

# The War on Women

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**Series: International ministry and mission**

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

**Topic: the sanctity of women**

**The goal: the honor, protection and eternal welfare of women around the world**

**The strategy: Influence our culture and world by the consistent application of the sanctity of women**

**Hopeful results:**

a. **Grass roots conviction**

b. **Government legislation**

c. **Human rights demands on other nations enforced by economic relations**

Illustration: the world wide abolition of slavery

**Two Convictions:**

## **I. The Sanctity of Women**

**Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**Genesis 5:1** This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

<sup>2</sup> He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.

**Galatians 3:26** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

<sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; <sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

<sup>27</sup> that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

<sup>28</sup> So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

<sup>29</sup> for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of His body.

<sup>31</sup> For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.

<sup>32</sup> This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

**1 Peter 3:7** You husbands likewise, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

**Ephesians 6:2** Honor your father and mother

**1 Timothy 5:2** the older women as mothers, *and* the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

<sup>3</sup> Honor widows who are widows indeed;

**James 1:27** This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## **II. The Sanctity of Female Babies**

**Every female baby is...**

**A sovereign choice and creation of God**

**Psalms 139:13** For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, And my soul knows it very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.

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

**Psalms 127:3** Behold, children are a gift of the LORD; The fruit of the womb is a reward.

**Isaiah 44:1** "But now listen, O Jacob, My servant; And Israel, whom I have chosen:

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD who made you And formed you from the womb, who will help you, 'Do not fear, O Jacob My servant; And you Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

**Isaiah 44:24** Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself, And spreading out the earth all alone,

**Isaiah 49:1** Listen to Me, O islands, And pay attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me.

<sup>5</sup> And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, in order that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, And My God is My strength),

**Made in the image of God**

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**Genesis 9:6**

<sup>6</sup> "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

### **A person in the image of God at conception**

**Luke 1:39** Now at this time Mary arose and went with haste to the hill country, to a city of Judah,  
<sup>40</sup> and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup> And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

<sup>42</sup> And she cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed among women *are* you, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!

<sup>43</sup> "And how has it *happened* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

<sup>44</sup> "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

### **Loved by God**

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

### **Created with a divine call**

**Jeremiah 1:4** Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

**Galatians 1:15** But when He who had set me apart, *even* from my mother's womb, and called me through His grace, ...

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

<sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

<sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### **Three applications:**

#### **I. Influence through lifestyle**

**Matthew 5:13** "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty *again*? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

<sup>15</sup> "Nor do *men* light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house.

<sup>16</sup> "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

#### **II. Influence through discourse**

**Psalms 82:3** Vindicate the weak and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.

<sup>4</sup> Rescue the weak and needy; Deliver *them* out of the hand of the wicked.

#### **III. Influence through advocacy**