

# The Thread of Hope in a Bad News World

Genesis 4:25-6:8

**Big Idea**: In a bad news world, follow the thread of hope in God preserving His promises.

### Outline:

- 1. Bad News: The Downward Spiral of Sin
  - 1) Sin has Multiplied too Much and is Engrained too Deeply
  - 2) Sin Grieves God
  - 3) Sin and Its Judgment Are "Inescapable"
- 2. Good News: The Thread of Hope in God's Promises
  - 1) God's Sovereign Appointment of Seth's Line
  - 2) Enoch's Restored Relationship with God
  - 3) Application: Worship with Faith, Leave a Legacy of Faith, Look with the Eyes of Faith.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What do we learn about the heart of man from Genesis 6?
- 2. What do we learn about the heart of God from Genesis 6?
- 3. The Bible's view of our sin nature has sometimes been called "total depravity."
  What does this mean? And what implications does it have for the Christian worldview?
- 4. Is it possible for God to "regret"? How would you explain Genesis 6:6-7 and Numbers 23:19?
- 5. What signs of hope stand out the most to you from Genesis 4-6?
- 6. What does it mean that Enoch "walked with God?" How can we "walk with God?"
- 7. Is there anything in Genesis 4-6 that (directly or indirectly) leads us to Jesus?
- 8. How has God *continued* to preserve His promises after Genesis 6? How is God preserving His promises today?

## November 2025

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Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
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

- <sup>3</sup> 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,
- <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials

I Peter 1:3-6 (NIV)