

# Life Matters

**For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.  
--Psalm 139:13-16**

If you're a Christian in the U.S., you've probably heard this passage associated with the darkest day in our nation's history: January 22, 1973. The day seven justices of the U.S. Supreme Court washed their hands with the blood of 45 million+ innocent children they were condemning to painful, violent deaths. The worst holocaust of the 20th century wasn't the one in Germany. It was in America. And it hasn't ended still.

So each January, during "Sanctity of Life Week," many churches come before God asking Him to extend His mercy on our land and bring an end to the carnage of abortion.

At the time, the Supreme Court claimed ignorance of what they were doing. In the *Roe v. Wade* decision, they wrote that they could not and would not attempt to answer "the question of when life begins." Since then, "modern" science has finally caught up with the 3,000-year-old teaching of Scripture. We now know that the child's heart is beating before his mother knows she's pregnant. We now know that in the embryo, right after conception, every microscopic cell contains an unfathomably intricate structure of trillions of pieces of information and performs uncountable functions at once. The complexity of human life from the moment of creation boggles the mind and surpasses the imagination. The psalmist could only call it a fearful and wonderful creation.

But what is even more striking about this text is the spiritual truth conveyed in it about God's plan for your life from the time you were in your mother's womb. The Hebrew word "raqam" appears in verse 13, translated as "knit together" or "woven" in the English translations. This word is not the common Hebrew word for weaving. It is a word used in Scripture to describe the weaving of the temple curtain, the curtain that would house the dwelling

place of the Most High and Holy God in all His radiant glory.

When God's word tells us that we were weaved together by Him in our mothers' wombs, He is not just saying that He made us, but that He made us to be a tabernacle where He would dwell. God's desire for every person He creates is that we will by faith in Christ be saved and become the temple of His Holy Spirit. That's what He formed your body for. (I hope you understand that. Many of the people fighting against abortion in our land today don't. They have never trusted Christ as their Savior, so although they defend the lives of others, they fail to live out God's purpose for their own lives to be a dwelling place for Him.)

To intrude in the womb and interrupt God's "raqam" work there, then, is to do more than just murder the innocent. It is to invade and attack what God longs to make His holy temple, which He is lovingly weaving together. How arrogant we are as a culture to do such a thing. And how amazing is the extent of His patience with us as Americans that we have not been most severely judged for our tolerance of the act. And how presumptuous of us it would be to assume He will never destroy our nation with His wrath if we continue to ignore His patient pleas for our repentance and restoration.

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