

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
 Current Book: *Ruth* – verse by verse

Scripture(s) for Today: Ruth 4:13-17 – Boaz marries Ruth; she gives birth to David’s grandfather

Today’s Message:

“Happily Ever After”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we watched Boaz in action as he performed what he promised to Ruth. Boaz gathered a group of 10 witnesses at the gate of the city to see and hear the decision of the nearer kinsman. The love of Boaz led him to pay the price for Ruth; redeeming love is a beautiful thing! Today, we will near the end of Ruth, and we will discover the reason why people love a _____ fairy tale ending. The children love to read books and listen to _____ with “*happily ever after*” endings. Why is that? God has made us to long for our Creator! Like Ruth, the wife of the _____ will live happily ever after!

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text Ruth 4:13-17

#1. The Perfect Marriage – Boaz took Ruth, and she was his _____. (13)

➤ ***After a public redemption before many witnesses, the marriage was official.***

✓ **WHAT HAPPENED**

- Boaz and Ruth were ***willing to obey the word of God*** and ***do His will***.
- Their ***marriage becomes an example*** for all who desire ***God’s best***.
- With ***nothing now hindering*** their love story, Boaz _____ Ruth!

✓ **COMPARING SCRIPTURES**

- *Who can find a virtuous woman?* Boaz found one! ***Prov 31:10-31; Ruth 3:11***
- *He is the saviour of the body.* Boaz was Ruth’s _____! ***Eph 5:23, 25-28***
- *Marriage is honourable in all...* They were blessed to be married! ***Heb 13:4***

NOTE God’s plan for Ruth and Boaz was to become one in marriage; it would be through their marriage that God would be glorified, and they would be a blessing to others. The world and its god are assaulting the plan of God for godly marriages. Beware!

#2. The Marriage Gift – God gave Ruth conception; she bare a _____. (13-16)

➤ ***God is never disconnected from His creation; He was ready to bless this marriage!***

✓ **WHAT HAPPENED**

- It appears that ***Ruth became pregnant shortly after*** the marriage!

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- The women ***blessed the LORD*** for taking care of Naomi. *Amen. He did!*
- Their blessing to Boaz was to be _____; the child also! *Amen. He was!*
- They said ***the boy would be a great blessing*** to Naomi's life. *Amen. He was!*
- The women said ***Ruth*** was _____ ***than seven sons***. *Amen. She was!*
- Naomi ***laid the child in her bosom***; what a blessing indeed! *Amen. It was!*

✓ **COMPARING SCRIPTURES**

- *And there were **born unto him seven sons and three daughters**. **Job 1:2; 42:13***
- *Thy seed and **her seed... the seed which the LORD shall give...** **Gen 3:15; Ru 4:12***
- ***Children are an heritage of the LORD... fruit of the womb is his reward. Ps 127:3***
- ***Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine... thy children like olive plants... Ps 128:1-6***

NOTE What a turning! It was not too long ago that Naomi and Ruth were in great despair for the loss of their husbands. God was able to bring them through to the other side and His blessings. We must remember that God knows grief; He knows what it is like to lose a loved one, to watch a child suffer or endure great hardness, to have someone He loves forsake Him and sin against Him directly to the face. For those who trust Christ, there will be a day when all grief, sadness, heartaches, pain, and tears will end.

#3. The Happy Ending – the end of Ruth's love story was written by _____. (17)

➤ ***The neighbours of Naomi gave the child a name; he was the grandfather of David.***

✓ **WHAT HAPPENED**

- Naomi's neighbours said ***a son was born to her***; gave the child his name – ***Obed***.
- Someone later added that he was ***father of Jesse*** and ***grandfather of David!***

✓ **COMPARING SCRIPTURES**

- ***Booz begat Obed of Ruth... Obed begat Jesse... begat David the king... Mt 1:5-6***
- ***But as it is written, Eye hath not seen...prepared for them that love him. 1Cor2:9***
- ***For since the beginning of the world men have not heard... Isaiah 64:4***
- ***Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them... Ps 31:19***
- ***For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son... John 3:16***
- ***And we know that all things work together for good... that love God... Rom 8:28***
- ***Unto whom it was revealed... but unto us... angels desire to look into. 1Pet 1:12***
- ***Blessed are they which are called... the marriage supper of the Lamb... Rev19:9***
- ***And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God... Rev 21:2***

NOTE The Apostle Paul wrote, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." **Rom 8:18**

B. The Lessons (How can you apply this message to your life?)

1. *For those who are saved, God has an ending to your story that has no _____.*

❖ **Question:** *Are you obeying God in all areas? Thankful? Repentant? Jn 14:15; Rev 5:12*

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