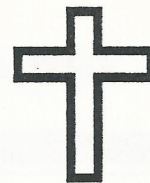


# Columbia Sidewalk Counseling

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"Speak Up For Those Who Cannot Speak For Themselves..." Proverbs 31:8



## BLOODGUILTINESS IMPUTED BY GOD ON ALL FOR ABORTION

My first pro-life street activity was at an event organized by Operation Rescue in Atlanta in 1988. It was at the pre-event evening rally that I first heard of the biblical, spiritual principle of **Bloodguiltiness**. I came to realize that from God's perspective, it is **not** only the abortionist and the willing mother who have the blood of the innocent upon their hands, but **all of us**. God holds **nations** responsible for the **unrecompensed shedding of innocent blood**. As a former Army officer, I knew what it meant to wear Army green for patriotic reasons. The question now was, "Am I willing to be active in God's Army for righteous reasons?" I knew now that the shedding of innocent blood by abortion was a threat to this nation's very survival **at the hand of God**.

From 1973 to 1996, there have been **250,360** babies reported, surgically aborted in the land of the state in which I live: (not counting the tens of thousands of birth control **chemical** abortions)

**"Now the Lord spoke to Moses ... you shall not pollute the land in which you are; for blood pollutes the land, and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it."**

[the principle of blood recompensation]

God speaking to Moses: Numbers 35:1,33

**"The Almighty has his own purposes. 'Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offenses cometh.' If we shall suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses which, in the providence of God, must needs come, but which, having continued through his appointed time, he now wills to remove, and that he gives to both North and South this terrible war, as the woe due to those by whom the offense came, shall we discern therein any departure from those divine attributes which the believers in a living God always ascribe to him ?**

**Fondly do we hope - fervently do we pray - that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said, 'The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"**

President Abraham Lincoln, from his Second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1865  
(about one month before Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox April 9, 1865, at the end of war)

I have underlined **wealth** and **blood** from the text of Lincoln's speech, given at the very end of that most costly war (approx. 600,000 American lives lost - more in the North, than in the South).

Were these two judgments, on wealth and life, not levied by the Almighty upon this nation in that terrible War? Lincoln entered the War in 1861, not to end slavery, but to preserve the Union. However, after four years of bloodshed, perhaps by 1865 he saw the true spiritual cause of the War more from God's perspective. The issue in 1860, and the issue in 1997, is **bloodguiltiness** - the guilt imputed by God for the **unrecompensed shedding of innocent blood**. (Hosea 4:1-10).

This nation stands poised, as we come to the end of 1997, to reap these terrible judgments once again. This time, not for the national, corporate sin of American slavery, wherein innocent blood was shed on Northern transport ships during the harsh *Middle Passage* from West Africa to the Americas, and in harsh and unjust treatment on Southern plantations; and where the Church in the South failed to adequately resist an evil institution in the 1800's, and where profit-taking from the bloody practice continued, directly or indirectly, by both the North and the South; no, but for the same national, corporate sins of **worship of mammon**, and **shedding innocent blood**, this century manifest in the national, corporate sin of abortion. May we repent as a nation before we perish.

It is pointless to argue, well, I've never had an abortion, I'm not responsible. Yes, you are. We all are. Read Deuteronomy 21:1-9. Unless we've been hiding in a cave somewhere, none of us can say like the elders of Israel, **"Our hands have not shed, nor did our eyes see it"** [emphasis added] **"Forgive Thy people Israel whom Thou hast redeemed, O Lord, and do not place the guilt of innocent blood in the midst of Thy people Israel."** The guilt of innocent blood is in our midst.

No, it's real hard to say to God, "My eyes have not seen the holocaust of abortion." After 25 years of debate, this country continues to murder over one million American babies a year, over 9,000 a year here in South Carolina. Over 750 dead babies a month in this state. Over 55 dead babies a week in Columbia. We should be repenting before God **daily** for the bloodguiltiness that comes upon us **each new day** children are slaughtered in the area in which we live.

May God, in His ongoing, and impending judgment, remember mercy.