



LESSONS FROM THE BOOK OF RUTH

#5. REDEMPTION!

...for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day. (Ruth 3:18b)

And this is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing which He has spoken. (Isaiah 38:7)

As we look now at the last chapter of Ruth, I would encourage you to see the reflection of God that we see in the man, Boaz. From the 1st mention of his name in chapter 2, I am so impressed by his character. He continually shows us qualities such as: unconditional love, selflessness, grace, humility, concern for others & their well being, integrity, and that he is a man of his word. He is a stunning forecast of Jesus Christ.

Wow, we could use a few more men in the world like this one!!

1. COVENANT MADE. RUTH 4:1-11

Covenant: a) an agreement, treaty, pact, convention, usually formal, between two or more persons to do or not do something specified. b) the conditional promises made to humanity by God, as revealed in Scripture.

A. THE DEAL IS MADE.

~ Boaz went up to the gate... (vs. 1, Deuteronomy 25:5-12)

- done properly & legally to bring God's favour & blessing
- uses the customs of the day
- does not take any shortcuts – thorough & just

~ I thought to inform you... (vs. 2, 4, 10)

- done in public where there were witnesses
- gave accountability, opportunity for advice, as well as assurance that the deal was done in an upright & thorough manner
- took time to give all details of the situation
- gave honourable opportunity to Naomi's closest relative

B. THE DEAL IS SEALED.

~ And this was a confirmation in Israel... (vs. 7, 10, 11)

- The closest relative gave Boaz his sandal as a token of the deal agreed upon
- All those who witnessed the transaction, responded verbally as a signature that this indeed had taken place

~ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife... (vs. 13)

- the deal was only an agreement and would never have been established if Boaz did not take Ruth to himself

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

Write what each verse has to say with regards to each point listed below:

~ God came to the gate; He entered our world through Jesus.

- Psalm 130:7

- Hebrews 9:26

- 1 John 1:2

- ~ **God informed us publicly** as recorded all through scripture of what He was doing to provide redemption for us.

- Psalm 111:9

- Isaiah 59:20

- Romans 16:25

- ~ **Jesus gave confirmation** to us by exchanging His life for ours.

- Matthew 20:28

- Ephesians 1:7

- ~ **Jesus gave confirmation** to us by showing Himself to over 500 people after He rose from the dead.

- 1 Corinthians 15:6-8

- ~ **Jesus took us to Himself** through our faith in Him and enters us by the Holy Spirit!

- Galatians 3:26

- Ephesians 3:17-19

- Ephesians 1:13

2. THE BLESSING OF THE COVENANT. RUTH 4:13-22

A. REDEMPTION

Redemption: a releasing affected by payment of ransom

i. redemption, deliverance

ii. liberation procured by the payment of a ransom

- ~ **Naomi & Ruth were purchased by Boaz**

- this was not a slave purchase, but a redemption
- they were released from the shame of the past
 - the judgement that Elimelech brought on his family by leaving Bethlehem
 - being widows and childless
- the property of Elimelech was restored to Naomi

- ~ **Boaz laid his life down for Ruth & Naomi**

- his reputation was not a concern to him (unlike the closest relative)
- knew that the children born of Ruth would be attributed to his brother's name
- It's interesting to note that it is Boaz's name though, that is recorded in the lineages in scripture, not Elimelech.

B. FRUITFULNESS

...the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. (vs. 13b)

- ~ **All those who witnessed the transaction gave their blessing: (vs. 11, 12)**

- **1st to Ruth**; they asked God to give the same blessing that He gave to Leah & Rachel, *both of whom built the house of Israel*

- They had 13 children between them and were the ‘mothers’ of the whole nation of Israel! (you can read part of their story in Genesis 29)
- ~ **2nd to Boaz & his household**; that they would be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah...
 - Perez was a baby born to Judah through a humiliating circumstance. This is another story of redemption in scripture as God gives us yet another example of grace. (take time to read Genesis 38)
 - Again, God shows that He brings honour to those who respond honourably. Judah responded to Tamar this way. Boaz consistently takes on the role of a servant, truly wanting the best for others.

...JUST AS THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY. MATTHEW 20:28

- ~ When Obed was born, Naomi’s friends gave blessing:
 - **1st to God**, for they recognized that it was His hand at work
 - **2nd to the baby**, that he would be famous in Israel
 - And he was, as he was part of the lineage of Jesus Christ!
 - **3rd to Naomi**, that she would be restored & brought back into joy through the blessing that God gave her in Ruth & the baby

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

- ~ God has REDEEMED us through the blood of Jesus!
What do these verses say about redemption?

- Isaiah 1:18-19

- Luke 1:68-69

- Romans 3:21-26

- 1 Peter 1:18-19

BECAUSE OF THE SACRIFICE OF THE MESSIAH, HIS BLOOD POURED OUT ON THE ALTAR OF THE CROSS, WE'RE A FREE PEOPLE—FREE OF PENALTIES AND PUNISHMENTS CHALKED UP BY ALL OUR MISDEEDS. AND NOT JUST BARELY FREE, EITHER. ABUNDANTLY FREE! HE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING, PROVIDED FOR EVERYTHING WE COULD POSSIBLY NEED, LETTING US IN ON THE PLANS HE TOOK SUCH DELIGHT IN MAKING. HE SET IT ALL OUT BEFORE US IN CHRIST, A LONG-RANGE PLAN IN WHICH EVERYTHING WOULD BE BROUGHT TOGETHER AND SUMMED UP IN HIM, EVERYTHING IN DEEPEST HEAVEN, EVERYTHING ON PLANET EARTH. EPHESIANS 1:7-8 MSG

- ~ If we grab hold of this truth and walk in His ways, we will be FRUITFUL.
What does God’s redemption give to us?

- Colossians 1:13-14

- Ephesians 1:3-14

- John 3:14-16

- 1 Peter 1:3-7

- Ephesians 2:6

Continue on now from the list above and write down any other scriptures that come to mind, showing us what Christ has accomplished for us through His death & resurrection:

For I know that my Redeemer and Vindicator lives, and at last He [the Last One] will stand upon the earth.
(Job 19:25)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my [firm,
impenetrable] Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

For their Redeemer is mighty; He will plead their cause against you. (Proverbs 23:11)
Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I will help you, says the Lord; your Redeemer is the Holy One of
Israel. (Isaiah 41:14)

*Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless
before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Saviour, Who alone
is wise, Be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.
(Jude 24)*
