



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Genesis 1 – 19 Sermon Series

Supports Session 6: Judgment

Sermon Title: “Hope in the Midst of Chaos” (Gen 6:5-8)

### Connection to Session 6

This week’s session focuses on the judgment on the earth and God’s rescue of Noah and his family. The message will focus on God’s grace seen in Genesis 6.

### Introduction/Opening

In June 2023, a grand jury indicted an Ohio father for shooting his three sons.<sup>1</sup> The boys, ages 7, 4, and 3, were all shot, as the father confessed to lining them up execution style before pulling the trigger. The prosecutor, David Gast, called it “the worst crime he had ever seen.”<sup>2</sup>

Evil first entered the world at the fall of man in the garden, but it has multiplied many times over since. We have witnessed heinous, unthinkable crimes, seen unfathomable acts, and encountered the worst that man has had to offer. Speaking to the sin of Judah, Jeremiah described the hearts of man as “deceitful” and “incurable” (Jer. 17:9).

This is the world, post-fall. And yet, we know that there is still hope. We live because of that hope. We worship because of that hope. And we share and live the gospel because of that hope. Today, we will see what hope looks like, even in the worst of times. That hope inspires us and changes the world.

### Outline

#### 1. The Fall to Sin (6:5-6)

- a. The world at the time of Noah was out of control, even chaotic.
- b. Moses made three comments about the condition of the world:

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<sup>1</sup> Cameron Knight, “‘I Ain’t Gonna Hurt Nobody,’ Father Tells Deputies After Executing Three Young Sons.” from [usatoday.com](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/06/20/bodycam-video-ohio-father-chad-doerman-arrest-killing-three-boys/70338693007/), June 21, 2023, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/06/20/bodycam-video-ohio-father-chad-doerman-arrest-killing-three-boys/70338693007/>.

<sup>2</sup> Associated Press, “Father Admits to Fatally Shooting 3 Young Sons at Ohio Home, Prosecutors Say” from [usnews.com](https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2023-06-16/man-allegedly-kills-3-children-and-wounds-woman-in-shooting-at-ohio-home-report-says), June 16, 2023, <https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2023-06-16/man-allegedly-kills-3-children-and-wounds-woman-in-shooting-at-ohio-home-report-says>.

- i. The wickedness of humanity was widespread.
  1. From the sin in the garden, to the sin of Cain, to the unraveling of Cain's lineage as well as the rest of mankind, sin was a part of every human interaction and relationship.
  2. Example of Lamech in Genesis 4:23-24.
- ii. Humanity's inclination was continuously evil.
  1. Sin is widespread and continuous in scope.
  2. Example of Proverbs 6:16-19.
  3. Example of Romans 1:28-32.
- iii. God reacted to this and grieved humanity's depravity.
  1. His reaction was expressed in two ways:
    - (a) Regret (sorrow, not a change of mind)
    - (b) Grief (deep emotional sadness for sin)

## **2. The Consequences of Sin (6:7)**

- a. God's righteousness stands in contrast to man's wickedness.
- b. In His righteousness, God would completely cleanse the earth.
  - i. Mankind would be removed.
  - ii. Animals, crawling creatures, and birds were all affected in this righteous cleansing.
- c. God grieved over the unrighteous chaos that took place in His created order.

## **3. The Grace of God (6:8)**

- a. Because of God's grace, He rescued Noah.
  - i. Noah was found faithful and righteous (Heb. 11:7).
- b. That same grace God had on Noah is available for you today, even in a sinful world.
  - i. The gospel is this: Jesus died, was buried, and rose again to pay our sin debt and conquer death.

- ii. Jesus is the only way to salvation (Acts 4:12).
- iii. Everyone who calls on Jesus for salvation will be saved (Rom. 10:9-10,13).

## **Conclusion**

The world is as chaotic today as it was in Noah's time, but there is hope. Hope is found in Jesus Christ. Trust Christ today and let Him be your future.

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