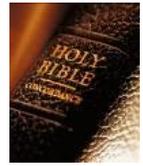


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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK: The Battle is the Lord's

When asked who was responsible for overturning Roe v Wade, former President Donald Trump said God did it. To ascribe victory to anyone else is pure folly. Our 45th president was just making known that which Bible believing Christians have relied upon for thousands of years: the sovereignty of God. In His perfect time, God will deliver victory to His people. He did it with David, who acknowledged as much in his confrontation with the Philistine giant. In speaking to Goliath, Israel's future king said, "...the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands" (1 Samuel 17:47). Margaret Clarkson set that proclamation to music when she penned the words "The battle is the Lord's! Not ours in strength or skill, but His alone, in sovereign grace, to work His will...and in His time His holy arm shall win the day."

Our 49 year wait to see Roe overturned should buoy our spirits and strengthen our resolve in knowing that God is in complete control of His creation, and as such, will oversee the final destruction of the evil which currently holds our world in its grip. History is speeding toward completion, and as it nears its end, Satan is pulling out all the stops. Mankind is witnessing things which were previously not only unimaginable, but unthinkable as well. People everywhere will be facing dangers and making decisions that no prior generation has ever had to deal with.

Every year, the global elitists who have proclaimed themselves the world's ruling class head to Davos, Switzerland to discuss their plans for the future, which they believe is theirs to create. Their agenda is to implement a worldwide totalitarianism based on technocratic and transhumanist ideologies, including the re-engineering and control of all life forms, humans included. This is just more meat on the bones of the Humanist Manifesto, written in 1934 and calling for a synthesis of all religions and a socialized and cooperative economic order. Have you heard of any of this anywhere else (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)? The apostles Paul and John clearly foretold of the future Antichrist and False Prophet (Revelation 19:20). Because technology advances so quickly, it's not too hard to imagine the capabilities of artificial intelligence (AI) and algorithms leading us into the biblical end time scenario. In fact, the late theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking once said that something that smart will have tactics and strategies that humans won't understand. Remember though, most people pursuing AI don't believe in God. Like the builders of the tower of Babel, they think they can become gods. But God is unapproachable. Just ask Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12-15). In fact, Psalm 2 tells us that the Lord will laugh and have them in derision.

To those who have the faith to believe, God has already promised us a future far beyond our scope and ability to grasp. We cannot begin to imagine those things which God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9). As you celebrate America this 4th of July, remember also to celebrate the freedom from sin given to you by Jesus through His atoning death on the cross. And the promise of an eternity in heaven, where the celebration never ends.

Why Bible-Honoring Christians are Pro-Life
“If you love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15)

By Robert Luthardt, Sr.

Secular humanists preach abortion, euthanasia, infanticide and geriatricide when they claim man to have the supreme value in the universe. God said, “The fool has said ... there is no God” (Ps. 14:1; 53:1). When men separate themselves from God they become of “less value” than animals. If mankind is simply a complex species in a contrived evolutionary construct, then “unwanted babies” may be callously killed and elderly parents “terminated” being no longer wanted, needed or useful.” To them mankind originates from “slime, plus time, plus change” – the luck of the draw.

Those who have studied a properly translated Bible and “UNADULTERATED history” trust the inerrant, infallible “WORDS OF GOD.”

Our Creator attributes infinite value to every baby including the pre-born (Gen. 1:26-27). A spirit-filled Psalmist asked God, “What is man, that thou art mindful of him?” (Ps. 8). Our Creator, Jesus Christ (John 1:3; Col. 1:16, Heb. 1:1-2, etc.) placed such high value upon every human life that He also placed a heavy penalty upon the willful taking of innocent life: He said, “who so sheddeth man’s blood by man shall his blood be shed for in the “IMAGE OF GOD, MADE HE MAN” (KJV Gen. 9:6).

God so valued the life He made in humanity that He created, that He ordained Capital Punishment for “ALL who murder innocents.” By logical implication, God’s commandments confer a “right to life” even in the negative, “Thou Shalt NOT KILL” (that is, do no murder – Exodus 20:13). Therefore, God authorized civil government to protect innocent human life from the moment life begins (Rom. 13:1-4).

When does human life begin? Knowing the absolute supremacy of God’s will and Word, the answer comes not out of the heart of man (see Jer. 17:9-10) nor of legal, historical, or even temporal medical claims; but from God’s scriptures. Various passages which touch upon this subject (when taken as a whole) compel a prolife answer.

The languages used in the original scriptures (Hebrew and Greek) make “NO DISTINCTION” between unborn babies and babies already born. “Brophos” is Greek for babe or baby and is used for the unborn in Luke 1 and for a baby fully born in Luke 2. It was also used for an older youth (in 2 Tim. 1:5-6, 2:1). Other Greek words such as “HUIOS” is used for a child conceived (at conception) but likewise also at birth. God the Father said to Jesus, “Thou art my beloved Son [HUIOS] ... in thee I am well pleased.”

The authors of scripture wrote under the inspiration of God’s Holy Spirit and not by the isolated insights of men (2 Pet. 1:21). God’s men never cited cold clinical terms such as “fetus,” “mass of protoplasm” or “lump of tissue” or other such subhuman terms. They always used the same endearing terms for pre-born and post-born babies.

Several Biblical authors identified themselves with being the unborn baby referred to: David said in Psalm 139:13-16, “Thou hast covered ME in my mother’s womb” (not embryo or fetus). Similarly,

Isaiah said, “The Lord hath called ‘ME’ from the womb” (Is. 49:1). In Jeremiah 1:5, God said to Jeremiah, “before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee ... ordained thee a prophet,” and identified himself as that same pre-born baby in the mother’s womb.

The Bible affords legal protection to unborn babies (Ex. 21:22-25). “If men fight and hurt a woman with child and mischief follows (death of mother or baby) thou shalt give ... life for life ...”. If the mother delivers prematurely with no injury to either mother or baby, the husband is to be compensated through civil authorities. True personhood resides in the preborn baby. We read in Genesis 25:21-24, that Esau and Jacob struggled in Rebekah’s womb, so God not only gives life to babies but recognizes personhood even in the mother’s womb.

While medical evidence is secondary to God’s inerrant, infallible word, it is reassuring that medical evidence supports human life at conception. Consider that when a sperm and egg come together, a unity of an entirely new individual has been formed. The now fertilized egg has a different genetic code from father and mother. This uniqueness in the baby is fixed for life. Many traits are immediately set such as sex, hair and eye color and skin pigmentation before the end of the first trimester. Genes, chromosomes, DNA and RNA are also permanently fixed. This new one is not a mere potential human, but a human with potential.

In two weeks, a baby has a blood supply and a blood type. At the end of week 3, the baby’s heart is beating and by week 4, the brain, kidneys, liver and digestive tract, and arms and legs have begun to take shape. The original egg (fertilized) is now thousands of times larger than at conception. By the end of month 2, everything – hands, feet and organs are in place, though still smaller than a thumb’s length and has unique fingerprints. At the third month, our babies suck their thumbs.

Men’s invented alternatives to God’s creation are invalid such as life beginning at birth because breathing begins then. Not so! Oxygen is received all during pregnancy. Another diversion is the claim of “viability” – survival outside the womb. Babies born in even the 5th month have survived. Next is “Quickening” – when a mother first feels the baby move in her womb. This is highly subjective and not based on science. Some claim life begins when the fertilized egg is implanted in the wall of the uterus but has no support in Scripture, science, or common sense.

Summing up, we find authors of scripture make no linguistic distinction between pre-born and birthed infants. Some have identified with the baby referred to. God’s Word offers legal protection for all babies. Adam’s fallen nature falls on all his generation (Jer. 17:9; Rom. 3:23). Scripture shows personhood even in a mother’s womb. Preborn babies are living humans at conception.

Common sense shows rational persons that if something is living and shows rapid animation and growth, it is “ALIVE” and to snuff out that life angers He who gave that life. Of course every woman should have control of “HER BODY,” but a growing baby is “NOT HER BODY,” it is a separate living baby boy or girl that has a right to life.

What about the horrible tragedies of rape and incest? While reported statistics show these pregnancies to be rare, they are increasing as judicial restraints have become liberalized – a separate matter that cries out for immediate correction. Many call for legislation to allow abortion to take the life of the baby in such cases. However, there should be severe penalties for any who would deceitfully use such an exception to terminate human life including medical practitioners.

Christians know that our Creator is omniscient, and nothing is hidden from His eyes or His purposes (Rom. 8:28). Many of His providences are simply beyond immediate human comprehension. Thousands have testified that not only did abortion NOT solve their immediate problems, they were made worse and long-lasting. Abortion cannot and does not contribute to bettering spiritual or even mental health.

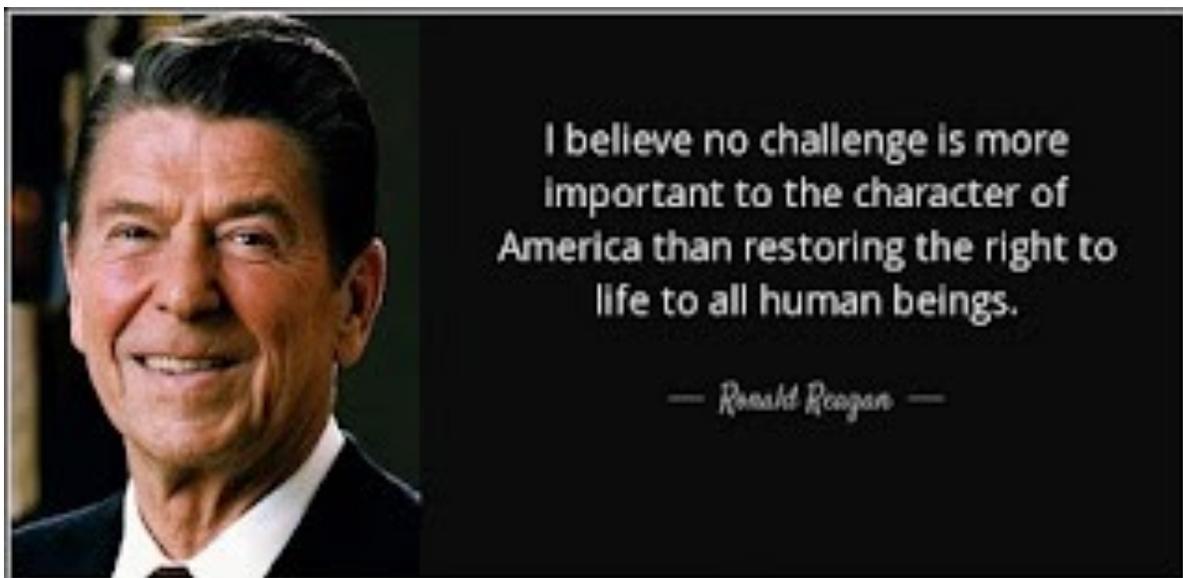
Some things are only solved by God who is, “a present help in trouble” (Ps. 46:1, 10; Rom. 8:18-26). The loving arms of Jesus are open, and He ever calls us to come (Matt. 11:28-29) and no one suffered more than Jesus (Luke 22:44) nor wept any greater tears (John 11:35-36) for those He loves.

Many Americans are old enough to remember America as a God-respecting nation; we had prayer and Bible reading but now taken out of schools. We were an “Acts 2 society.” When Peter preached on Pentecost his audience was Bible-oriented and knew of Christ’s resurrection. Today America is more like Paul’s hearers in Athens (Acts 17) who knew not God or His Word and laughed at the resurrection of Christ rising from the dead.

Our highest court “discovered” a new right in the Constitution that overturned thousands of years of settled law that now allows the taking of innocent life in the mother’s womb. Solomon’s warning still applies, “These six things doth the Lord hate ...” and one is, “... hands that shed innocent blood” (Prov. 6:16-19). For those who love the Lord,

Keep looking up (Luke 21:28).

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**Battle Hymn of the Republic
(History behind the Song)**

By Nancy Long

2 Chron. 7:14 – *“If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”*

Psalm 33: 10-12 – *“The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: He maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and His people whom He hath chosen for His inheritance.”*

Romans 8:37 – *“In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.”*

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Lyrics – Julia Ward Howe

Music – Traditional American Melody

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on.

I have seen him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded him an alter in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps
His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant my feet
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Chorus -- Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

The “Battle Hymn of the Republic” is more than likely one of the most well known and too, one of the most loved patriotic songs, performed in churches and in school programs throughout the US. It was written in 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War, by published poet, Julia Ward Howe.

Mrs. Howe had been extremely distraught and troubled regarding the conflict and division going on within her beloved country. Out of this pain though, inspiration was born, as she quickly jotted down these words we continue to sing today. As her words describe, *“I awoke in the gray of the morning, and as I lay waiting for the dawn, the long lines of the desired poem began to entwine themselves in my mind, and I said to myself, ‘I must get up and write these verses, lest I fall asleep and forget them!’ So I sprang out of my bed and in the dimness found an old stump of a pen, which I remembered using the day before, I scrawled the verses almost without looking at the paper.”*

A few months later (Feb. 1862) the Atlantic Monthly newspaper published this heartfelt poem, and paid Julia Howe \$4.00 for it. After a while, these same words were put to music, using the tune of the folk melody, “John Brown’s Body”. After the war, Mrs. Howe became involved in the women’s suffrage movement, and was one of the founders of the New England Women’s Suffrage Association. She was in demand as a lecturer, and also continued writing, but nothing caught the attention of the masses like “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.” She died, at the age of 91, on October 17, 1910.

The “Battle Hymn of the Republic” just might be one of the finest, most inspiring patriotic hymns of all time, having now been sung for 161 years. ***“Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on!”*** Amen!

Our God is an awesome God!! He is Creator, Sustainer, and is bigger than we humans could ever ask, or even think and He has a plan that’s been put into place from before the foundation of the world prior to His creation of space long before time began!! We, believers, are a part of that plan! There are no words, Defender friends there are no words!!



For mothers, wives and children, for home and country pride,
Our flag will guard the freedom Of land and ocean wide.



Happy Birthday America, for those still counting. How many more we have left is anyone's guess. Only God knows for sure. Although we don't know the future, we must remember the past.

Abraham Lincoln said "The people are the rightful masters of both Congress and Courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."

Ben Franklin said "those who give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Daniel Webster said "God grants liberty only to those who love it and are ready to guard and defend it."

And Thomas Jefferson may have put it best -

"God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever." And I tremble for my country as well.

Happy Birthday, America

Our mission through the broadcast of In Defense of Truth and the publication of The Defender newsletter is to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (Jude 3). Our vision today is just as strong as it was back in 1963 when Dr. John Dekker began this outreach. We pray that you will continue to stand with us as we hold true to God's holy Word.

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Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study	1:30 PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	7:00 PM
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