

The Small, Weak and Powerless

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Many breakthroughs from medical science are great blessings from God. Most of the ancient plagues have been eliminated. Relatively few children in our country die in infancy and fewer mothers die in childbirth. In recent years, we've made progress even against cancer, strokes and heart disease.

But with these blessings have come temptations—to use our knowledge to abort or to use live human embryos for medical experiments, for example, or to end the lives of those who live in severe pain. The Bible speaks to such temptations, however.

According to the following passages, why is human life special?

Gen. 1:26–28, 31 _____

Gen. 2:7 _____

Gen. 2:22–25 _____

Psalm 8 _____

1 Cor. 6:19–20 _____

Now, in your own words, summarize what makes human beings different from the rest of creation.

According to the following passages, how does God regard a fetus?

Ps. 22:6–10 _____

Ps. 51:5 _____

Ps. 71:5–8 _____

Ps. 139:11–17 _____

Is. 46:3–4 _____

Is. 49:1–6 _____

Jer. 1:5 _____

Matt. 1:18–25 _____

Luke 1:39–45 _____

Rom. 9:10–13 _____

Gal. 1:15 _____

In these passages, what does God say about those who are outcast or helpless?

Ex. 22:22–24 _____

Deut. 10:17–22 _____

Deut. 27:19 _____

Ps. 10:12–18 _____

Ps. 27:9–10 _____

Ps. 68:4–6 _____

Is. 49:15–16 _____



Matt. 8:1–8 _____

Luke 4:18–21 _____

1 Cor. 1:27–29 _____

God is the creator of all life. He cherishes every person, even the powerless. He sees, knows and loves each of us from the very start—even in our mother's womb. He cares for those for whom society has no regard.

God cares even for the weakest and smallest person, so we also love them, defend them and care for them—speaking out in their defense in a culture that so often is more intent on using them than caring for them.



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