

## **HOPE IN HARD TIMES**

(The Book of Ruth) #10:

### **“That Old Redemption Story”**

*Ruth 4:1-12*

## **“Victory in Jesus”**

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I heard an old, old story,  
How a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning,  
Of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins;  
And won the victory.

**CHORUS:**  
O victory in Jesus,  
My Savior, forever.  
He sought me and bought me  
With His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him,  
And all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory,  
Beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing,  
Of His cleansing power revealing.  
How He made the lame to walk again  
And caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
Come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and  
brought to me the victory.

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I heard about a mansion  
 He has built for me in glory.  
 And I heard about the streets of gold  
 Beyond the crystal sea;  
 About the angels singing,  
 And the old redemption story,  
 And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
 The song of victory.

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## I. THE ACT OF REDEEMING

*Ruth 4:1b-5*

“Her husband is  
 respected at the city  
 gate, where he takes  
 his seat among the  
 elders of the land.”

*Proverbs 31:23*

“These are the things that you  
 shall do: Speak the truth to  
 one another; render in your  
gates judgments that are true  
 and make for peace.”

*Zechariah 8:16 ESV*

### NOTICE THE UNFOLDING DRAMA OF REDEMPTION:

V.1 = Introduction of the  
 Nearest Redeemer

V.2 = Introduction of the  
 Ten Witnesses

V,V.3-4 = Introduction of the  
 Business of Redemption

**NOTICE THAT THE NEAREST KINSMAN IS NEVER NAMED:**

**NIV, NLT, ESV, NASB = "friend"**

**NET Bible = "John Doe"**

**KJV Bible = "Such a One"**

**HEBREW = "peloni almoni" =  
"a certain individual"**

**ALL WE CAN SAY FOR CERTAIN ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL IS THAT HE WAS ANOTHER BETHLEHEMITE FARMER WHO WAS A NEARER KINSMAN TO NAOMI'S DECEASED HUSBAND, ELIMELECH, THAN WAS BOAZ**

**BIBLICALLY, THE NEAREST KINSMAN IS TO HAVE THREE DISTINCT QUALITIES IN ORDER TO REDEEM:**

- 1. THE RIGHT TO REDEEM**
- 2. THE RESOURCES TO REDEEM**
- 3. THE READINESS TO REDEEM**

**BIBLICALLY, IF QUALIFIED, THIS NEAREST KINSMAN COULD HAVE CHOSEN TO REDEEM NAOMI AND RUTH IN ANY ONE OF THREE DIFFERENT WAYS:**

- 1. THE REDEMPTION OF PROPERTY**
- 2. THE REDEMPTION OF PEOPLE**
- 3. THE REDEMPTION OF POSTERITY**

## **A. THE REDEMPTION OF PROPERTY**

*Leviticus 25:25-27a*

**"If one of your countrymen becomes poor and sells some of his property, his nearest relative is to come and redeem what his countryman has sold. If, however, a man has no one to redeem it for him but he himself prospers and acquires sufficient means to redeem it, he is to determine the value for the years since he sold it and refund the balance to the man to whom he sold it..."**

*Leviticus 25:25-27a*

**A. THE REDEMPTION  
OF PROPERTY**

*Leviticus 25:25-27a*

**B. THE REDEMPTION  
OF PEOPLE**

*Leviticus 25:47-50*

**C. THE REDEMPTION  
OF POSTERITY**

*Deuteronomy 25:5-10*

**II. THE ACT OF  
RENOUNCING**

*Ruth 4:6-8*

**A. A FAILURE TO REDEEM**

*Verse 6*

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**TYPologically, RUTH CHAPTER FOUR  
REPRESENTS THE PROCESS OF  
REDEMPTION FOR ALL MANKIND:**

- 1. THE NEARER KINSMAN REPRESENTS  
THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW**
- 2. THE TEN WITNESSES REPRESENT  
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**
- 3. BOAZ THE LIFE-GIVER REPRESENTS  
GOD'S SON, JESUS CHRIST**

**Galatians 3:25**

**NIV, NLT = "guardian"**

**KJV = "schoolmaster"**

**GREEK = "paidagógos" =**

**"a legally appointed overseer,  
duly authorized to train (bring) up a child  
by administering discipline, chastisement,  
and instruction, i.e. doing what was  
necessary to promote development"**

**\*pedagogue**

**NOTICE WHAT THE NEARER KINSMAN IS FORCED TO SAY:**

V. 6 = “I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it.”

**NOTICE WHAT THE NEARER KINSMAN IS FORCED TO DO:**

V,V. 7-8 = He was made to take off his shoe.

**NOT EVEN MOSES, THE LAW-GIVER, WAS WORTHY TO STAND IN THE PRESENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD! LET ALONE THEY THAT ONLY TRY TO KEEP THE LAW!**

**A. A FAILURE TO REDEEM**

*Verse 6*

**B. A FINALIZATION TO RECORD**

*Verses 7-8*

### **III. THE ACT OF REHEARSING**

*Ruth 4:9-12*

**BOAZ THE LIFE-GIVER REHEARSES PUBLICLY BEFORE ALL PRESENT THAT HE HAS NOW BECOME THE REDEEMER OF NAOMI AND RUTH**

**A. GOD HAS GIVEN  
AMPLE TESTIMONY OF THE  
REDEMPTION HE PROVIDES  
THROUGH THE LIFE-GIVER**

**B. WE TOO MUST GIVE  
AMPLE TESTIMONY OF THE  
REDEMPTION HE PROVIDES  
THROUGH THE LIFE-GIVER**