A Quiet Discussion on Abortion (8)

Special Human Cases

4- When a woman becomes pregnant as a result of an affair with a man that is not her husband, such as when her husband is traveling:

The decision is the same as the case before, and the baby must not be aborted. He/she may be placed in the care of another family through adoption. It is important to note:



- + The woman must tend to the repentance of her soul and her relationship with Christ so that the sin is not repeated.
- + It is not necessary to tell the husband, unless it is impossible. The husband then has the right to forgive his wife or divorce her in the church, according to his understanding of what is best for the family as a whole.
- + It is preferable that the child born under these circumstances be brought up in another family through adoption.
- + It must be understood that the fruit of sin is bitter. "For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known." (Lk. 12:2). There is no solution to this problem except that the person must face the responsibility of his or her mistake.

To resort to abortion is to commit a new crime of murder, which adds to the original crime of adultery. There is no way to cover the sin, as we cannot cover one sin by committing another.

To think that the pregnancy in this case may cause problems so the fetus must be aborted would be like thinking it is just to kill every person who causes us trouble, which would be absolutely unacceptable and inhuman.

We must be courageous when we face our mistakes and accept the bitter consequences. This is far better than the cheap solutions that God hates. If we try to improve our image in front of people using a cheap, sinful and evil solution like abortion, how then can we stand before God? What shall we say to Him? We will hear Him saying: "When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood." (Is. 1:15).

God does not rejoice in covering up our errors, while our hearts are full of evil and impurity. There is no real peace with the existence of sin, as it is written in the book of Jeremiah:

"For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, 'peace, peace' when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed, nor did they know to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; in the time of their punishment they shall cast down says the Lord," (Jer. 8:11-12).

(To be continued)

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