

God's Legacy

The Hope of Blessing

- The family tree culminates here on Noah and the little section in 6:1-8 also close with him, so he must be important!
- Lamech names Noah as the one who will release them from their toil (5:29)
- Amid all the wickedness, Noah finds favour and is protected (6:8)
 - o Amid the punishment of evil, God protects his people (2 Peter 2)
 - Rugby referee, playing advantage, will go back and punish player but allow the non-offending team to continue onwards to potentially score!
 - o Through Noah, God will provide blessing to the world

The Hope of Life

- "He was not"
 - o Remember the pattern we traced out in chapter 5 (fathered/lived/and he died)
 - o Yet as we mentioned, there was one exception: ENOCH!
 - There are two differences in the way Enoch's life is described
 - "walked with God" is repeated twice and it is used of Noah as well
 - "he was not"
 - o It is like the line of the poem that you expect to rhyme but it does not, therefore it stands out as significant
 - God's word they defied/They stole lusted and lied/Their sin was magnified/But he promised them life
 - o This is meant to perk up your ears when you hear this! "Wait a moment!"
 - o The confirmation this was the line of the promise of life
 - Lamech v Enoch, both are the 7th in the line of descendants from Adam, but where the one in the line of Cain was mired in his sin, the one in the line of Seth is released from the wages of sin
- "He should not see death"
 - o How come the Enoch was liberated from death?
 - Professor Hebrews comes to our rescue for the second week in a row (Hebrews 11:5-6). Enoch did not see death because he had faith in the living God.
 - Enoch believed in God and that he rewards those who seek him by faith, so was commended as having pleased God!
 - o "...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
 - Life is God's gift, it is for all those who put their faith in Him!
 - The choice was there for Israel, will they choose life?

Application: What does it mean to choose life now?

- o It means trusting in God's promises, living by faith, denying yourself, taking up your cross and following Jesus, it means your chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever