

## GOD-BESTOWS HUMAN PERSONHOOD AND DIGNITY ON THE UNBORN

Although many in the world subjectively decide for the sake of convenience to call the unborn nothing more than tissue, a clump of cells, the Bible assigns God-endowed dignity of full personhood to the unborn.

Consider Psalm 139:13-16,

For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

First, David said "You knitted me (תָּסַבְנִי) in my mother's womb." He did not say "You knitted it." Later he says that "I" (personhood) was being "made" (מִנְעִשֵׁיךָ) and "intricately woven."

Even when describing the mass of cells and tissue, David is not impersonal. "My unformed (גְּלִמָּי) substance" recognizes the humanity of the baby at the earliest possible stage. David was David when he was in the womb just as much as he was David when he was on the throne.

Second, David describes the growing child to be "wonderful" and "fearful." There is beauty and awe in the creation of a new life. David is echoing God's words at the creation and seeing the development of human life for what it is: good and beautiful.

Third, David credits the work of creating a child, the product of a man and woman coming together in sexual intimacy, to God. "You formed" and "you knitted," he says to the Creator: these are "your works." God is present at the conception of every child. He is active in the creation of every child. No matter how small the unborn, God is personally involved. He sees. He knows. He does.

It is rejection of the personhood of the most vulnerable, the unborn, that has led to over 60 million abortions in our country, <https://www.lifenews.com/2018/01/18/60069971-abortion-in-america-since-roe-v-wade-in-1973/>

It is important for us to believe in primary/social justice for the unborn as well as believe in grace for those who have made the decision to terminate a pregnancy. We all sin, thank God that His marvelous, matchless grace is always greater than our sins.

In His Matchless Grace,  
Pastor Don

Picture of 9-week unborn baby attached.