

"Murder by Appointment" **Dr. J.B. Buffington**

Genesis 9:7: *Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.*

Exodus 20:13: *Thou shalt not kill.*

Proverbs 6:16-17: *These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,*

Our Father, bless the reading of Thy Word. Use us this morning. For Jesus' sake, with thanksgiving, Amen.

Let me speak this morning on the subject, "Murder by Appointment." Abortionists insist that abortion is not murder. They refuse to recognize the life of the pre-born baby. They insist that the fetus is not a human life. Medical profession calls it post-conceptive fertility control. That is a big word. Feminist call it voluntary miscarriage and women's rights. The Supreme Court calls it fetus. Evangelicals who will not take a stand say, "It is none of your business." Pro-life calls it murder. What does the Bible say? It is evident that what is destroyed is the human life. It is really wild when you have an abortion: what comes out is always a human being, nothing else but that. We must understand that. There are some verses of Scripture in Genesis 25 talking about the unborn. Genesis 25:22, 23. Here are the generations of Isaac. His wife, Rebekah, was barren. The Scripture says that God gave her conception. And the children struggled together within her. . . And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, In Psalm 139, David is talking about the knowledge of God. What a precious chapter that is! Listen to what he said: *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written (my DNA), which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.* This goes before Creation, way back yonder in the heart and mind of God. A person, not a thing, not a fetus, but a real live person. The color of his eyes, the color of the hair, the stature, the color of the skin - all of that is determined by sovereign God before He created the heavens and the earth. In Jeremiah 1:5, God is speaking: *Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.* Bathsheba, when David committed adultery, sent him word, *I am with child.* Not, "I have a fetus," but *I am with child.* In Genesis 19:36, here you have the children of Lot, the daughters of Lot. They said, There is nobody to come in to us, after they fled out of Sodom and Gomorrah. The Scripture says: *Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.* Luke 1 has an interesting passage of Scripture about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and about John the Baptist. In Luke 1:24, we find about Elisabeth: *And after those days his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months,* Then the angel of the Lord appeared unto Mary and made the declaration that she would conceive and bare a Son and bring forth a Son and call His name Jesus. The Bible says: *And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.* Mary said, *be it unto me according to thy word.* She went down to see Elisabeth some forty miles away. Now, the angel had just spoken to her. She travels forty miles and comes in upon Elisabeth. The Scripture says: *And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb;* (Now, here at six months is a little boy in the womb. He leaps in the womb. He can hear.) *and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.* This is the activity of the children in the womb of the mother. That is very obvious. When you have an abortion, you have killed a human being. That is murder.

God's moral pattern in 1 Peter 3:7 talks about man and woman — they are heirs together of the grace of life. A little something about science. The nucleus of nearly every human cell contains forty-six chromosomes. The male sperm only has half the adult number of chromosomes, twenty-three, one of each pair, and destined to die unless united to the female ovum. The female ovum released each month, likewise, contains only twenty-three chromosomes. When the male sperm unites with a nucleus of the egg, at that instant, the number

of chromosomes is restored to forty-six; and the first serum of a new human being is in existence that causes the eyes, the hair, the brain capacity, which is all there, bone structure, and whether male or female. Immediately, that transpires. It appeared — I did not see it on television some time ago — a little baby named Samuel who grabbed the world's attention by reflexively clutching the hand of his surgeon through the womb. He was born healthy and without complications this month. The photo of Samuel undergoing fetus surgery to repair his spine that was damaged accompanied a story on the medical procedures. The picture has been published around the world and was the center of dispute between a cyberjournalist and Fox news executives. Samuel was born December 2 in Atlanta, exactly fifteen weeks after surgery at Nashville's Vanderbilt University. Samuel's procedure was controversial because as a twenty-one week-old fetus at the time of the operation, he was too young to survive outside the womb and premature to live during the surgery was a risk. It appeared to work. This little creature in the womb grabs reflexively the hand, the finger, of the doctor who was operating on him. That is a human being.

Now, when does human life begin? Scientists do know when at what point human life begins. Any organism that exhibits itself in traits of life, metabolism, excitability, conductivity, contractility, growth, and reproduction is a living being. That baby has always, according to Scripture, been alive. Dr. Watson Bowles of the University of Colorado testified in the US Senate Judiciary sub-committee in 1981 — that is a long time ago — “The beginning of a single human life is, from a biological point of view, a simple straight forward matter. The beginning is conception. This straight forward biological fact should not be distorted to serve sociological, political, or economic goals. It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception. The exact moment of the beginning of personhood in the human body is at the moment of conception.” That is from the scientific field. When does it begin? It begins at conception. David said, *in sin did my mother conceive me*. When he is talking about his problem all began at the moment of conception, he is not talking about the sin of a relationship of husband and wife; but he said, “My problem all started the moment that I was conceived.” *in sin did my mother conceive me*. Immediately, he got a sinful nature.

Now, why do people have an abortion? We hear of the life of the mother being jeopardized. Boy, that is really a joke. Let us listen to some medical doctors. C. Everett Coop, medical doctor, formerly the surgeon general, states that during his thirty-five plus years of practice in medicine, “Never once did a case come across my practice where abortion was necessary to save a mother's life.” Thirty-five years, never came across the surgeon general. Then again, Dr. John L. Grady, M.D., “Abortion is almost never needed to save a mother's life. I have never lost a mother for medical cause; moreover, at the public hospital where I am a staff member, there have been thousands of babies delivered and to my knowledge not a single therapeutic abortion.” So, that does not hold water. Then, ecologists concerning population explosion say, “There are too many people on this earth.” Well, how are you going to stop the population? You kill people. That makes sense, doesn't it? I mean, you kill people. Several years ago — I forget the man's name — but he talked at a rally about how the entire world's population could be placed in Duvall County if they stood up. That was five, six, seven years ago. Entire world population. Oh, we have a lot of lies! There are lots of places on this globe with millions of folks. When God made the world, He knew how much capacity would be needed for that which He created. That will not hold water. Rape or incest. Well, Michigan State Prosecutor Association and State Sheriff's Association oppose liberalizing abortion stating that, all in all, cases where rape is reported within twelve hours at a time, there is a medical examination to gain legal evidence, which eliminates any possibility of pregnancy. If it is longer than that, then you wonder whether it is rape or not or whether it is something else. Then, the matter of the possibility of children being born defective. Less than one-fourth of them are defective and shall we kill three because of one? This is interesting. Professor L. R. Agnew of UCLA, School of Medicine, poses a question to his students: “Here is a family history. The father has syphilis. The mother has TB. They have already had four children. The first one is blind; the second one died; the third is deaf; and the fourth has TB. The mother is pregnant with her fifth child. The parents are willing to have an abortion if you decide that that is the route to take.” To those who feel abortion would be warranted, the professor says, “Congratulations! You just murdered Bejor.” Did you know that God calls Himself into accountability for people? Listen to this. In the book of Exodus 4:11: *Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?* God said, “Now, wait a minute. I am the Creator.

Who made them?" God said, "I did all of that." He calls Himself responsible for all that, and what He does is right.

So, in the light of all those things, why an abortion? Ninety-five percent of the children killed by abortion are killed for reasons of convenience. There are many different areas of convenience. Now, this is strange. We talk out of both sides of our mouth about the same subject. When the law gets out of kilter with morality, you have confusion. Let us think about this. In Florida, a woman may abort a baby, but if she uses crack while she is pregnant, she can be charged with child abuse. Do you know the verse of Scripture that rings over and over in my mind in these days: *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools*, Here is another one: a woman may terminate the life of a child as long as it is in the womb, if she hires an abortionist to do it, but otherwise, she is criminally liable, if she harms the baby in the womb. Does that make sense? Another young woman recently shot herself in the abdomen while pregnant and was charged with murder. Wait a minute. "That is a fetus in there. You cannot charge me with murder for a fetus." Now, let us get it straight. It is not murder to have a child in the womb killed by an abortionist; it is murder if the mother does the job herself. A school nurse cannot give a child an aspirin for a headache in Florida without written permission from the parents; but a child can get an abortion, a far more serious medical intervention, without notifying the parents. *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools*, That is using things just for my own personal idea and twisting truth the other way. The sad thing is everyday — and this is two years old — there are 43,000 babies aborted, ripped apart by suction cups, or burned alive with solution, torn from the womb and thrown away. It adds up to an average of 1,520,000 babies a year. It is estimated that since 1973 when the majority of the Supreme Court of the United States decreed abortion to be legal — *Roe v. Wade* — more than thirty-five million babies have been slaughtered. That is close to forty million babies now. Thirty-five million — that comes to more than twelve percent of the entire population of the United States, more than one out of every eight. That is two years out of date. The American holocaust. There is nothing in history comparable to this thing — the slaughter of the innocence in America. There is a cost in abortion. There is a cost to the aborted. Those thirty-five, forty million people will never know what it is to be held in a mother's arms, know a mother's love, and feel a mother's heartbeat. They will never know of this thing called human love, the sweetness of a mother's love. They will never know that. Then to the patient, the woman, guilt. A reverend in "Christian in View of the News" February of 1995. Listen. "A new study links suicide to regrets over abortion. Some twenty-eight percent of women who regret their abortion attempt suicide, and over half of these women attempt suicide more than once. The study found that thirty-six percent of the women described themselves as becoming self-destructive after the abortion. Some twenty percent reported to having a subsequent nervous breakdown, with ten percent reporting subsequent hospitalization for psychiatric care. Only six percent said that the abortion improved their lives while sixty-one percent said that it made their lives worse. The study surveyed two hundred and sixty women whose abortions were an average of 10.6 years ago. It is only by studying of women well beyond the five year mark that we can really begin to see the cycle of disintegration which abortion causes in women's lives." It is not over when the abortion is over. It follows. It haunts the lady. Then to the nation. What does it cost the nation? The favor of God. Proverbs 6:16-17: *These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood*, In the book of Numbers, I read a passage of Scripture about this matter of bloodshed and murder. . . . *for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it*. America under the smile of God, we sing, "God bless America." I beg your pardon, that is not in order today. We thumb our nose at God in education and in our political system. We have thumbed our nose at God, "You get out of our business." The smile of God?! No, sir. It cost the smile of God. *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD*; (Psalm 33:12) The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. (Psalm 9:17) That is what the Bible has to say. The favor of God. Then to the nation, it costs the economy. In June 1998, of "Christian View of the News," in the January issue of his newsletter, *Compass*, by Otto Scott, listen to what he has to say. He points out that, "In the way in which our society is associated causes a simple system into which all aspects are entirely related." He writes, "Had abortions not been legalized by the Supreme Court, there would be no long-term problem with Social Security. Thirty-six million new students, with children of their own, would have provided more than enough

young workers to take care of the elderly for an indefinite future." We really harm ourselves. Yet, President Clinton who is very concerned about the future of Social Security is determined to maintain the abortion culture. What ought to be of self-evident truth is energetically suppressed. This editor remembers, "Here is hell, in 1975, before the sub-committee constitution amendments of the Senate Judiciary Committee. A senator refused to let pro-life witnesses speak about the potential of demographic effects of abortion. Two potential effects have now been realized and will become increasingly significant thanks to abortion and other factors. America's population continues to age and die." The cost to America, its conscience. Money is the name of the game. *For the love of money is the root of all evil:* We read about abortion, but now this matter of pre-birth abortion. It takes a couple of days to get the baby in a position. The baby's head is inside the mother's womb, and every other part of the body is outside. The arms are waving, and the feet are waving. The doctor takes a pair of scissors and sticks them up the back of the baby's spine. Then he inserts a syringe and sucks the baby's brains out. Somebody said, "Well, why don't you kill the baby on the inside instead of going through all the outside?" The thing is that you cannot get money for a dead baby. You need it on the outside so you can have a whole body at your disposal. I have a sheet here. Here is a fee for services scheduled. Here is a price on a process special eight weeks old, seventy dollars. A set of brains is \$999 eight weeks old, thirty percent discount if significantly fragmented. Eight-week old eyes are fifty dollars. Here is the price for skin, eyes, and all of this. This is for sale. When this happens, they go in minutes. These things are on the way. An order comes in, "We want such and such." "We want a leg." "We want all of this." They need to be on the outside because the whole body now is at the disposal of the abortionist. The more abortions done this way, the more money that goes in the pocket. Money is the name of the game. I wish I had time to read all this, but Mark Crutchard of *Prison of Life Dynamics* is now convinced that the research demand for the intact late term fetal organs is the hidden truth behind the partial birth abortion controversy. In state after state this year, partial birth abortion bans written into state laws by legislatures have been vehemently opposed by pro-choice groups and overturned by courts. "Why do aborts fight so hard to keep it?" asked Mr. Crutchard. "All it says is that you can kill them by this method. It does not prevent them from getting any other kind of abortion. This is about matronizing profits. First, you sell a woman on abortion, and then you turn around and sell the dead baby you take out of her; but you have to take it out whole or you don't have anything to sell. It has nothing to do with the woman's right to choose or with protecting the sanctity of the right of the abortion. It has everything to do with protecting the sanctity and the fullness of the abortionist's wallet. This is the only type of abortion procedure that does not cost them to get rid of the dead baby. They usually, actually, make money." Our President has vetoed a Senate law prohibiting this thing. He has done that twice. Why? Behind it is money. Money talks. How sad. *For the love of money is the root of all evil:* That is upon us. I could read longer on that. Let us go a little farther on that. "Apart from abortionists and wholesale advocates of aborted babies' parts stands the pharmaceutical companies sponsoring it." Crutchard says, "I do not think that there is one that is not involved." He surmises it is investing in the future. "Baby boomers are aging and about to start falling apart. A practical treatment for Parkinson's would be lucrative." It goes on. "That is just ahead of the fortunes awaiting drug manufacturers during baby boomers' quest for youth. They are the wealthiest generation in the history of the world; also the most narcissistic. They want to live forever. Fetuses are the new human scrap meat. We want to kill the very young to treat the very old." "I need a set of eyes." "I need some of all of these things." They are for sale. How do you get it? Well, you kill little ones. You take them live. You get them out of the mother's womb all except the head. Then suck their brains out. America? Yes, I am afraid so.

Now, what else does America lose? Its choicest of citizens, approximately forty million people. Let me back up a little bit. I failed to read an article. "The number of babies legally murdered since 1993 is equal to all the people in these states: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi." The total population. That was two years ago. Now, its citizens. How many doctors have been aborted? How many preachers have been aborted? How many missionaries have been aborted? How many husbands and wives and moms and dads would have made tremendous home life? How many statesmen? We have murdered them. In America, we are in a plight today. Listen, we have probably killed those who could have brought solutions to that. We

murdered them. Forty million people. "We don't need you." We have lost them. Then, the renunciation of abortion. Thank God! There are folks who have come to grips with this, talking about the matter of forgiveness. *If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?* I am grateful that there is forgiveness for sin. I am grateful for a woman whose guilt of abortion haunts her, I am glad to tell her there is good news. *If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.* I am telling you today, God will forgive. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth from all sins. Praise the Lord for Calvary! There is forgiveness. You do not need to live the rest of your life haunted by this because of the fact that the blood answers the probing conscience and that the repentance of that sin brings about cleansing and forgiveness.

Then, the rejection of participation in the traffic. The Jane Roe of the Roe v. Wade in 1973 has been converted to the Lord Jesus Christ. And, not only her, but another side by side, Mary Doe v. Bolton. This lady, Mary Doe, has been converted to the Lord Jesus Christ. And they have turned against this abortion business with all of their heart and with their mind. Here is rejection of that.

Then, the rejection of the temptation to have an abortion. I have an illustration. I wish I could read it in its entirety, but this is a small world and I am afraid that I might do some harm. In 1979, I wrote two full pages in a newspaper on "Murder by Appointment." Well, some few years later, I announced that I was going to preach on abortion early in 1990. I got this letter the next week: *Reverend Buffington. We cannot sign this letter. (I do not have any idea who these folks are.) I hope you will understand and forgive us for not signing. We are glad that you said you would preach about abortion on Sunday. This happened to us. Eleven years ago, you did a piece in the paper about abortion. The day before, our granddaughter had come here to stay a while with us because she was just eighteen and was pregnant and going to graduate in a few weeks. Our son and daughter-in-law were about crazy because she said she was going to get an abortion. The boy was in favor of it, and his parents were also about crazy. They are all good Christians working for the Lord in their church. We told our granddaughter she shouldn't. Then, one morning, I got my paper and there was your writing about abortion. We read it and cried because we did not know what to do. So, our granddaughter read it, too. She did not say much. A day or two later, she asked if we would take her to your church. We came to the morning and night service. When we went home that night, our granddaughter said, "Will you take me home? That pastor is a real person. He cares about what he preaches and what he knows is right. I believe what he wrote in the paper is right; so, I want to go home. We will get married and have this baby." We packed up right away and made the long trip back north. The parents got together and the children did. They got married right after graduation. It was not a happy time. It was a hard time. A beautiful little girl was born after a little while. They were determined. . . (I will not read anymore of that just there.) They went on. Other members were born into that family. (She tells about their jobs and what all they did and what they were doing in church. And, this little girl that would have been aborted, now she is growing up and they are evidently from up north somewhere. I do not know who they are. Now, let me pick up. They were at Disney World.) They are such a happy family. At Christmas, they came down to visit us. We were the first vacation they had ever had. We took that beautiful little great granddaughter to Disney World. A happy time it was. We looked at our granddaughter and grandson-in-law, and they looked at us, and we all cried for we were so happy. We knew what could have been not ours. This little girl calls us on the phone about two weeks ago and said in their missions conference she found out God wants her to be a missionary. She wants to be a nurse and just serve Jesus anywhere and for us not worry if she goes far away for Jesus will go with her and care for her. She will not ever know how Jesus reached her mama's heart before she was barely formed. We cried. We write this for we love you so, for being the tool to bring this kind of sweet joy. Every time we come to church, we hear God's Word and go home full. (I skipped a line.) She will never know how God already took care of her by the one who got a hold of her mama's heart by a preacher. Every time we come to church, we hear God's Word and go home full. In Heaven, we will shake your hand and hug you and tell you how thankful we are for what you did for us. Thank you for reading this. Please forgive us that we cannot put our names in it. Oh my, the temptation. Oh, the blessing that came out of that trial. Oh, the blessing of other children. Oh, the blessing of here is a little girl that God lays His hand upon to be a missionary. What a*

blessing. What a joy. Oh, my, my! You are tempted to have an abortion. You do not know what kind of blessing that lies ahead. Do not yield to that sort of temptation. That is Satanic. The Bible calls Satan *a murderer from the beginning*. That is Satanic. It is not all over when you have an abortion. I urge you to remember that that is a little child. It is not part of your body. It is a separate body from mother. Not only that. I have another article here that talks about abortion because of self-defense. That little baby on the inside begins to crowd: so, out of defense, they have an abortion to get this baby off of their mind. What a human heart will think up to do and carry out! The human heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. They will twist truth and do anything to have its way. But, oh, to have its way is devastating, terrible, awful! Murder by appointment. Our country says it is legal. Legal does not make things right. It is sad when laws are twisted. Personally, a law would be given to take an innocent life so that I could do something that I want to do and I need to kill that person in order to do what I want to do. How awful! How terrible that is!