

Hope in the midst of violence & death – Gen.4,5

Review

- a. God is the Creator – ch.1
- b. The way to flourish – live with God – ch.2
- c. Rebellion – not trusting God & his word – ch.3
- d. Human beings' double problem – ch.4
 - The guilt of sin
 - The power of sin
- e. The reality of death – ch.5

1. The mixture of darkness & light

- a. Human life continues – 4:1,2
- b. Acceptable & unacceptable worship – 4:3-5
- c. Our twin problem – 4:6-10
 - 1. The power of sin – 4:6,7
 - 2. The guilt of sin – 4:8-10
- d. God's grace on a restless wanderer – 4:11-18
- e. A truly mixed-up family – 4:19-24
 - 1. Displaying God's image – v.20-22
 - 2. Displaying sin's darkness – v.19,23,24

Mixture of darkness & light

f. Sign of hope – 4:25,26; Lk.3:23,38; Rom.10:13

g. The reality of death-ch.5 “Drumbeat of death”

In this dark chapter we see:-

1. People matter to God
2. Line of Seth leads to Noah – “deliverer”
3. Eternal life experienced – v.21-24

2. The true light comes – John 1:9

Gen.1:1 – “In the beginning God created ...”

John 1:1 – “In the beginning ...”

- God created a beautiful world – Gen.1,2
- The “de-creation” of the world – Gen.3-11
- Jesus comes to re-create – Gospels
- The new creation – Rev.21,22

3. Responding to Gen.1-5

a. “It’s not all about you” – cf. Adam & Eve, Cain, Lamech

- it is all about God – Lk.21:1-4
- it is all about others

b. It is about God and you

- Embrace his mercy & grace – Heb.12:24
- Walk with God – Gen.4:24; John 1:12
- Be a steward of God’s world