

Sanctity of Human Life Why Do We Matter?

Psalm 8:4

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Psalm 8 “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, ⁴ what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him? ⁵ Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹ O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!”

Reader: This is the Word of The Lord. Response: **Thanks Be To God!**

I. Take care not to lose your wonder and awe about the Sanctity of Human Life!

Psalm 8:3-4 “When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, ⁴ **what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?**”

A. Every created thing was made to point to the glory of God.

Romans 1:19-20 “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”

Psalm 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.”

B. What God said about the creation of mankind is said about nothing else He made.

Genesis 1:26-27 “Then God said, ‘**Let Us make man in Our image**, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ ²⁷ So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

You are more similar to God than any other created thing.

II. For Christians who believe in a literal creation, dignity is not only something God built into humanity, but a standard for how we treat others.

Leviticus 19:18 “You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

Proverbs 14:31 “Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.”

Matthew 22:35-40 “And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question to test Him. ³⁶ ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ ³⁷ And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a

second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Galatians 6:2 “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

III. You need to work to uphold the Sanctity of Human Life from the womb to the tomb!

8 Ways To Foster A Culture of Life

- 1. Tell the truth about abortion** using age-appropriate language, when necessary.
- 2. Connect with New Hope Center.** Ask for a tour. Bring your family & friends.
- 3. Donate baby items for expecting mothers.** Support moms by meeting physical needs.
- 4. Fill a baby bottle.** Add coins, bills, and checks. Pray it would bless parents and new life.
- 5. Memorize Scripture that points to the sanctity of human life.** Psalm 139; Job 31:15; Jer. 1:5; Lk. 1:41-44; Mt. 10:29-31; 1 Cor. 3:16,17; Prov. 24:11,12, and more.
- 6. Talk about your relationship with your children before they were born.**
- 7. Practice gentleness with babies and respect for the elderly.**
- 8. Learn about adoption and foster care,** and pray for those in process.

Proverbs 24:11-12 “Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. ¹² If you say, ‘Behold, we did not know this,’ does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will He not repay man according to his work?”

Questions for Personal Reflection and/or Community Group Discussion:

1. When was the last time you really paused to marvel at God’s creation?
2. Psalm 8:4 asks, “What is man that you are mindful of him?” How does knowing that God cares for you personally change the way you see yourself?
3. Pastor Peter said “*You are more similar to God than any other created thing.*” How does that make you feel?
4. How can you be more intentional about supporting and advocating for the unborn and the elderly?
5. Which of the “8 Ways To Foster A Culture of Life” stands out to you the most? How can you take one step this week to implement it?