

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“The Blessing of Intimacy with God”**

**“Christmas Blessings” - Pt. 3**

Ruth 3:1-18 & Selected

### **I. Do I really want the blessing of intimacy with God?**

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* Isaiah 9:6

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16

**You can give without loving,  
but you cannot love without giving!**

### **II. Will I do my part to ensure intimacy with God?**

*“Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, ‘My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?’”* Vs. 1

#### **Am I Willing...**

#### **1. To clean up my life to experience God’s intimacy?**

*“Wash therefore....”* Vs. 3a

*“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”*

James 4:8

*“Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.”* 2 Corinthians 7:1

**2. To be freshly anointed with the fragrance of Christ?**

*"...and anoint yourself" – Vs. 3b*

*"But you have been anointed by the Holy One."* 1 John 2:20

See 2 Corinthians 2:14-17

**3. To be totally transformed to find intimacy with God?**

*"...and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor."*

Vs. 3c

See Isaiah 61:1-3

**4. To rest at the feet of Jesus?**

*"...but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do."* Vs. 3d-4

**There is no safer place to be than  
at the feet of your Redeemer!**

**5. To be completely obedient?**

*"And she replied, 'All that you say I will do.'" Vs. 5*

*Jesus said, "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." John 14:21*