

## **GOD IS THE SOURCE OF LIFE**

Acts 17:25-26 “. . .He (God) Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth. . .”

We the created, in our sinfulness, love to act as if we are the creator. The Scriptures state repeatedly that God is the creator of all things. The old sinful nature in us human beings desire to ignore this word of God and determine who deserves to live, who does not and in some cases even how long. God creates each human being from the newly conceived to the oldest person on earth. Luke says, “He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.”

In regard to who is in charge of creation, God says the following through the pen of Isaiah, “Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ or ‘Your work has no handles’? Woe to him who says to a father, ‘What are you begetting?’ or to a woman, ‘With what are you in labor?’ ”Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and the one who formed him: “Ask me of things to come; will you command me concerning my children and the work of my hands? I made the earth and created man on it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host. I have stirred him up in righteousness, and I will make all his ways level; he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward,” says the LORD of hosts.” (Isaiah 45:9-13)

Our old sinful nature strongly wants to be in charge. We want to tell God what to do and not to do. And, frankly when God doesn’t listen to what we want, in our sin we still try to “take charge.” Thus, though God creates all life, in the United States last year we human beings decided that 862,320 newly conceived, living human beings with the soul God gave them terminated their lives before they were ever born. There are 10 states that have some form of legalized physician assisted termination of life. The number one reason given for physician assisted termination of life is “loss of dignity of life.”

The Psalmists wrote, “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” (Psalm 139:14) AND “Your (God’s) eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one

of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.” (Psalm 139:16) There are no asterisks to these words. ALL LIFE is God’s created life. God, in His wisdom, has a purpose for all He creates.

Prayer: O Lord, cause us to be advocates for the lives you create and give support to all of those who live among us, especially those with special needs. Help us to acknowledge You are the Potter and we the clay. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

My soul, now praise your Maker! Let all within me bless His name  
Who makes you full partaker Of mercies more than you dare claim.  
Forget Him not whose meekness Still bears with all your sin,  
Who heals your ev’ry weakness, Renews your life within;  
Whose grace and care are endless And saved you through the past;  
Who leaves no suff’rer friendless But rights the wronged at last.

He offers all His treasure Of justice, truth, and righteousness,  
His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o’er distress;  
Nor treats us as we merit But sets His anger by,  
The Poor and contrite spirit Finds His compassion nigh;  
And high as heav’n above us, As dawn from close of day,  
So far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins away.

For as a tender father Has pity on His children here,  
God in His arms will gather All who are His in child-like fear,  
He knows how frail our powers, Who but from dust are made.  
We flourish like the flowers, And even so we fade;  
The wind but through them passes, And all their bloom is o’er.  
We wither like the grasses; Our place knows us no more.

His grace remains forever, And children’s children yet shall prove  
That God forsakes them never Who in true fear shall seek His love. In  
heav’n is fixed His dwelling, His rule is over all;  
O hosts with might excelling, With praise before Him fall.  
Praise Him forever reigning, All you who hear His Word—  
Our life and all sustaining. My soul, O praise the Lord!  
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