

# The Rise of Molech

## Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation

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**Part 4- Who Makes Man Mute or Deaf, or Seeing or Blind? Is it not I, the Lord? *Eugenics by Abortion***

**Exodus 4:1-11**

**1** Then Moses said, "What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, 'The Lord has not appeared to you.'"

**2** The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A staff."

**3** Then He said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it.

**4** But the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand and grasp *it* by its tail" — so he stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand

**5** "that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

**6** The Lord furthermore said to him, "Now put your hand into your bosom." So he put his hand into his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow.

**7** Then He said, "Put your hand into your bosom again." So he put his hand into his bosom again, and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was restored like *the rest of* his flesh.

**8** "If they will not believe you or heed the witness of the first sign, they may believe the witness of the last sign.

**9** "But if they will not believe even these two signs or heed what you say, then you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water which you take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

**10** Then Moses said to the Lord, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

**11** The Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes *him* mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"

To the Glory of God

The single most ultimate and central and the most foundational Reality that exists in the Universe- is God. Before there were stars or light or earth or air or atoms or water- God existed and functioned and thrived in His Own Indescribable Magnificence.

God is eternal- with no ending or beginning. And so He has never been lonely, He has never suffered a need, He has never been bewildered, and He has never been confused. God doesn't begin and He doesn't end. God simply *is*. God told Moses in **Exodus 3:14**:

## I AM

God is absolute. And so everything else that exists is *derivative* from God; everything else is *dependent* on God- including us. Therefore- God is the most important and the most valuable Being that exists. And so *nothing* has worth or value in *itself*. Everything has worth and value because of its connection to God. God gives worth and value, and so the worth and value of anything is merely that it *mirrors* the infinite Worth and Value of God. And that also includes us. In **John 8:58**- Jesus said,

**Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am**

... showing that He Himself is God. So it is God's Truth and God's Goodness and God's Beauty that defines all that is true and good and beautiful in the Universe. And so there is no truth, no goodness, and no beauty apart from God. And this is *some* of what it means to be God. And so when we talk about God, when we read about God, when we pray to God- we should think about things like this- because it is things like this that defines Who God is.

But God is not us. God doesn't think or move or act like we do. God doesn't talk like us. When we try to comprehend God- we run into trouble very quickly because God has no comparisons. Nothing is like God. God is "Holy" in that He is utterly set apart and distinct and different than anything else in the Universe and so when we try to understand God- the only way to do that *correctly* is to use the terms and words and concepts that God has revealed about Himself.

And this absolute, all-creating, all-originating, all-sustaining God created human beings in His Own Image and Likeness- which means that God created us with the moral and the affectionate and the reasoning capacities that allows us to be different from cats and worms and birds and fish- so that we would "image" God. So the meaning of being created in the Image of God is that we have a destiny and a design to "image" or "reflect" or "mirror" God. So we were made to "magnify" or to "show" or "display" the Value and the Worth- of God. And that is why we exist; that is the only reason why we suck air and occupy space on this planet. And that is *why* the *fullest* expression of our own Joy, and the *highest* and the *best* realization of our own Satisfaction is when we are close to God, and when we are glorifying Him by how we think and how we talk and what we imagine and what we do.

#### **Isaiah 43:7**

**Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.**

And Sin stops that from happening. Sin blinds us to God's Worth and Value. Sin deceives us into thinking that things that were made and that are passing away- provide joy and peace and comfort and hope. Sin makes us stupid by making rebellion and war against God to look good and delightful and beneficial. And Sin makes us selfish and self-centered so that we seek to rob God of His Glory and magnify and glorify *ourselves*.

And so Salvation was designed by God to *overpower* Sin, to *destroy* Sin, and to *defeat* Sin, and to offer Forgiveness *from* Sin. And so- at great cost to Himself- the Death of His Own Son- God sovereignly opens our blind eyes and unstops our deaf ears, and takes out of us a stony heart and gives us a heart that is soft and able to believe. And that forceful, relentless, overwhelming Power that sovereignly gives new eyes and new ears and a new heart is called "Grace". And so with those new eyes- we see the magnificence of God, and with those new ears we hear the Voice of God, and with that new heart we genuinely love God and the things of God. And so the result of true Salvation is two- fold:

1. God is glorified
2. Our Joy is made full

... because *nobody* is more glorious or happier than God. And so when people are bored with God or disinterested in God or couldn't care less about God- God is not glorified. God is *only* glorified when He is known and loved and treasured and admired and enjoyed. And true and lasting happiness flows out from God to people- *only* when sin is removed from them and they are joyfully pursuing to magnify God. And *that* is the only reason why God created Salvation- so that He will be glorified by people who are utterly thrilled and completely satisfied with that.

And so God saves unworthy sinners by Grace and through the gift of Faith in the finished Work of Jesus Christ so that He alone will receive all the Glory and we will experience the highest and most satisfying Joy in Him having all that Glory.

- ✓ God- utterly supreme in our affections
- ✓ Us- utterly satisfied in God's Perfections

And so every human being is alive on earth to put the Glory of God on display- to visibly and verbally and emotionally and reasonably and physically and intellectually and psychologically display the infinite Value and Worth of God.

And that is *why* God made two genders, and that is why God made the various ethnicities and races. In God's Wisdom- He desires both men and women to display the majesty of God's Glory through their unique gender distinctions. And God desires that His great Name be known and exalted and enjoyed in Africa and in Europe and in China and in the Middle East and in America and in towns and in the countryside and in great cities and in rural areas and on Pacific Islands and on the North Pole.

And so God both actively *caused* and passively *allowed* for various cultures to develop throughout the world that have distinctive races in them that produce all the myriads of activities and music and food and culture and tastes and flavors and sounds and colors and dress and mannerisms and languages. So that the magnification of the Glory of God's Grace in Salvation might not visit only the Jew- but people out of

every nation on earth- or as the Apostle John wrote in **The Revelation 7:9-10**

**9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands;**

**10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."**

The end of all things will see every culture and every group and every language and all peoples enjoying God forever- meaning that Salvation has overpowered everything in them that would stop that. And that is *why* there are various racial groups. God determined that His Grace is magnified *best* when it overcomes Sin in thousands of ethnic groups than it does if it only saved the Jews. And that is *why* the very *same* Gospel began in Israel flows out to the entire world. And that is *why* the very *same* Gospel that is preached in Europe is preached in Africa. And that is *why* the very *same* Jesus that saves Oriental people will save Caucasians.

And so racial distinctions are of God. The various races and ethnic groups exist so that the Grace of God is put on display by overcoming rebellion in people out of *every* nation and *every* tribe and *every* language than in only one. God is exalted the *highest* when the peoples of the world are joyful in God rather than just the Jew.

And so part of the devil's hatred of God is seen in the various sinful divisions found on the earth to attempt to stop God's Plan to cause the nations of the world to rejoice in Him from ever happening. And that is *why* there are divisions between men and women, and divisions between young and old, and divisions between educated and uneducated, and divisions between rich and poor, and divisions between cultured and uncultured, and between the various languages and races and ethnic groups.

And one of the most overt and blatant manifestations of satan's efforts to stop or hinder the Grace of God being magnified in saving people out of every nation and tribe and language is the creation and development of something called "Eugenics".

Eugenics is a set of beliefs and practices that says that certain people are not “worthy” of life- either in the living of it or in the giving of it. So Eugenics aims at “*improving*” the genetic quality of the human population by advocating and/or enforcing the improvement of human genetic traits through the promotion of *higher* rates of sexual reproduction for people with *desired* traits (Positive Eugenics), while *reducing* the rates of sexual reproduction- along with sterilization and the systematic *elimination* of people with less-desired or undesired traits (Negative Eugenics).

Eugenics came into vogue in the early decades of the 20th Century in the United States when there was deeply held prejudices against three types of people:

1. The poor
2. People of color
3. Those with disabilities of all kinds

And these sinful prejudices, along with their social and scientific acceptability, made up the fabric of what became known as “The Eugenics Movement”. And the Eugenics Argument went something like this:

If only we could prevent the births of “undesirable people”, we could have perpetual prosperity in a society governed by morally upright people.

Now while certain “Eugenic Principles” have been practiced as far back in world history as Ancient Greece- the modern history of Eugenics began in the early 20th century when a popular Eugenics movement emerged in Great Britain and then spread to many countries- including the United States. And Eugenics became classified as a “Science” through Frederick Osborn’s 1937 article, “The Development of a Eugenic Philosophy”.

During this period “Eugenic Ideas” were openly espoused and advocated across the political spectrum. Consequently, many eugenic policies were adopted to “improve the genetic stock” of their countries. Such programs often included both “positive” measures, such as encouraging individuals deemed particularly “fit” to reproduce, and “negative” measures such as marriage prohibitions and forced

sterilization of people deemed “unfit for reproduction” along with the development of abortion.

Soon, serious discussions were going on in major Universities and Hospitals across the United States- by people who had taken an oath to *preserve* life- about just how human beings, who were deemed not suitable to live, could be *systematically* eliminated. And it was during this same time frame that a woman named Margaret Sanger began to promote the concept of what she called “Family Planning”. And so, on October 16, 1916- Mrs. Sanger, along with her sister, founded an organization called Planned Parenthood that in 2014 was responsible for the murder of 327,000 human beings- most of them from three groups of people:

The poor  
People of color  
People with disabilities

Coincidentally, Planned Parenthood also receive 528 million dollars of tax payer funds in 2014. And in 2015- the Federal Courts sided with Planned Parenthood- even though they were found to be selling the body parts of aborted babies. I have first-hand information in a case that I was personally involved in back in the early 1990's, here in Gulfport, where an abortion mill here in town was routinely selling baby parts back then.

Now just in case you think the concept of Family Planning” is either fairly innocent or even productive- listen to several quotes from Mrs. Sanger that allows us to understand what *she* meant when she used that term.

“The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it”.<sup>1</sup>

“[We should] apply a stern and rigid policy of sterilization and segregation to that grade of population whose progeny is tainted, or whose inheritance is such that objectionable traits may be transmitted to offspring.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Woman and the New Race. 1920.

<sup>2</sup> “The Eugenic Value of Birth Control Propaganda”, October 1921, page 5.

“Birth control must lead ultimately to a cleaner race.”<sup>3</sup>

“Birth control is not contraception indiscriminately and thoughtlessly practiced. It means the release and cultivation of the better racial elements in our society, and the gradual suppression, elimination and eventual extirpation of defective stocks— those human weeds which threaten the blooming of the finest flowers of American civilization.”<sup>4</sup>

"No woman shall have the legal right to bear a child... without a permit for parenthood."<sup>5</sup>

"We should hire three or four colored ministers, preferably with social-service backgrounds, and with engaging personalities. The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We don't want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population. and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."<sup>6</sup>

Prominent people in Law, Government, Media, Business, and even the 'church' supported this logic back then. And State Laws were enacted across the country to forcibly sterilize anyone considered "unfit". And by the time World War II began- 30 States had sterilization laws on the books and were actively forcing segregation on other people.

Now the Eugenics Movement in the United States went out of style- at least by name- during the days of Nazi Germany and the subsequent elimination of millions of human beings by the German State. But even if you want to deny the Holocaust- there is an incontrovertible fact that emerged from that period of history.

A proponent of eugenics, Dr. Harry Laughlin, reviewed all that was happening across the United States in the Eugenics field and determined what was really needed was a model law, backed by research, that would return Eugenic Sterilization to prominence. He wrote and published *Eugenic Sterilization in the United States* in 1922,

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<sup>3</sup> "A Plan for Peace", April 1932, pp. 107-108

<sup>4</sup> *The New York Times*, 1923-04-08, p. XII

<sup>5</sup> *The American Baby Code*

<sup>6</sup> December 19, 1939 letter to Dr. Clarence Gamble



a nearly 500 page tome on his research, which included language for a law he was certain would be acceptable to the courts.

Eugenic proponents in Virginia immediately took this language to the Virginia Legislature. A vulnerable young woman was chosen to test the law. Her legal representative actually supported the law rather than his client! The United States Supreme Court would eventually hear it. And their 1927 decision on *Buck v. Bell* didn't simply make Eugenics "legal"- it actually breathed life into an entire international movement that today murders 125,000 human beings every single day!

But here is the kicker. During Hitler's reign- Germany used Dr. Laughlin's "model law" language to create their own "Law for Protection Against Genetically Defective Offspring"- which justified the systematic *elimination* of "undesirables" in their country. But after the War, during the Nuremberg trials for Nazi crimes against humanity, lawyers for the Nazi war criminals used the *Buck v. Bell* decision as a defense for their clients.

*Now don't let that go by you too fast:* Nazi war criminals- who had terrorized, tortured, and murdered millions of people- used a decision of the United States Supreme Court as their defense for the forced sterilization program and murders that was determined to be a crime against humanity! In other words- the Nazis said that the difference between what they did and the Eugenics Movement in the United States was merely semantic.

Now you might be tempted to think that all this was a long time ago and as we have developed into a technologically advanced and civilized society- we have *outgrown* such barbaric thinking. After all- that is what Science Fiction was designed to teach us- that all of the problems associated with the human race would eventually be solved through Science, Medicine, and Technology- through the advancement of the human mind.

And so you may not realize that Eugenics has morphed somewhat over the years. And the focus of the systematic murder of living human beings is now the weak and the deformed and the mentally impaired. And so, in *addition* to race- we now have *another* criteria as to why we continue to slaughter babies- weakness. And the argument is not only that it is *reasonable* to kill a weak baby who will have a very difficult life- but it is actually *wrong*, even *immoral*, to allow that kind of child to live.

For example- the man who was awarded the Noble Peace Prize for literature in 1970- Bertrand Russell- was also an agnostic who thought Christianity was little more than superstition and, despite any positive effects that it might have, was largely harmful to people. And in 1953, Russell said,

“I do not pretend that birth control is the only way in which population can be kept from increasing... War... has hitherto been disappointing in this respect, but perhaps bacteriological war may prove more effective. If a Black Death could be spread throughout the world once in every generation survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full... The state of affairs might be somewhat unpleasant, but what of that? Really high-minded people are indifferent to happiness, especially other people's... There are three ways of securing a society that shall be stable as regards population. The first is that of birth control, the second that of infanticide or really destructive wars, and the third that of general misery except for a powerful minority...”<sup>7</sup>

Those of you who grew up watching the National Geographic television specials during the 1960's are familiar with the famous undersea explorer- Jacques Cousteau. But you probably don't know that Cousteau spoke to the United Nations in 1991 and said this,

"In order to stabilize world population, we must eliminate 350,000 people per day. It is a horrible thing to say, but it is just as bad not to say it."<sup>8</sup>

And those who use and enjoy a computer might recognize the name Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft. Gates said this:

“The world today has 6.8 billion people. That's heading up to about nine billion. Now if we do a really great job on new vaccines, health care & reproductive health services, we could LOWER that by perhaps 10 or 15 percent. (680 million- 1billion people)”<sup>9</sup>

And Richard Dawkins- who is the poster child for the face of the modern “activist atheist” said:

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<sup>7</sup> “The Impact of Science on Society”, 1953

<sup>8</sup> 1991 UNESCO Courier

<sup>9</sup> TED Talk, 2010

“Discussions regarding Eugenics was inhibited by the shadow of Nazi misuse, to the extent that some scientists would not admit that breeding human for certain abilities is at all possible even though it is not physically different from breeding domestic animals for traits such as speed or herding skills. Enough time has elapsed to at least ask just what the ethical differences are between breeding for ability versus training athletes or forcing children to take music lessons.”<sup>10</sup>

So do these people have a point? Is it cruel and unreasonable to bring a child into the world where we know they have physical or mental impairments? Since we now have the ability to detect many serious deficiencies in children *before* they are born- what are we to think about these so-called “deficient babies”? As bond-slaves of the Lord Christ- what are we to think about babies who are born with mental and physical problems that make life very hard for them and their parents? The sophisticated world tells us that it is wrong for us to “force” mothers to have children who we know to have serious problems and that the only “proper” thing to do is to kill the child before it is born so the mother will not be “punished”. So is that true? Is the concept of Eugenics right? Are those who teach that the weak and the deformed and the mentally impaired are better off dead than alive? What does God say about this? Please turn with me to read **John 9:1-7**

**1 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.**

**2 And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"**

**3 Jesus answered, "*It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.*"**

**4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.**

**5 "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."**

**6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,**

**7 and said to him, "*Go, wash in the pool of Siloam*" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came *back* seeing.**

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<sup>10</sup> From the Afterward, by Richard Dawkins, *The Herald*, (2006).<http://www.heraldsotland.com/from-the-afterword-1.836155> Retrieved on Oct 17, 2013

Now please allow me to set up the situation we are facing in America today, and just how the Passages here in **John 9** and back in **Exodus 4** relates to it. There are about 3,000 abortions every single day in the United States and about 125,000 a day worldwide. And that means that the horrific, gut-wrenching reality of Haiti's earthquake a few years ago- happens every single day in the abortion clinics of the world. But *unlike* the tragic victims in Haiti- the 3,000 babies who are crushed to death every day in America by the earthquake of abortion go largely unnoticed.

Now most of these babies are killed between 10 and 14 weeks of gestation- a time which the "experts" say is "optimal" for the complete dismemberment and evacuation. Yet there is no reason to think that there is any moral or spiritual difference between this baby and a one-month-old outside the womb. All the differences are morally and spiritually negligible. Therefore- if it is wrong to kill a newborn- it is wrong to kill this baby in the womb.

Now the recent gains in prenatal testing have introduced the reality that previous generations did not face. Through the wonder of "Common Grace"- God's Goodness to both the lost and the saved- technology now exists that helps make our lives infinitely better than those who came before us. But we must know that Technology in and of itself is "amoral"- meaning it has neither Good or Evil as its primary concern. Therefore, Technology must be governed by Absolute Truth or Biblical Morality, or it will become hideous and evil. And so Technology should be used "for the Glory of God" and not simply because we can.

Because Technology used *without* being governed by Biblical Morality now allows us to abort children with traits many parents don't want in a child. And that means murdering a living human being based on things like:

- ✓ Poverty
- ✓ Race
- ✓ Disability

... exactly the same three reasons of a century ago that spawned the Eugenics Movement. For example- it is common today in China to abort baby girls because of the imposed "one-child law". And most prochoice people in America think that's terrible.

One newspaper writer said something very telling that takes me where I am going. He said,

“You don’t have to be a feminist to know that being a girl is not a birth defect.”

But I see several tragic assumptions in that statement. One of them is that, if there *is* a birth defect- then Abortion would not only be *advisable*- but *reasonable*. And that is where we have come as a society. George F. Will calls it “Eugenics by Abortion.”

So, for example, according to Dr. Brian Skotko, pediatric geneticist at Children’s Hospital in Boston, in a November 2009 article from ABC News,

“An estimated 92 percent of all women who receive a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome choose to terminate their pregnancies.”<sup>11</sup>

And this is true, even though, as Gary Bauer points out, there are thousands of “waiting lists of couples ready to adopt children with Down syndrome.”<sup>12</sup> The May 13, 2007, issue of The New York Times reported that:

“70 percent of Americans said they believe that women should be able to obtain a legal abortion if there is a strong chance of a serious defect in the baby.”<sup>13</sup>

Back in 2008, Wesley Smith wrote in The Weekly Standard

“With the development of prenatal genetic diagnosis, the drive toward eugenics has returned with a vengeance. Americans may heartily cheer participants in the Special Olympics, but we abort some 90 percent of all gestating infants diagnosed with genetic disabilities such as Down Syndrome, dwarfism, and spina bifida.”<sup>14</sup>

As a Pastor, whose Calling is to shepherd the flock of The Covenant of Peace Church, by proclaiming the Whole Counsel of God in the Scriptures- I don’t feel a direct responsibility for what 70% of

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<sup>11</sup> [http://abcnews.go.com/Health/w\\_ParentingResource/down-syndrome-births-drop-us-women-abort/story?id=8960803](http://abcnews.go.com/Health/w_ParentingResource/down-syndrome-births-drop-us-women-abort/story?id=8960803)

<sup>12</sup> [http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0709/25044\\_Page2.html](http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0709/25044_Page2.html)

<sup>13</sup> <http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9E03E4D91531F930A25756C0A9619C8B63>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.weeklystandard.com/article/16009>

Americans think about the worth of children with disabilities. But I *do* feel a direct responsibility for what *you* believe about such children.

One estimate is that 70% of the women who get abortions in America are professing Christians. I know that several in *this* Church have had abortions. And I don't want you to feel overwhelmed by this message because many of you did that before you were saved. And you need to hear me say that the very core of everything we preach and believe here is that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (**1 Timothy 1:15**). The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the best news in the world to women who are tempted to hate themselves for aborting a child. The Holy Bible says in **2 Corinthians 5:21**:

**He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

The message I want you to hear is that God knits all the children together in their mothers' wombs, and they are all- *all of them*- of every degree of ability- conceived for the Purpose of displaying the Glory of God!

And with apologies to the Health, Wealth, and Prosperity people- God said back in **Exodus 4** that He made the disabled. That they are *not* a curse. God said:

**Exodus 4:11b**

**... Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes *him* mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?**

God said these blind and deaf and cripple and mentally impaired babies were formed disabled on *Purpose*- by an infinitely Good and Merciful and Wise God- Who created them- in their weaknesses- for the Glory of God! And so they are to be cherished and loved and raised and taught and disciplined and cared for and not murdered.

**Psalms 139:13-16**

**13 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.**

**14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.**

**15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;**

**16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.**

Look again at what God's infallible Word says in **John 9:1-3:**

**1 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.**

**2 And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"**

**3 Jesus answered, "*It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.*"**

Now here the disciples assume a direct correlation between a specific sin and the man's disability. And that logic was common back then. Something bad means somebody sinned. And so the goal was not to help the person who was suffering- the goal was simply to find somebody to blame for the problem.

But we need to understand that this logic is prevalent in our day as well. Human beings look at sorrow and tragedy and suffering almost universally as being a negative thing. And then they seek to find a correlation with some sinful activity that caused the problem. And I understand lost people thinking like that- but it is much harder to understand God's people thinking the same- since there are literally hundreds of verses and passages, and even entire Books of the Bible that are written to teach us the Truth about these things:

God's people suffer for the Glory of God

So in the ungodly mind of these disciples- either this man sinned or his parents sinned. And to show you the silliness of this logic- if the man sinned- he would have had to sin in his mother's womb- *before* he was born- because he was born blind!

Yet here we see that Jesus categorically *rejects* their logic. The Savior knows that suffering and sickness and disability and death exist in the world because of sin (**Romans 5:12–14; 8:18–25**), but He *rejects* the explanation that *specific* disabilities correspond to *specific* sins. Now

the Chaldeans believed that. And the Philistines believed that. Even the Canaanites and the Babylonians believed that- but from the very beginning God told His people through His Word that that logic was not true.

### **Exodus 4:11b**

**... Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes *him* mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?**

And so Jesus gives another explanation. Notice that the disciples were asking about the *cause* of the blindness. And they wanted to know the cause so they could assign blame and condemnation. And so Jesus answers their question. But the Answer He gives is *not* about which human the blindness *came from*- but where God is *taking* the disability. In other words, Jesus says the *cause* of this disability is not somebody's past sin- but *future* Glory for God! Look again at verse 3:

***It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.***

... so the Cause of this man's blindness is that God intended to display His Work in this disabled man.

What work? So are we to assume that God is a sadist Who enjoys watching people struggle with disabilities? I mean Margaret Sanger would have helped this man's mother destroy the baby before he was ever born.

Here is one of the clearest examples of why we need to read and study and understand the Scriptures. The Scriptures gives us insight into not only *why* God does things- but into *Who* God is. Since God is not a man- He doesn't think or operate like a man. And so in order to comprehend what God is doing- we need to do what the Puritans taught and:

Learn the Logic of Scripture

Scripture allows us to "stand in God's Shoes", so to speak, and see events from God's Perspective. And so what we learn from the Bible is that God is constantly doing 10,000 things- all at once. God is



sovereignly causing and allowing and guiding and preventing thousands of thoughts and actions and events to come about so that five things will be accomplished:

1. God's Will is carried out.
2. God will be Glorified.
3. The Fame of God's Name will be spread across the Universe.
4. So that we will know that there is none like God in all the earth.
5. All of God's elect will be saved and come to delight in God.

Because God is Omnipotent and Omniscient- God sees the past and present and future all at once. And so, in His Power and Wisdom- God is *providentially* carrying out thousands of details- all at once- to *guarantee* that His Will is carried out in the earth- perfectly. And yet, because of our weak flesh- we can only see 3 of them.

So be careful when you begin to think that God is moving too slow or not at all. Because Jesus is *always* doing more than you think. In verses 4-5, Jesus continues,

**4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.**

**5 "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."**

Now this tells us that something infinitely more important is going on here than merely healing the man's physical eyes so that he can see natural light. Because Jesus calls attention to the fact that *He* is the Light this man needs to see. Now look at verses 6-7:

**6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,**

**7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came *back* seeing.**

So this man came back seeing natural light. So isn't that a good thing? Sure. Don't we want all blind people to see? Sure. But is that enough? Is that what Jesus cares about the most? Do you recall back in **John 5** when Jesus healed the man who had been crippled for 38 years?

The man stood up and walked. So was *that* the point back then- physical healing? Look what Jesus said in **John 5:14**:

**Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you."**

In other words, Jesus is telling this man that sin is far worse than being blind or cripple or poor or mentally or physically impaired. Going to hell is much worse than having a hard life. In other words- Jesus was telling this man that his biggest problem was not his physical disability- but his sin. And that he needed to repent and be saved.

And now, here in Chapter 9, Jesus does the same thing. Verses 35-38 says:

**John 9:35-38**

**35 Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"**

**36 He answered, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"**

**37 Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you."**

**38 And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.**

So now we see all the connections between, "Before Abraham was, I am," and blindness and healing and Jesus as the Light of the world. Being able to see the Glory of Jesus as God and worshiping Him was the main point of everything Jesus said and did while He was here on earth. Jesus is the Light of the world. Jesus is the "I am" who was here before Abraham. So the most important thing is that the man see the glory of Jesus and worship Him. And that is what he did. And so that is the ultimate healing.

So when Jesus said in verse 3:

***It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.***

... *this* is the Work of God—that the man see Jesus as God and worship Him through the miracle of seeing natural light. So the man was given *natural* eyes so that he could receive *spiritual* eyes. So he could see the

glory of this world, and the Glory of its Maker, Jesus Christ- and worship Him!

And from this I conclude that in every disability- whether genetically from the womb, or circumstantially from an accident, or infectiously from a disease- God has a Good and Wise and Powerful Design- a Purpose- that will *always* lead to His Own Glory, and for the Good of His people who love Him and are called according to His Purpose (**Romans 8:28**).

Therefore, it is wrong to think that such children in the womb are unimportant, or without a unique, God-given worth in this world. And it is wrong to murder them- in whatever name it is done.

Now some might say, *"But just a minute, Brother Blair, you're trying to impose unfairness on people who don't want a defective child."* No, my wife and I put our money where our mouth is, and we had a child that was weak and sick. And yes, it was very hard to have her and raise her. But by the Grace of God- we did. And we rejoice that we loved her and that we taught her to love Jesus and to sing hymns and to go to Church and to praise the Lord- *in* her weakness. And she is now with Jesus forever. So when I tell you not to kill your baby because it is weak- I speak- not only from the Authority of the Word of God- but from my own personal experience.

Others might say, *"But this blind man got his eyes and was able to benefit himself from the Work of God. My child stayed blind."* Or someone might say, *"My child never had the mental ability to process biblical truth about Jesus as the light of the world or wonder at 'before Abraham was, I am.'"*

And that's often true. And so we must realize that the full scope of the Work of God in the lives of the disabled always happens in this world. None of us is fully healed in this world. There will be a resurrection when Jesus **"will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself"** (**Philippians 3:21**).

And so we should not think that the Works of God will only benefit the one who has the disability. We can't tell what is going on in the mind and heart of many of the mentally disabled. Only God can. But God can and God does. And so God is working His Work through these disabilities into the lives of others too. And *that* is often the miracle.

The works of faith and labors of love and steadfastness of hope are amazing Works of God that put His all-satisfying Glory on display in the lives of parents and brothers and sisters and friends and churches.

Someone else might say, *"But these people all lived. Even Lazarus, though he died, lived again to bring glory to God."* (**John 11:4, 40**). So what about the disabled who die? Indeed what about any of us who die? Is dying the great triumph of the enemy?

Or is death "swallowed up in victory?" Should we say, "Here the glory of God has ended?" Or should we say, **"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"** (1 Corinthians 15:54–57)? So should we look at the death of the disabled as meaningless? Or is this too appointed by God for the Glory of His Name?

Now the Gospel of John closes in Chapter 21 with Jesus speaking to Simon Peter about this.

#### **John 21:18&19a**

**18 "Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go."**

**19 Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God...**

So God had sovereignly appointed for Peter both a disability in the end and a death for the Glory of God. So I stand by the conclusion from **John 9**. In every disability, whether genetically from the womb, or circumstantially from an accident, or infectiously from a disease, God has a Good and Wise and Powerful Design- a Purpose- for His Own Glory, and for the Good of His people who love Him and are called according to His Purpose (**Romans 8:28**). Therefore, it is wrong to think that such children in the womb- or out of the womb, or in their doddering old age- are unimportant, or without a unique, God-given worth in this world.

Eugenics by abortion is an abomination to God. And in the Name of Jesus Christ- we must renounce it and hate it and reject it, and as His children- we must not engage in it. That is what the Bible teaches.

But that is not *all* the Bible teaches. It *also* teaches that if you *have* engaged in this sin- there is an Advocate for you- Jesus Christ the Righteous One (**1John 2:1**). And we should shout from the rooftop-

**The Acts 10:43b**

**... that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.**

Amen. Let's pray

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