of the child.