

Because Roe v Wade is no longer the law of the land and the go-to defense for abortion, advocates are turning to the Bible, perhaps to try to beat pro-lifers at their own game. The difference is, referencing the Bible is not a political ploy for us. Below are some thoughts on the futility of using Biblical morality to justify abortion (LifeNews, 10/12).

Laws are all about morality. Every law has a moral component. When abortion activists enter into the moral debate to justify their position, they will inevitably do the very thing they judge us for—forcing their morality on others. I suspect that pro-choicers are trying to gain the moral high ground by elevating the plight of women over the value of unborn children, then accusing us of caring “only for the fetus.” This may be why they refuse to address all the pro-life services available. They don’t want to believe that we value both mom and child and are motivated by life, love, and compassion. Their quest for moral superiority only works if we are intolerant, judgmental, and heartless.

The law is a teacher. The basic purpose of God’s law is to reveal sin, and it is a common tendency to gauge morality with legality. Pro-aborts were happy to use Roe to justify abortion, but now that they can’t, they must fabricate moral grounds to do so. Unlike man-made laws, God’s law has always been consistent and the pro-life community has held to the absolute abhorrence of abortion regardless of whether it is legal or not. Turning to the Bible when the law no longer supports your position reveals a disingenuous use of Scripture.

Rights language has limits. As abortion “rights” diminish throughout the country, using religious language has become a new rhetorical tactic for pro-abortion politicians. The idea of an inherent “right” to abortion is off the table, and individual voices have become much more influential in the debate. Consequently, abortion advocates have shifted to a (flawed) moral framework to make their case.

Christianity is unique and uniquely good. It is interesting that pro-choicers are not turning to Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, or other religious philosophies to defend their stance. This may be motivated by a desire to discredit us and use God’s word against us, but it would appear that they acknowledge the Bible, or at least the words of Jesus, as the supreme moral authority from which they must base their argument. (Yet, they vilify those who hold to its teaching.) Jesus came to give life, not destroy it. The goodness of Jesus’ teaching supports this; the evil of abortion contradicts it.

Beware of twisting the Scriptures. Anyone who cites the Bible runs the risk of taking passages out of context to make a point, especially if they only have a surface knowledge of it. I see this quite frequently from abortion proponents who quote the Bible but don’t really know the Bible. The Bible has become weaponized in the hands of those who would rewrite its intention to suit their agenda. The Bible is not a business plan to tweak or a research paper to edit. The Bible is God’s word, his revelation to man. Misrepresenting Scripture only leads more people into error, which is why it is so important for us to be equipped and ready to share the truth.

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