

Coming Home

Ruth 1:6-22

- 1) Review last weeks main points
 - a) Historical setting
 - i) Time of the judges
 - ii) Famine in the land
 - b) Elimelech relocates family to escape famine
 - i) Disobeys God
 - ii) Goes to Moab; Israels sworn enemy
 - c) Timeline
 - i) Spans around 12 years
 - ii) Elimelech dies before he can:
 - (1) Teach his sons about God
 - (2) Return home
 - iii) Mahlon and Chilion (Elimelech's sons)
 - (1) Marry Moabite women
 - (2) Also die
 - (a) Childless
 - iv) Naomi, Orpah, Ruth widowed
- 2) Naomi going home
 - a) For Naomi
 - i) Reunion; restoration
 - b) Orpah and Ruth
 - i) Uncertainty
 - c) Naomi was a good mother-in-law
 - i) Hesed—Old Testament
 - ii) Agape—New Testament
 - d) Being a widow difficult
 - i) No security
 - ii) Most important job in those days—raising sons
- 3) Naomi's prayer for Orpah and Ruth

- a) Levir explained
- b) Find rest and home and children in Moab
- 4) Orpah and Ruth respond
 - a) Orpah leaves
 - b) Ruth clings
 - i) Ruth repents
- 5) Naomi honors God
 - a) Almighty—Shaddai
 - b) Lord—Yaweh; Jehovah
- 6) Coming home
 - a) Great time
 - i) Barley harvest
 - ii) Widows can glean food
 - b) Ruth returns
 - i) Never been to Israel
 - ii) Repentant Ruth; the estranged Moabite come home
- 7) Repentance and salvation
 - a) Vital
 - b) Not popular
 - c) Necessary

Repentance is changing your mind and attitude about Jesus Christ—no longer is He to mocked... discounted... or ignored.

He is the Savior to be clung to... believed on... He is the Lord... to be worshipped and adored... just like Ruth came to realize.