

**Abortion**  
**Layers of the Dilemma**  
(Portion Four)

*Study to show thyself approved unto God,  
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth.*  
2 Timothy 2:15

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**No help here --**

There may be some thought that we have a ready Scripture to apply to the entities that are conceived in the womb. On occasion, the following Scripture is brought to the discussion.

*At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

*Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.*

*Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!*

*Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.*

*Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.*

(Matthew 18:1-10)

The Scripture, above, refers to those who have already been born; it is not appropriate to try to extend it to the entities of conception. As we said before, these entities exist by the

will of God, and ought not to be tampered with, needlessly; however, there can be no extension of the words of the Lord Jesus Christ that apply to the living, to those who are not specifically included in the statement that he made. Furthermore, this is also limited to a precise category of living children: *these little ones which believe in me.*

The next verse after Matthew 18:10, is Scripture that pertains to children, in general. It is my belief that this Scripture contains an answer for both the carnal child and the spiritual child. I draw this belief from the phrase that is contained therein:

*For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.*  
(Matthew 18:11)

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**Though man may tamper with God's will;**  
**no man or thing can abort God's will**

Mankind, of the present day, has gained a heavy dependence on what is called, free will; this is a difficult thing to justify by the Scripture. For, if there were such a thing as free will of mankind; it must only be free when the LORD designates that it is allowed to be free; though, if this the case, is it truly free? The complication of having unrestricted free will, would limit the applicability of the following Scripture.

*Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.*

(Isaiah 46:9-11)

If there was a loose cannon, such as unrestricted human will; then, there would have to be some things that the LORD God did not previously know. I must reject this idea; because the LORD has promised--through His prophets and apostle--that there will be no circumstance that will ever take His elect by surprise. Wherefore as a part of understanding the absence of restricted human will, we need to absorb the Scripture that indicates that there is no loose free will for the good man.

*The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.*

*Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.*

*The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever. The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.*

*The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.*

(Psalm 37:23-34)

Let us also understand that there are no collected set of circumstances that are even loosely free for *them who are the called according to his purpose*; and, we like it that way.

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

*Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

*What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

(Romans 8:28-31)

This might leave the rebellious, and other such people, as being eligible for loose free will. This is the statement that is often made about those who leave this earth without gaining the knowledge of the LORD. It is often said that their rebellion doomed them to this result. The apostle Paul has a different message for us, in this regard, as pertains to their free will.

*For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.*

*Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?*

*Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?*

*What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?*

(Romans 9:17-24)

The LORD also has a message for us, as pertains to those who might be called the eternally lost; as we presume that we can add these folks to the class of being evil, or as their actions and inaction are added to this class. The message of the LORD is that they, too, are creations of His. The LORD demonstrated the truth of this concept, in His call to service of king Cyrus.

*I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.*

(Isaiah 45:5-7)

Sometimes, we need to listen to those who have truly felt the unshakable will of the LORD. Sometimes, we need to release our own expectations of His behavior; those expectations that are based on our desire for a specific result that fits with our thoughts about reality. Sometimes, we need to let God be as unpredictable, and as, forgive me for saying it this way, disordered as we perceive Him; this is, after all, the prerogative of being God. The LORD God is the only being that even when He creates disorder, there is an overall order that still resides in it.

*And Job answered and said, No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you. But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: yea, who knoweth not such things as these? I am as one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright man is laughed to scorn. He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease. The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure; into whose hand God bringeth abundantly.*

*But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and*

*the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind. Doth not the ear try words? and the mouth taste his meat? With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.*

*With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding. Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again: he shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening. Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his. He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools. He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle. He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty. He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged. He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty. He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death. He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them: he enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again.*

*He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way. They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.*

(Job 12:1-25)

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