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There Is No Fear Of God

Psalm 36:1-2 (NASB), ***“Transgression speaks to the ungodly within his heart; There is no fear of God before his eyes. For it flatters him in his own eyes concerning the discovery of his iniquity and the hatred of it.”***

Emily Letts is a 25 year old abortion counselor at the Cherry Hill Women’s Center in New Jersey. Several months back Emily learned that she was pregnant and immediately decided to have an abortion. Not only did she decide to have an abortion but she also decided to make a video about her experience. The result is as Albert Mohler Jr. says in his article today about this, “one of the most disturbing video messages every presented to public view.” Unfortunately I would have to disagree with Dr. Mohler on that statement because for many people this video will *not* be disturbing at all but rather very *affirming* of their world view and thus their definition of morality.

In an interview with Philadelphia Magazine Ms. Letts said, “I feel super good about having an abortion.” She also went onto argue that she is providing an invaluable public service as well, “Women and men have been thirsting for something like this. You don’t have to feel guilty.” She further stated in her interview, “Once I caught my breath, I knew immediately I was going to have an abortion. I knew I wasn’t ready to take care of a child.”

She was however in the words of Dr. Mohler “ready to produce a video about her own abortion.” She says, “I searched the Internet, and I couldn’t find a video of an actual surgical procedure in the clinic that focused on the woman’s experience.”

Her description in a Cosmopolitan magazine article which she wrote strains credulity: “I knew the cameras were in the room during the procedure, but I forgot about them almost immediately. I was focused on staying positive and feeling the love from everyone in the room. I am so lucky that I knew everybody involved, and I was so supported. I remember breathing and humming through it like I was giving birth. I know that sounds weird, but to me, this was as birth-like as it could be. It will always be a special memory for me. I still have my sonogram, and if my apartment were to catch fire, it would be the first thing I’d grab.”

She saves her most her most morally troubling statement for the end of her video when she says, “I feel in awe of the fact that I can make a baby. I can make a life. I knew that what I was going to do was right, ‘cause it was right for me and no one else.’ I just want to share my story.”

In Psalm 36:1 it says ***“Transgression speaks to the ungodly within his heart; There is no fear of God before his eyes.”*** The evidence of our cultures lack of fear of God is right before our eyes in the fact that we transgress, we sin and we think nothing of it. In fact we justify it, celebrate, and render it as some sort of benefit to society. In the case of Ms. Letts she has pure and simply participated in the taking of life. There is no way around that fact anymore. This is a truth that cannot be denied and is no longer denied in large part even by those who support abortion.

Matthew Henry the great writer of one of the most exhaustive Biblical commentaries writes of this verse that if we were fearful of God, “he (the ungodly) would not talk and act so extravagantly as he does; he would not... break the laws of God, and violate his covenants with him, if he had any awe of his majesty or dread of his wrath.” We don’t fear God and we have no appreciation for his awesome majesty and power and the evidence of this fact is in our disregard for His Word.

Psalm 36:2 continues this line of thought with, **“For it flatters him in his own eyes concerning the discovery of his iniquity and the hatred of it.”** In the video that Ms. Letts produced, time and time again she states that she feels no guilt. As I watched the video this struck me as odd for someone to continue to claim to feel no guilt and yet continually claiming they feel no guilt. As Dr. Mohler rightly points out in his article, we are made in the image of God and as such we are moral creatures. Try as we might to ignore our conscience and our guilt in the face of sin, we cannot escape it.

In our culture today we have not only attempted to rid ourselves of guilt, but we have also attempted to rid ourselves of any real *notion* of sin. Instead the only real sin that is accepted as sin is the sin of not being tolerant of others sin. Instead we are now asked to celebrate sin as beneficial to our society and to understand that if one does not hold this view then one is “on the wrong side of history” or worse.

Matthew Henry writes, “While he goes on in sin, he thinks he does wisely and well for himself, and either does not see or will not own the evil and danger of his wicked practices; he calls evil good and good evil; his licentiousness he pretends to be but his just liberty.” We are as a people in general lost in our sins and rather than realistically deal with the immutable fact that sin is sin and as such there are very real consequences because of that.

Psalm 7:11-12 says, **“God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day. If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword.”** The only option for all of us is to repent of our sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. It matters not what we have done because there is room, plenty of room at the foot of the cross.

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