ON THE HOME FRONT

We rejoice over the recent restoration of Brenda Pike. We also rejoice over the recent baptism of Dion Smith. Be sure and make an effort to encourage both of these sisters in Christ. Take time to pray for Brenda and Dion in their walk with the Lord.

We will be having an unique occurrence at our Spiritual Sword lectureship. Four past Getwell ministers will be preaching on the first day of the lectureship. The preachers that will be speaking are Gary Colley, Alan Highers, Jim Laws, and Gary McDade. Getwell has been blessed with outstanding preachers in the past and these men are four of the best. Many of you know these men and they are worthy of respect for their preaching of the gospel.

We recently received three textbooks from Gary and Sheila McDade. They are Elijah and Elisha, Lessons In Faith and Moses, Lessons In Faith, both authored by Sheila McDade. The other book is Women Of The Bible, authored by Ashlie Beth and Casey Crownover with Gary McDade. These books are quality books penned by Gary and Sheila McDade and Ashlie and Casey Crownover. I have skimmed over the books and am using Moses, Lessons In Faith in bible class. I also find the visuals and extra material very useful. Gary is currently the minister at the Tiptonia church of Christ.

When I spoke to Gary, he gave me the back story to the writing of Women Of The Bible. This back story I relate to you is from memory. These two young Christian ladies, high school students, came to Gary and wanted to write a book about women of the bible. So these two young ladies, with the help of Gary, wrote this book. Personally I was impressed by the dedications the ladies wrote and the very touching dedication their dad wrote to both of them. These young ladies are to be commended for using their talents for the Lord. "Let no man despise thy youth..." I Tim 4:12.

Ron Wallace
"The Memory of the Just is Blessed..."
Bradley Smith

In Proverbs 10:7, we read, "The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot." This verse helps us understand the importance of our impression on those around us. When we live just (upright) lives, we can rest assured that many will remember us fondly. By the same token, when we live our lives in rebellion to God, we are guaranteed that we will be remembered as transgressors. In our article this week, we will study the first part of this verse, then next week, Lord willing, we will examine the second part.

Think about the Biblical names that people give to their children. How often do we see little boys named Noah, Elijah, Daniel, Matthew, John, etc.? What about little girls named Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, or other names associated with great women of faith? Why is this so? It must be because, "The memory of the just is blessed..." (Pro. 10:7). When we think of the name, Noah, we think of someone who obeyed God in all that he was commanded (Gen. 6:22). When we hear, "Daniel", our minds go to courage and resolve (Dan. 1:6). These men and women of the Bible, those who followed the Lord, are commended and are remembered highly.

How will we want to be remembered by the generation that comes after us? When we read the language of Hebrews 11, surely, we want to be remembered in the same way as those righteous men and women. How do we accomplish this? To answer this, we must look at how they lived their lives. All of those listed in Hebrews 11 are there because they feared God and kept His commandments (Ecc. 12:13). Were they perfect? Absolutely not. Did they have flaws? Certainly. The key is that the men and women of Hebrews 11 never stopped living for God, and when they realized that they had fallen short, they made the necessary corrections in their lives.

If we desire the memory of us to be blessed, we must live our lives in that manner (Psa. 1:1-2). We cannot hope that people will remember us fondly if we have lived as people in rebellion to God, living lives of sin and bitterness. In order for the memory of an individual to be blessed, he must have been seeking first the kingdom of God (Mat. 6:33). Lord willing, next week we will examine the second part of this verse.
ABORTION IS ANTI-SCIENCE

Christians are routinely mocked by skeptics and ideological opponents as being "anti-science," whether it's for believing in God and the miracles described in the Bible, or especially for believing in the flood and a created, younger earth.

Meanwhile, it is often the same two groups who find themselves at odds on the issue of abortion. In this case, though, there's no room for debate. The pro-life cause has all the science on our side. Take a look at a few of these arguments offered by abortion advocates and see how they hold up.

"It's just a clump of cells." Even without technology this argument would fail the test of logic, as it makes no sense that a baby would be some undefined blob of matter for months before somehow forming into a baby at some point before birth. However, with the ability to view the inside of the womb, we know for certain that the body's development is well underway for aborted babies, with a head (including facial features), a torso, and limbs becoming defined by the middle of the first trimester—hardly a clump of cells. Clinics like Planned Parenthood know this, of course, because after abortion operations they have to piece together the body parts they suck out of the womb. Yet they are perfectly comfortable letting the anti-science "clump of cells" myth be perpetuated.

It isn't a human life until birth (or, until the mother decides she wants to keep the baby). Human life begins at conception. That's what science tells us. From that moment a genetically unique human being begins its growth pattern that will, if properly nurtured, end in a fully grown human adult. Any other starting point for where life begins—a heartbeat, brain function, birth, or otherwise—is totally arbitrary and unscientific. The idea that a child magically goes from being non-human to human in the brief time it takes to pass through the birth canal or be taken by c-section is absurd. Yet they've somehow gone beyond that to now have people saying that after the baby's birth, the mother and her doctor can have a "discussion" about keeping the baby alive. If that's a human life, then letting it die is murder. The implication, then, is that the baby isn't a human life worthy of life-saving measures and care unless the mother decides it is. Show me where you would find that reasoning in a biology textbook.

My body, my choice. You can call this science, math, logic, or whatever you want ... but it's an established fact that there are two bodies involved in an abortion. They acknowledge this truth when a mother wants to keep the baby by advising her not to drink alcohol, smoke, or do drugs during the pregnancy. They know "my body, my choice" fails on those grounds. Why doesn't that extend to abortion?

It's about women's health. No, it's not. Aside from the obvious fact that abortion has ended tens of millions of female lives in the United States, it's not uncommon for abortion to take a physical and mental toll on the mother. Check out the list compiled by abortionfacts.com on all of the complications and aftereffects an abortion can have on a woman.

Abortion's cause stands on a foundation of myths, lies, and faulty science. For the people who pride themselves on "believing in science" and mock Christians for being anti-science, abortion advocates need to take a good look in the mirror. The hypocrisy continues when they criticize ableism (discrimination in favor of able-bodied people) while letting abortion kill 2/3 of unborn Americans diagnosed with down syndrome in the womb. They speak out against racism while abortion ends over 1,800 black lives every single day. The abortion lobby wraps itself in hypocrisy and dishonesty on all sides.

If you support abortion but haven't taken the time to look into what an abortion is, or the science of life in the womb, please understand that a concerted, decades-long effort has been made to keep you in the dark.

Take the time to learn what an abortion is on abortionprocedures.com. Watch a movie like Gosnell or Unplanned. Read our interview with the late Jane Roe* in which she detailed how Roe v. Wade was a sham from the beginning. You may be shocked to see what you find ...

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