



CWA Poetry Corner

Explore the Bible

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God Wants Us to Value Everyone

Genesis 1:27, 9:6 | Matthew 5: 21-22, 22: 36-40 | Mark 10: 46-52

Every life is very precious to Jesus,
Unborn baby, poorest beggar, or richest man.
Male and female were created in God's image
And it is at conception where each life began.

God knows a person before they're formed in the womb.
He sees their substance and forms their inward parts,
Giving intellect, emotion, reason, and will,
Plus inherent desire to seek Him in their hearts.

Humans, in God's image, must respect human life —
The unborn child, the needy, those who are oppressed.
Capital punishment means life is serious,
But those who share God's love with others will be blessed.

Love your neighbor as yourself is second only to;
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.
Don't be angry with anyone, without just cause,
Or use abusive language or words that are unkind.

Jesus set the example for all to follow;
Suffer the little children to come to Me,
Blessed are the merciful, they shall receive mercy,
Blessed are the peacemakers, they bring harmony.

Jesus had compassion as HE walked here on earth.
He healed the sick, the lame, the outcasts, and lepers,
He embraced the sinners to show the world His love,
He used ordinary people to be His helpers.

He challenged the religious sect to have a pure heart,
He upheld the rule of law and those in power,
And He gave the rich, young ruler the key to life,
Forgave His betrayers in His final hour.

Journeying to the cross, He healed a blind beggar,
Who, rejected by the crowd, said: "I want to see."
That's how God wants us to value everyone,
To see them as precious, like He sees you and me.

Whose Life is Important?

Exodus 20:13; 21:22-25; 22: 21-14
Deuteronomy 24:17-22 | Matthew 5:21-16 | Luke 20:45-47

Whose life is important? To God all lives are sacred;
The unborn, the orphan, the widow and those in need;
God's holy word requires special care for these people.
God's the fountain of life, we're His creation, indeed!

God says, before you were formed in the womb, I knew you.
He formed our inward parts, we were wonderfully made.
Life begins at conception — no other time or place.
So stand up for this truth, don't back down or be afraid.

Scripture says that if an unborn life is injured
The guilty person must pay — life for life, eye for eye.
The intentional death of the unborn is murder;
Each life is precious, and God says the guilty must die.

Jesus taught that we should live out the spirit of this law
With a lifestyle that values and protects human life.
And not be angry with our brother without cause,
Don't demean or insult him, discontinue the strife.

The Lord Jesus had a caring heart for those in need.
Assist the stranger or homeless, do not oppress them,
Do not mistreat but help the orphans and the widows
For they'll cry out the Jesus, and you'll answer to Him.

And when you reap your rich harvest, do not be selfish,
But share with others, the "least of these" in society.
So that the Lord your God will bless you for your kindness.
Be caring and humble, a model of piety.

Jesus gave a stern warning to religious leaders,
Those who look for recognition and praise from others,
While deceiving widows, causing them to lose their homes.
So the message is clear for us — dear Christian brothers:

The Lord says, honor the sanctity of human life,
Living in His freedom means living responsibly,
Influence society to value all human life.
Created in God's image, strive for His heart, constantly.

Value All Human Life

Genesis 1:26-31 | Exodus 1:8-22 | Psalms 139:13-16 | Mark 10:13-16

Our God created the universe and all that is in it.
His crown jewel was the creation of male and female
In His image and likeness. We can reason and have a spirit.
He blessed them and said, Be fruitful and multiply and prevail.

God gave them dominion over every living thing on the earth.
King David, the man after God's own heart, said in his song,
It was You who created my inward parts in my mother's womb.
I have been remarkably made; I will praise you all day long.

You knew me before I was born and had a purpose for my life.
And our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Let the little children come to me."
He took them into His arms, laid His hands on them and blessed them.
Old or young or unborn, every life is precious is His decree!

But sometimes people, in their depraved mind, do not value all life.
Long ago, Egypt's Pharaoh said, "Kill all the Hebrew male babies."
But two Hebrew midwives feared God more than him, and spared their lives.
Now, in the U.S., the unborn can be aborted with heartless ease.

In 1973 our Supreme Court made abortions legal.
But this was a controversial and an uninformed decision.
Modern technology proves that the heartbeat starts in just eighteen days!
The beginning of life starts at the moment of conception!

Overlooked is this brand new embryo's own, unique DNA.
The female's egg and male's sperm contribute equal chromosomes.
So what right has one person to solely determine its fate?
It is a joint product, but a life that only our Lord owns!

Women have the precious role of nourishing this new life to birth.
And even then, this infant is fully dependent on someone.
But with its own DNA, it was never part of her body.
This embryo could have been implanted in another woman.

So the point is, that only God has the right to end a life!
So support the sanctity of human life — like those two midwives.
Every life is precious to the Lord, He has a plan for each one.
So praise the Lord for His creations and value all human lives.