

“A Last-Minute Plea”

Christians in America are blessed to have the opportunity to vote in political elections. This is not the case around the world, and it hasn't been the case throughout history. As such, voting is not a commandment, since a commandment is universally applicable, like the seventh commandment about adultery. Instead, voting is a blessing of living in America. I think it is the prudent choice for Christians in this country to seek the welfare of the city (Jer. 29:7).

There is one proposition on the Arizona ballot that I ask you to consider voting against. Proposition 139 would amend the Arizona state constitution to enshrine abortion rights into law. I am opposed to Proposition 139 for two reasons. First and foremost, I oppose it as a Christian. God demanded his people to oppose it from the earliest days. Canaanites would heat up their statue to the god Molech and then place newborns into its arms. They played flutes and banged drums to drown out the noise of shrieking children. The Lord severely warned his people, “Any Israelite or any foreigner residing in Israel who sacrifices any of his children to Molech is to be put to death. The members of the community are to stone him” (Lev. 20:2).

The Lord gave strict laws against killing unborn children (Ex. 21:22-25). The people of God were known as people who “do not destroy their offspring”. They rescued orphans and children from the trash piles. The main reason is the biblical teaching of the image of God. This placed an infinite value and worth on a person. Every human life is a gift from God and must be protected at all stages.

Second, I oppose Proposition 139 as a father. It cuts out any parental involvement. Parental consent is necessary for any surgery. But with Proposition 139, a stranger from another state can hand a child potentially damaging medication by mail without a parent's knowledge or consent. Proposition 139 expands the claims of the state and weakens the bonds of the family.

The church is called to witness to the gospel of life. The family is the basic unit of society, the family. These two works of God's grace, redemption and creation, must restrain the power of the state, which will always work to break those bonds (Psalm 2). Christians, vote "no" to Proposition 139.

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The laws of a commonwealth matter. They can restrain wickedness and promote the good of a people. Psalm 82 says, "Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked" (vv. 3-4). This article serves as a plea to vote "no" to Proposition 139 in the upcoming ballot for Arizona.