



gaining in popularity. This is why it **MUST** be understood that abortion is nothing more than idol worship and, if for no other reason that that, sinful against God.

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was because they practiced child-sacrifice. One of the reasons why God allowed Israel and Judah to be taken into captivity was because they did not stop and eventually practiced child-sacrifice. And, when it comes down to it, any and every “enlightened” person needs to ask themselves: if God did not spare these people for practicing such an atrocious act of violence and hatred, why would the righteous God of Heaven spare us? The answer is that He wouldn’t and He won’t. Abortion is idol worship and harlotry against God. Whether we’re Christians or not, we cannot engage in abortion nor can we turn a blind eye to it. We must stand firmly against abortion because it is sinful on so many levels. May the Lord God Almighty help us to rebuke the world in a Christ-like manner for practicing this horrific form of idolatry.



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Worshipping Molech Today

by Curtis Carwile

Before entering the Promised Land, God laid out laws for the children of Israel to follow. In Leviticus 18:21, God told the Levites and priests, **“You shall not let any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.”** Specifically, what God was forbidding them to do was to engage in child-sacrifice to the Ammonite fire-god, Molech (or Milcom). This command is reiterated and expounded upon several times in the Old Testament. In Leviticus 20:1-5, God told the children of Israel that anyone who dwelled in the Promised Land, Israelite or non-Israelite, and offered their child as a burnt offering to Molech (or the Moabite equivalent, Chemosh)

was to be stoned to death and that God would **“set His face against”** that person and their family. This was such a serious offense that anyone who witnessed it and did nothing about it

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would suffer the same fate because they had **“committed harlotry with Molech”** as well.

The idea of child-sacrifice is a disgusting one. It is not only a disgusting concept to many “enlightened” people today, but it has always been an abomination to God (1 Kings 11:7). This is one of the many reasons God told the Israelites to go



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and “utterly destroy” (Deuteronomy 7:2) the Canaanites; it was to be a punishment for practicing child-sacrifice. This is such an appalling act that any “enlightened” person should ask the question: how could a people become so depraved as to offer their own children as sacrifices on an altar to a god which they had made? We must understand that child-sacrifice was a religious ritual practiced all throughout the agricultural civilizations of Fertile Crescent. There have been burial urns discovered all the way from Carthage in North Africa to Ur in Mesopotamia with inscriptions on them with something to the effect of “offered to Molech” or some other pagan god. People in these cultures originally would just offer sacrifices to their fertility gods and goddesses, such as Baal and Ashtoreth. As time progressed, aided by natural disasters like floods and famines, these nations would believe that their sacrifices were not enough to please their gods. So, they would offer more sacrifices. In times of great distress, they would even sacrifice their own children. Over time, child-sacrifice became normal. People would have children just for the purpose of sacrificing them. Eventually, people came to believe that there were gods in the fire that took their sacrifices to the fertility gods and goddesses. These became known as the fire-gods, of which Molech was one. So, people started offering their children up as sacrifices to them in hope that they would put in a good word for them with the fertility gods and goddesses. This practice was es-

pecially popular in cultures where religious prostitution was normal. Religious prostitution led to a great number of unwanted pregnancies and children. Child-sacrifice, for the purpose of “the greater good” of their society, offered a logical solution to that problem. So, in essence, the idea behind child-sacrifice was one of greed and convenience. It was one of greed because people wanted their crops to grow better every year so they would fetch a better price in the market place. And, it was one of convenience because people didn’t want to bother with providing for an unwanted child who would “just be in the way.”

I don’t bring this up because I like gore. I don’t! Child-sacrifice is one of the most disgusting things man has engaged in and even accepted as normal. No, I bring this all up because there are people who claim to be “enlightened” and, while they see these practices as barbaric and disgusting, they practice them even today.

Abortion is child-sacrifice, pure and simple. The person who has an abortion is sacrificing that child for one or two things: greed and/or convenience. Two of the arguments offered as a reason as to why a child is murdered by their parent is that “the baby will have an inferior quality of life” and “the parent(s) are incapable of caring for a baby.” These

financial reasons are often touted as “good reasons” as to why a woman should have an abortion. Essentially, this is an argument of greed. Some more arguments that are put forth as “understandable” and “acceptable” are that “the baby will have a severe handicap” and “a baby will interfere with my life right now.” Essentially, this is an argument of convenience. And, because our “enlightened” culture has been sacrificing to these two “gods” for so long, abortion is not viewed as disgusting or appalling, but as something that is just normal. And, with the moral decay of society in general since the “sexual revolution” of the 1960’s, this practice of “modern-day child-sacrifice” has been continually