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### The covid vaccine - To have or not to have??



"Thou shalt not kill," Exodus 20:13.

"Coronavirus: First NI vaccinations 'to happen next week' " - so ran the headline on a news site this morning. But in the light of this, what is the Christian's attitude to the vaccine to be?

The word 'kill' in the 6th Commandment is equivalent to 'murder'. The Hebrew word is translated in Numbers 35:16 as 'murderer' twice. There are instances when it is quite proper and legitimate to kill but it is never right to murder. Cain was a murderer and suffers even now as a result (1 John 3:12) whereas Samuel killed Agag the

Amalekite king quite properly, 1 Samuel 15:33.

I believe it must be seen as an especially heinous crime to kill a child and how much more to slaughter an unborn child in the womb!

It is an indication of the wickedness to which this world is sunk, and especially our own nation, that the slaughter of the unborn, abortion, is considered a woman's right and to oppose such is be guilty of manifesting a most evil, illiberal and unloving spirit!

However, the sanctity of the life of the unborn is enshrined in God's law, irrespective of what man's law may decree.

The issue of the Coronavirus vaccine raises the issue of abortion. While it may be true, although we are loathe to believe what the developers of the vaccine tell us, that the actual vaccine may not physically contain any elements of an aborted child, I believe that all manufacturers of a vaccine will acknowledge that the process by which they developed the vaccine did involve the use of fetal material.

We are told that cells cloned from those of a child aborted 50 years ago have been used in the developing, testing and producing of the vaccine. Because of the passage of time and the 'cloning process', the pharmaceutical companies who have developed the vaccine would have us believe that this distances the present-day vaccine from the abortion of that child some 50 years ago.

Is that so? No, it most certainly is not so.

Abortion is a capital crime punishable by God. The unrepentant murderer will not enter heaven but will be lost forever in the eternal flames of damnation. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death, Revelation 21:6.

I must stress that we are speaking of 'unrepentant' murderers. I believe that Paul was guilty of the death of Christians that he was engaged in persecuting in his unconverted days. He was pardoned by the mercy of God when by grace he repented and received Christ as His Saviour. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting," 1 Timothy 1:15. David was guilty of the unlawful and shameful killing of Uriah but he repented (Psalm 51) and is undoubtedly in heaven today.

However, those that make a practice of murder as do those who engage in abortion, cannot expect to enter heaven. That being so, I as a Bible-believing Christian cannot in anyway be seen to endorse or sanction abortion. I personally would consider myself doing just that if I were seek to benefit from the murder of a



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child, even if it took place 50 years ago.

I would like to be vaccinated against the Covid virus but not at such a cost as this.

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