A Warning Concerning the Fight to End Abortion Selected Scriptures

In 1973, a historic decision was reached in the case Roe v. Wade that legalized abortion on a national level across the United States. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled (7–2) that unduly restrictive state regulation of abortion is unconstitutional. In 1970 Norma McCorvey, known to us as "Jane Roe" —a fictional name used to protect her identity, (became pregnant with her third child and wanted an abortion but lived in Texas, where abortion was illegal except when necessary to save the mother's life. Her attorneys, Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee, filed a lawsuit on her behalf in U.S. federal court against her local district attorney, Henry Wade, alleging that Texas's abortion laws were unconstitutional.

A three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas ruled in her favor and declared the relevant Texas abortion statutes unconstitutional. The parties appealed this ruling to the Supreme Court. The ruling was issued in favor of abortion on January 23, 1973.

Since that historic day in American history (1/23/73), an estimated 63 million babies have died in abortion across our country. If we expand our eyes beyond the border of America, according to the World Health Organization, every year in the world there are an estimated 40-50 million abortions. This corresponds to approximately 125,000 abortions per day.

Needless to say, (throughout this last 49 years), abortion <u>has been and is (mine) a</u> very hot topic in our world of politics. https://g3min.org/the-politics-of-abortion/

Fast forward to today, and we can say that on June 24th 2022 Roe v. Wade has been overturned. A monumental and historic event, to say the least. This has already sent shock waves of epic proportion flooding over the states and its governing authorities. Trigger laws have been enacted in at least 13 states that either completely ban abortions altogether or restrict it severely. Yesterday, here in South Carolina, the heartbeat bill officially became law that

.... limits abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected, requires abortion providers to give the mother the opportunity to see an ultrasound, hear her baby's heartbeat, and receive information about her child's development.

Doctors or healthcare providers who perform an abortion in violation of the law could face a felony charge with a \$10,000 fine, two years in jail or both.

The bill includes exceptions for rape, incest, fetal anomalies and threats to the health of the mother. The bill also stipulates that doctors must give the sheriff the patient's contact info within 24 hours if an abortion is performed on a woman who was pregnant as a result of rape or incest.

But McMaster has previously voiced support for a statewide ban on abortion without exceptions for rape or incest. He said in a statement following the Dobbs decision that he would "immediately begin working with members of the General Assembly to determine the best solution for protecting the lives of unborn South Carolinians." https://www.wistv.com/2022/06/28/scs-fetal-heartbeat-bill-now-effect-judge-rules/

Planned Parenthood facilities are already shut down in some states even though the have stated repeatedly that abortion is only a small percentage of the income receive.

All of this has stirred the pot and now what we knew was evil is about to show its real face. The security blanket of Roe v. Wade has been ripped away and now the true motive of the desire for abortion will be revealed.

Just, yesterday at the statehouse, all the façade and the masquerading of abortion as helping mothers who are victims disappeared. There was a clear desire there to kill. After a very large number of supporters of abortions left the interior of the building, they began to march around outside, saying they "want to kill"

In another context, I saw a sign of an abortion advocate that stated "If God could kill his son, then so can I"

The hatred and vice that is being spewed out against Christianity and church is growing exponentially. And it will only get worse. Ultimately they see Christians as the only thing standing in the way of their desire to murder their babies.

These are probably the most dangerous times the church in America as seen in some time. And what happens in the next months and years will reveal just how much backbone and courage the church has. And frankly, I'm not encouraged. Not at all. The church has failed and is failing now more than ever. When we were down at the Statehouse yesterday, the majority by fare from a church were from here. There probably was a couple of other people, meaning 2 that came from another church. And this very few in a sea of abortion supporters that numbered in the hundreds.

It was an eye opener for me. I knew that the vast majority of the churches of South Carolina only gave verbal support to end abortion and maybe a few dollars every now and then, but would never show up to stop abortion when all it required was their body standing in opposition somewhere other than there home or the church.

I think many in the churches think that this fight is over. Roe v. Wade is overturned, now we can roll back over on our couches and go to sleep. But this so naive and so dangerous. Babies will still be killed, and the laws here and in other states have yet to provide equal protection and equal justice. So there is still a lot of work to be done.

And to add to this...you are the target now. You

are the enemy of this Government of the United States of America and every abortion supporter.

The rhetoric is already being ramped up against us.

According to an article written by Josh Buice,

"President Bidenclaims the decision of the Supreme Court was pressured by "extreme ideology." He said:

Make no mistake: This decision is the culmination of a deliberate effort over decades to upset the balance of our law. It's a realization of an <u>extreme ideology</u> and a tragic error by the Supreme Court, in my view.

He went on to say:

The Court's decision to do so will have real and immediate consequences. State laws banning abortion are automatically taking effect today, jeopardizing the health of millions of women, some without exceptions.

So <u>extreme</u> that women could be punished for protecting their health.

So <u>extreme</u> that women and girls who are forced to bear their rapist's child — of the child of consequence.

He continues...

So <u>extreme</u> that doctors will be criminalized for fulfilling their duty to care.

He goes on to claim that the Supreme Court has taken an "extreme path" in this decision. He goes further to say:

With this decision, the conservative majority of the Supreme Court shows how <u>extreme</u> it is, how far removed they are from the majority of this country.

Undoubtedly, this is the height of public shaming. This is coming from the most powerful podium in the land and the most powerful leader in the world—the President of the United States. After committing to be a president who represents all of the United

States, he vilified a large percentage of Christians by using the "extremist" language

The word *extremism* is defined by <u>Merriam-Webster</u> as "advocacy of extreme measures or views: radicalism." The language employed by President Biden is not only irresponsible, it's dangerous. It suggests that the church of Jesus is in the same position as *radical extremists* in other world religions like Islam.

It's the church of Jesus Christ who is placed in the crosshairs by President Biden's reckless speech, and evangelical leaders need to talk to him in the way that John the Baptist spoke to Herod—with no velvet mouthed language. Yet, instead of boldness and faithful watchmen—evangelical leaders are woefully silent. As Martin Luther addressed preachers in his day, he said the following:

Some pastors and preachers are lazy and no good. They do not pray; they do not read; they do not search the Scripture ... The call is: watch, study

attend to reading. In truth you cannot read too much in Scripture; and what you read you cannot read too carefully, and what you read carefully you cannot understand too well, and what you understand well you cannot teach too well, and what you teach well you cannot live too well ... The devil ... the world ... and our flesh are raging and raving against us. Therefore, dear sirs and brothers, pastors and preachers, pray, read, study, be diligent ... This evil, shameful time is not the season for being lazy, for sleeping and snoring. ¹

Meuser, Fred W., Luther the Preacher, pp. 40-41.

Evangelical leaders need to see this moment as one that could spark outrage against the church in a way that we have not seen in recent history. Rather than remaining silent, it's time to step up and speak

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While the overturning of Roe v. Wade is a tremendous blessing and is a clear step in the right

direction, it needs to be understood also that the fight has just begun and that this has been a knife plunged deep into the god of this culture. And the ones who worship at the altar of this god will not take this lying down. They will rise up in mass and threaten and intimidate with vulgarities and violence and cursing and blasphemies that only hell and the demons could produce. This has already begun.

Our Reminder while we are here

Our Requirements for being here

Our Reason staying here

I. Our Reminder while we are here

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJV)

³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds **the god of this age** has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of

the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

1 John 5:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies *under the sway of* the wicked one.

Matthew 4:8-9 (NKJV)

⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

Ephesians 2:2 (NKJV)

² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience.

John 8:44 (NKJV)

⁴⁴ You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a

lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

1 Peter 5:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Ephesians 4:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ nor give place to the devil.

II. Our Requirements for being here

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NKJV)

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Romans 13:11-14 (NKJV)

¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

Ephesians 6:10–19 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

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It is most important that with all our sobriety and preparations to face the enemy, to remember that the ones who support, promote and encourage abortions are not enemy... They are the mission

field. They are seduced and blinded by the Enemy and apart from the sovereign God opening their eyes by the power of the Holy Spirit and the proclamation of the gospel, they will perish.

Its should cause us to weep as we look out over our country and see the millions of blind sinners, dying in their sins, completely unaware at the flames licking at their feet. They are were they are because of their love for their sin and the deadness of their heart.

Apart from the Grace of God, so go I.
But God has left us here for just such a time as this to reach this world with gospel and to be a witness to His truth and Righteousness and Justice.

John 17:14-18 (NKJV)

¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Matthew 5:13-17 (NKJV)

¹³ You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Both these verse could be summed up by one word.

INFLUENCE. There is also a presupposition here.

There is a need for salt There is a need for light

Salt can make pure

can be painful

can be pleasurable make it taste better

can preserve.

The assumption is that there is a need for

purity

give pain

make pleasing

keep from decay.

Light presupposes Darkness.

Can't see with out light
Can't understand where you are without lights
Can't see the truth on holiness

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flavor79.44 μωραίνομαι^b: to become insipid or tasteless—'to become tasteless, to lose taste Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In <u>Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on</u>

semantic domains (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 697). United Bible Societies.

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Poem: The Gospel According to You

Arthur McPhee said:

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Are read by more than a few,

But the one that is most read and commented on

Is the gospel according to you.

You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day

By the things that you do and the words that you say,

Men read what you write, whether faithless or true,

Say, what is the gospel according to you?