## SABBATH THOUGHT 2022-05-07—SCOTUS & ROE V. WADE

May God bless you on His Sabbath day!

A case<sup>1</sup> questioning the constitutionality of a 2018 Mississippi state abortion law made it to the Supreme Court who heard arguments in December, 2021. This past week a first draft of the Court's decision was illegally and publically released that could mean the end of the controversial 1973 landmark abortion case of *Roe* v. *Wade* (410 U.S. 113).

This has caused a major uproar throughout the nation but it is not abortion that concerns me right now. Do not misunderstand me. I discuss the evil of abortion in a past sermon<sup>2</sup> but this potential reversal of *Roe* v. *Wade* does not change anything. As shocking as that may sound, the Court's decision mirrors the *thinking* of a nation that has completely rejected God because of *how* they arrived at this decision.

I read the entire Court's decision<sup>3</sup> and what I am about to relate comes directly from the so-called *conservative* justices on our nation's highest court. To begin with, it is important to understand the basis of the justice's decision. They stated, "[t]he standard grounds for constitutional decisionmaking [sic] [is] text, history, and precedent." (pg. 51, emphases mine throughout). This means they looked at decisions made in related cases, historical governing documents, and principles from prior legal precedents to formulate their decision. All that may sound reasonable and it would be except for one problem. In researching their decision, the Court proudly referenced historical documents back to the early 1200s looking for some precedent that would confirm that murdering children is a right established by the Constitution, common law, or civil law. They found none but this is spectacularly idiotic since the whole idea of murdering children should be obviously wrong. Why did they even try to find a precedence to establish a moral "right" to murder?

Their search also failed to include the original "precedent"—the Bible. It is no where mentioned in the Court's treatise. The reason that this is a fatal flaw in the Court's thinking is that the government of this nation was supposedly founded upon the "Laws of ... <u>God</u>" to which all men are "endowed by their <u>Creator</u>." These quotes come directly from the Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776). From that document followed the Federalist Papers (1787-1788), the Constitution (1789), the Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments—1791), and an additional 17 amendments (1795-1992). These "honored" documents are supposedly THE foundation for the entire U.S. system of government but the Declaration of Independence set the *standard*, which was **God's Law**. So, if the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, docket 19-1392. It concerns a 2018 Mississippi state law that bans abortion after the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. It was argued at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in February, 2020, which resulted in an injunction against it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Video—<u>https://www.churchathome.org/video/abortion-ritual-child-sacrifice.html</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> U.S. Supreme Court, No. 19-1392, first draft dated 2022-02-10.

Constitution is based upon God's Law then the Court should reference the original source used by the founding fathers—the Bible. I seriously doubt they even know that the Bible has laws specific to the murder of a fetus or infant<sup>4</sup>. Ignoring the instruction of the all wise Creator simply makes them fools and the Bible has *much* to say about that.

This significant omission led the Court to claim, "We hold that *Roe* and *Casey* must be overruled [because] the Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and <u>no such right</u> is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision" (pg. 5). Excuse me?!? No government in history has ever made murder a "right" of the people. Murder has always been a felony under the constitution<sup>5</sup>, so how could abortion can *ever* be an entitlement?

Regardless, the Bible is clear about murder<sup>6</sup>, which indisputably includes abortion and infanticide. To assess that abortion is wrong because it is not directly or indirectly a constitutional "right" just exposes the foolish thinking of these so-called *conservative* justices. In their own words, because abortion is not a *constitutional right*, "the authority to regulate abortion must be returned to the people and their elected representatives" (pg. 65). That is just an absurd way of saying that legalization of the murder of children is choice of the people, not a statute of God. So the Supreme Court, the highest court of the land, favors laws that permit murdering children as long as they are "properly" legislated by our elected officials. I truly have no words for how utterly ludicrous their thinking has become.

To further emphasize their foolish thinking, read what the conservative majority of justices said are the "standards" by which future abortion laws will be evaluated if they are elevated to the Supreme Court:

"We must now decide <u>what standard will govern</u> if state abortion regulations undergo constitutional challenge <u>and whether the law before</u> <u>us satisfies the appropriate standard</u> [SG—Apparently, murdering babies is allowable as long as that law satisfies their <u>standards</u>!].

"Under our precedents, rational-basis review is the appropriate standard for such challenges. These legitimate interests include respect for and preservation of prenatal life at all stages of development [Can anyone tell me how abortion preserves life?!?—SG]; ... the elimination of particularly gruesome or barbaric medical procedures [Murdering babies is acceptable as long as the procedures are not cruel?!?—SG]; the preservation of the integrity of the medical profession [They are concerned that murdering babies disparages the medical profession. I

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Exodus 21:22-25; Leviticus 18:21; 20:2-5; Deuteronomy 18:10a.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Federal laws that set the punishment for murder were originally established by the *Federal Criminal Code of 1790* through the Necessary and Proper Clause (Article I, Section 8) of the Constitution. <sup>6</sup> Exodus 20:13.

have no words.—SG]; the mitigation of fetal pain [Murdering babies is unacceptable only if it causes pain!—SG] ... ." (pp. 66-67).

The Court is only repealing *Roe* v. *Wade* because it was not a "proper" ruling back in 1973 so, the closing statement from the justices shows just how disconnected this nation is from God and that they have utterly rejected His Laws. This kind of *thinking* will result in future legislation that legitimizes murdering children under federal law. The last paragraph of their conclusion is just as troubling:

Abortion presents a profound moral question. The Constitution does not prohibit the citizens of each State from regulating or prohibiting abortion. We now overrule those decisions [Roe v. Wade, et al] and return that authority to the people and their elected representatives.

The Court proclaims that the murder of children is "profound moral **question**." Why is it a question at all? Is it a moral question because it is not a "right" under the constitution? Is it a moral question because they are concerned about the appearance of "respecting and preserving life" while murdering children? Is it a moral question because murdering children is "gruesome or barbaric?" Is it a moral question because murdering children disparages the medical profession? Is it a moral question because murdering children causes them incomprehensible pain? They are seemingly concerned with morality, yet they remind us that the Constitution (founded upon the "Laws of ... God" to which all men are "endowed by their Creator") does not *expressly prohibit* abortion, so the people and their representatives are free to establish laws legalizing the murder of children.

At this moment, the country is divided between those who are angry and those who are rejoicing. The former stand on a nihilistic belief that abortion is a right enjoined upon all people while the latter believe they have won a victory for God. The ugly truth is that God is no longer involved in this nation. Their thinking is so evil that abortion will eventually be legalized—it is only a matter of time.

Remember when many of the monuments and plaques that referenced God or the Ten Commandments were being removed from government buildings, especially courthouses? I was in favor of it. Not because I think this country should abandon God's Law but because the pretense is over. When have you ever seen a judge with a Bible on his/her bench? If they truly believe this is a "nation under God" all of them would have one and the pages of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy—listing God's laws—would be worn out with use. Instead, the Bible has not only been eliminated from public schools (1963) but God's Law no longer exists in our legislative and judicial systems. They are so blind that they can no longer see <u>ABORTION AS MURDER</u> and a most grievous crime and sin. They have forgotten what God did to the Egyptians.

So, *Roe* v. *Wade* will likely be reversed. The Court's injunction against *Roe* v. *Wade* is unimportant because the minds of the people are so far removed from God that they will

do whatsoever they desire. God said, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways My ways" (Isaiah 55:8). The Bible describes this nation perfectly:

ROMANS 1:18, 21-22, 28-32 Indeed, *the* wrath of God is revealed from heaven upon all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness; ... 21 Because when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but they became vain in their own reasonings, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 While professing themselves to be the wise ones, they became fools. ... ... 28 And in exact proportion as they did not consent to have God in their knowledge, God abandoned them to a reprobate mind, to practice those things that are immoral; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, quile, evil dispositions; whisperers, 30 Slanderers, God-haters, insolent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things and practices; disobedient to parents, 31 Void of understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable and unmerciful; 32 Who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who commit such things are worthy of death, not only practice these things themselves, but also approve of those who commit them.

The wickedness and evil of this people has "reached as far as heaven" (Rev. 18:5). But that is exactly why believers must draw close to God—the world needs us. Eventually, the people of this world will be raised up and they will need us to teach<sup>7</sup> them a whole new way of *thinking*.

HEBREWS 8:8, 10-11 But since He found fault with them, He says, "'Behold, the days are coming,' says the Lord, 'when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah; ... 10 'For this is the covenant that I will establish with the house of Israel after those days,' says the Lord: 'I will give My laws into their minds, and I will inscribe them upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they will be My people. 11 And they will no longer teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, "Know the Lord" because all will know Me, from the least to the greatest of them;

May God's grace and peace be upon you!

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Isaiah 30:20.

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