

THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

God Is Our Creator and the Giver of Life

1. Where did life come from? We were created by God.

Gen 1:1, 1:26-27, 2:7

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

2. How are we created? In the image of God.

Gen. 1:26-27

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

3. At what point are we considered alive?

Job 10:8-12; 31:15; Psa. 22:9-10; 51:5; 139:13-16; Isa. 44:2, 24; 46:3-4; 49:5; Jer. 1:5; Luke 1:39-44;

Job 10:8 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

Job 10:9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay; and wilt thou bring me into dust again?

Job 10:10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?

Job 10:11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews.

Job 10:12 Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

Job 31:15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb?

Psa 22:9 But thou *art* he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

Psa 22:10 I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou *art* my God from my mother's belly.

Psa 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psa 139:13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

Psa 139:14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made: marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.

Psa 139:15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Psa 139:16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.

Isa 44:2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.

Isa 44:24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things*; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

Isa 46:3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne *by me* from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

Isa 46:4 And *even* to *your* old age I *am* he; and *even* to hoar hairs will I carry *you*: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.

Isa 49:5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb *to be* his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

Jer 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Luk 1:39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;

Luk 1:40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth.

Luk 1:41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

Luk 1:42 And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb.

Luk 1:43 And whence *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Luk 1:44 For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.

4. Where else does the Bible say God created us?

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Psa 95:6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

Psa 100:3 Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psa 119:73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

Psa 138:8 The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Long Life Was God's Plan for Man

Man was created to live forever.

Death was not expected in the beginning.

Obedience to God meant continuing to live.

Obedience to God brings a promise of long live on earth.

Salvation includes restoration to life eternal.

Death Was And Is A Penalty For Sin From God

Man was told in the beginning that he would die if he disobeyed God

Death is the ultimate penalty for sin

Murder is forbidden by God

This would include all unjustified killings; abortions, suicides, euthanasia,
mercy killings, honor killings

The death penalty could only be used in the most severe cases

Death is totally separation from God

Death is by God's appointment, Hebrews 9:27; Job 14:5; Psa 90:3,5

Life is to be Respected by Man

It is a gift from God.

Children are to be protected

Elders are to be respected