

## Contraception and the Bible

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Gen 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

Gen 9:7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

Jer 23:3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

Psalms 127:3-6 "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is **his reward**. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

Now arrows are an offensive weapon. Our children are weapons for the kingdom of Jesus Christ who will "contend with their enemies in the gate". In light of this ask your self this question: Would Satan want true born again believers to have large or small families? It seems apparent by reading the preceding verses that were quoted; we already have God's answer. Jesus said in John 10:10: The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to **kill**, and to **destroy**: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.

From a physical standpoint there is no greater way the Lord can manifest the gift of life, than through the birth of a child. I have told you that the goal of the New World Order is to reduce world population by 65-85%. Georgia Guidestones

The world around us is addicted to death and sin. As the pagans around us abort their children and have smaller and smaller families Christians from a Biblical standpoint should be doing the very opposite! What if true born again Christians were growing their families like the Mormons, Muslims and Catholics which are cults near the top of the list in growth and numbers. But a big reason for their growth is due to the large families they tend to have. If their offspring do not get saved, they will untimely burn in hell and take others with them to hell to suffer the same fate. But Christians can do the exact opposite and raise Godly children which ultimately impact this world for Christ and lead many to the Lord.

Gen 28:3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people... So children are not seen by God as a burden but as a blessing.

It has been said the root of most Christians desire to have small families is a selfish desire for comfort. We think that we won't be able to have as nice of a house or as nice of cars if we were to let God determine the size of our family. Now is the God that created the universe going to give any Christian family more children than we can provide for? Does this also boil down to a lack of faith that Christians have in God provide for a large family?

**So now let's get into the main way families on this planet limit their size, yes I am referring to contraception.**

***I feel it is necessary to talk about the birth control pill first because there are some facts about the pill that many do not know. Hosea 4:6***

The birth control pill comes in many forms, from the progestin-only pill to combinations of progestin and estrogen. There is now also a patch that works in the same way as the pill but as the name indicates it is worn as a patch.

Progestins and the estrogen in the pill are artificial hormones designed to help a woman's body believe that it is pregnant month after month. All the vital organs in her body are affected by the constant use of this pill. It contains powerful steroids that constantly remain present in her body. The pill's artificial hormones suppress the woman's production of normal progesterone and estrogen.

This constant presence of powerful steroids is not healthy, and there are side effects when using the pill.

### **How does the pill work?**

The birth control pill can work in one of three ways:

1. It can prevent ovulation (releasing an egg from the ovary)
2. It can cause the mucus in the cervix to change so that if sperm reach the cervix, they are not allowed to enter, and
3. It can irritate the lining of the uterus so that if the first two actions fail, and the woman does become pregnant, the tiny baby boy or girl will die before he or she can actually attach to the lining of the uterus.

In other words, if the third action occurs, the woman's body rejects the tiny baby and he or she will die. This is called a chemical abortion.

Abortion is an act of direct killing that takes the life of a tiny human being—a life that begins at fertilization.

The prophet Jeremiah said in Jer. 1:4-5 “Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 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.” So when we interfere with the process of conception are we in effect trying to play God? What Biblical right do we as Christians have to do such a thing. 1Cor 6:19-20: “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, **and ye are not your own?** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, **which are God's.**”

Psa 139:13-16 “For thou hast possessed my reins: **thou hast covered me** in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 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.” This sounds pretty important to God and this takes place prior to conception. Of how much greater importance would the conception and life of one of His children be to **Him**.

Psa 22:9-10: “But **thou art he that took me out of the womb**.... I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God **from my mother's belly**. Not only does this verse imply that when you are born **it is God's doing** but also that there are those that know God from the womb.

Despite the keen attention given by pro-life crusaders to matters concerning abortion, with far too much detail regularly offered regarding such monstrous practices as partial-birth abortion, very few are willing to consider the possibility that The Pill and Patch can induce abortions by hormonally interfering with the implantation of a fertilized egg in the uterus.

While Catholics reject (or, at least, they are supposed to reject) contraception because their Pope tells them to, Christians are only supposed to listen to the Word of God. From the apostles to **1930**, however, no true Christian denomination or group ever permitted the practice, and it was Christian state legislatures across the country that made the trafficking of contraceptives illegal until the Supreme Court intruded in Griswold v. Connecticut, paving the way for Roe v. Wade. So in other words 75 years ago this message would of not been necessary **because the topic was not a topic worthy of debate**. Contraception was considered by Christians a grievous sin, and that fact was a forgone conclusion that was not debated by Christians. Did you know the word “**contraception**” is not even listed in the Websters 1828 dictionary. So the next questions to ask yourself would be: Are the Christians of today more right with God than those of the times past. The Bible warns us speaking about the Laodicean church and current church age in Rev. 3: 14-19: And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Last year, a courageous young Christian couple, Sam and Bethany Torode, urged fellow Christians to forsake birth control in favor of an “Open Embrace” within marriage. Their work reflects the deep commitment in pockets of resistance all over the United States to the official line that contraception is only a Catholic concern. In a well-researched and poignant book, the Torodes argue that Christian

attempts to separate the pleasures of the marital bed from the spiritual blessing of openness to childbearing is unScriptural.

Too many Christians are simply unwilling to let go of the right to choose—in this case, the right to choose to reject God’s blessing of children. The issue, therefore, is simply not discussed. That life begins at the moment of conception is, thanks to the efforts of courageous pro-lifers, all but universally accepted among Bible-believing Christians. But for the most part God’s intention for His Creation is ignored when it comes to contraception. So let’s make this issue more personal. I will start with myself. What if I had chosen to use contraception the night my daughter Taylor was conceived? Would this act have interfered with God’s plan for Taylor? For myself? For the people she was created to touch in a Godly way? For those she would lead to the lord? We could go on and on. OK so now ask yourself that same question in regard to the children you have had (if that applies)? What if they had never been born? Now ask yourself this question: What if your parents had chosen to use contraception the night you were conceived? If that were the case none of us would be here right now. The Lord says: Come let us reason together.....

There need be no proof text for Christians to suggest that homosexuality is a sin. Instead, the biblical witness testifies to that which is already obvious from natural revelation. Likewise it was obvious to the early Christians that the natural purpose in marital union was procreative as well as unitive. This revelation of God in natural law was reflected in His dealing with Onan, who, in Genesis 38, was commanded by his father, Judah, to take his late brother Er’s wife as his own, in order that their offspring might be counted as Er’s, receiving his inheritance (a Levirate marriage). Onan took Er’s wife into his bed but “wasted his seed on the ground” which was a form of contraception. He was trying to prevent her from becoming pregnant. **But isn’t that what contraception is.** Why did he do this? Because he was self centered. Which if you really think about it is the root of virtually every sin we commit. Moses tells us that “the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him . . .” Again as I asked last week in regard to sexual self gratification, if we take this verse further can it be viewed as an endorsement for contraception?

Historically Christians unanimously saw the action of Onan as a violation of natural law. In his commentary on Genesis, Martin Luther called Onan’s act sodomy:

“The exceedingly foul deed of Onan, the basest of wretches . . . is a most disgraceful sin. It is far more atrocious than incest and adultery. We call it unchastity, yes, a sodomitic sin. For Onan goes in to her; that is, he lies with her and copulates, and when it comes to the point of insemination, spills the semen, lest the woman conceive. Surely at such a time the order of nature established by God in procreation should be followed. Accordingly, it was a most disgraceful crime . . . Consequently; he deserved to be killed by God. He committed an evil deed. Therefore, God punished him.

John Calvin agreed, calling Onan’s act “doubly monstrous” and tantamount to a “violent abortion” in which the “offspring of his brother” was “torn from the mother’s womb” and “cast on the ground.” Similar natural-law arguments were made by John Wesley, the great Baptist Charles Haddon Spurgeon, and Reformed commentator Matthew Henry, among countless others.

The Anglican Church became the first Protestant body to sanction the use of contraception, although it took great pains to emphasize that contraception should only be used by married couples. Still, the 1930 Lambeth Conference's declaration rejected natural law in favor of the law of "good intentions": Tell me where the law of good intentions is the Bible. The saying "The road to hell..." has a lot of truth in it. Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25 says.... So contraception was deemed permissible "where there is a clearly-felt **moral obligation** to limit or avoid parenthood." It is precisely married couples, however, who are least likely to have a legitimate reason to avoid parenthood, for having children is what they are urged to do in Scripture. Isaiah 5:20: Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil..."

Conservative Christians were horrified by Lambeth. T.S. Eliot said that it was an un-Christian experiment to remake society, and Lutheran Hour speaker Walter A. Maier called it "one of the most repugnant of modern aberrations, representing a 20th-century renewal of pagan bankruptcy."

So as a Christian from a Biblical perspective are we ever supposed to get to a point where we say to the God "Alright Lord that is enough truth for me, I don't want anymore." That's what many Christians do when confronted with truth that does not line up with what they have believed. But remember the Bible says the truth shall set you free. It also says in Hosea 4:6.... So is it better to learn these truths now and have an opportunity to repent or would it be better to have never known the things that were covered today and potentially have it affect your life and prayers in an adverse way and be ashamed at the Judgment Seat of Christ?

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Jude 3&4: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."