**Respecting the Sanctity of Life**

**Animal Life**

* In Garden of Eden, no indication that animals were killed to eat
* First indication that God allowed the killing of animals was post flood…
* **(Genesis 9:1-4) READ**
	+ The eating of blood was prohibited, life is in the blood
	+ We should appreciate the sacrifice of life to sustain us (even that of animals)

**THE CALL TO BE JUST**

**(Exodus 23:4-5),** *“If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. 5 If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden, and you would refrain from helping it, you shall surely help him with it.”*

**(Proverbs 12:10),** *“A righteous man regards the life of his animal, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.”*

**Human Life**

* A Difference between Animals and Men!
* **(Genesis 9:5-6) READ (Note: This is the institution of Capital Punishment for murder)**
* **Man is more than an animal**

**(Genesis 2:4),** *“And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” (ASV)*

**Murder** (First Murder – Cain killed Abel)

**(Genesis 4:10-12),** *“And He* [God] *said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. 11 So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.”*

* **Under the Law of Moses**

**(Deuteronomy 5:17),** *“You shall not murder.”*

**(Exodus 21:14),** *“But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die.”*

* **The Government is appointed by God to punish the murderer**

**(Romans 13:4),** *“For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not* ***bear the sword*** *in vain; for he is God's minister,* ***an avenger*** *to execute wrath on him who practices evil.”*

***Note:*** *God has never granted to any man or government the right to kill the innocent…*

**Barack Obama’s view of who has the right to determine who a human being is…**

**(State senator, Illinois legislature, lobbying against a law identifying a fetus as a person)**

*“Number one, whenever we define a previable fetus as a person that is protected by the equal protection clause or the other elements in the Constitution, what we’re really saying is, in fact, that they are persons that are entitled to the kinds of protections that would be provided to a – a child, a nine-month-old – child that was delivered to term. That determination then, essentially, if it was accepted by a court, would forbid abortions to take place. I mean, it – it would essentially bar abortions, because the equal protection clause does not allow somebody to kill a child, and if this is a child, then this would be an antiabortion statute.”*

**Hillary Clinton Quote regarding abortion rights:**

*“The unborn person does not have any constitutional rights.”*

* This, despite using the terms “person” and “child” referencing the fetus…
* Note: She advocates no restrictions on abortion up until birth itself…
* No rights until a baby passes through the birth canal and takes it’s first breath
* Until then, the government has the right to sanction the killing of that child.

**How presumptuous and arrogant we are…**

* Arbitrarily require viability as a precursor to defining one as a person
* Viability works both ways! (Requiring oxygen, medication, machines…)

**Jack Kevorkian**

“Yes, we need euthanasia, for certain cases where people are in comas or too immobile to even press a button.”

**(Isaiah 59:6-8),**

“Their webs will not become garments,

Nor will they cover themselves with their works;

Their works are works of iniquity,

And the act of violence is in their hands.

7 Their feet run to evil,

And they make haste to shed innocent blood;

Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity;

Wasting and destruction are in their paths.

8 The way of peace they have not known,

And there is no justice in their ways;

They have made themselves crooked paths;

Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.