

Be on Your Guard in a Bad News World

Genesis 4:1-26

Big Idea: Be on guard in a bad news world against the Cain and Lamech in your own soul.

Outline:

1. Bad News: Cain's Murder

A. Cain's Offering

B. Cain's Consequences

2. Bad News: Lamech's Boasting

A. Lamech's Lifestyle

B. Lamech's Legacy

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why would God reject Cain's offering? Was God's rejection fair?
- 2. What Cain and Abel's attitudes teach us about our own worship?
- 3. What are some ways and situations that we face in which "sin is crouching at the door"? How do we "rule over it"?
- 4. Do you think Cain was repentant from his sin? Why or why not?
- 5. Compare and contrast the song of Adam in Genesis 2:23 to the song of Lamech in Genesis 4:23-24.
- 6. How would you describe human society as a whole in the first seven generations since Adam? How is their society similar to ours?
- 7. Even if we don't indulge in the same behaviors of Cain and Lamech, how might the *attitudes* of these two men show up in our lives?

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| Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 |
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| Starting November 3 | Starting November 10 | Starting November 17 | Starting November 24 |
| Day 1: Judges 14 | Day 1: Judges 19 | Day 1: Ruth 3 | Day 1: 1 Samuel 4 |
| Day 2: Judges 15 | Day 2: Judges 20 | Day 2: Ruth 4 | Day 2: 2 Samuel 5 |
| Day 3: Judges 16 | Day 3: Judges 21 | Day 3: 1 Samuel 1 | Day 3: 1 Samuel 6 |
| Day 4: Judges 17 | Day 4: Ruth 1 | Day 4: 1 Samuel 2 | Day 4: 1 Samuel 7 |
| Day 5: Judges 18 | Day 5: Ruth 2 | Day 5: 1 Samuel 3 | Day 5: 1 Samuel 8 |

Personal Worship

I Peter 1:3-6 (NIV)

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials