

Ruth 3

Jesus

- **Naomi/Daughter-in-law Ruth:**
 1. 2 Destitute widows now in Israel
 2. Ruth goes out to **glean for food...**

Ruth 2:3 ... And **she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz**, who was of the family of Elimelech.

- **Boaz:** Relative of Naomi's husband
 1. Allows Ruth to eat at his table
 2. Commands young men not to touch/leave extra for her
 3. Ruth arrives home to Naomi w/sustenance provided by **Boaz...**

Jehovah Jireh: God our Provider. Jesus provides all our needs...

John 6:35 ... I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger/he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

- Boaz a picture of **Jesus our provider/protector/sustainer**
- Ruth a picture of Bride/Church: **Recipients of His provision**

I. Ruth's Redemption Guarantee

1 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not **seek security** for you, that it may be well with you? 2 Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, **is he not our relative?** In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

Naomi, seeking to provide for Ruth realizes...

- Boaz is a close relative/candidate to be their Kinsman Redeemer
- **Redeem:** To buy back

Kinsman-Redeemer. Heb. *Goel*: Close male relative w/privilege/responsibility to act on behalf of a relative who was in trouble, danger, or need.

▪ **4 Roles of Kinsman-Redeemer**

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| 1. Buy back a fellow Israelite out of slavery | Lev 5 |
| 2. Avenger of blood to bring murderer of family member justice | Num 3 |
| 3. Buy back family land that was lost/sold/foreclosed | Lev 25 |
| 4. Carry on family name by marrying a childless widow | Deut. 25 |

▪ **If Boaz marries Ruth, he will...**

1. Redeem/carry on family name of Elimelech
 2. Redeem property lost during time of disobedience
- Redeemer must be of **same family** of the one seeking redemption
 - God had to become man/one of us in order to redeem humanity...

Hebrews 2:11 ... both He who sanctifies [Jesus] and those who are being sanctified [us] are **all of one**, for which reason [Jesus] is not ashamed to **call them brethren**, 12 saying: "I will declare Your name to **My brethren**; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."

Our Redeemer had to be a close Relative. Jesus our Brother is our Redeemer

If close relative Boaz agreed to marry Ruth, he could be their redeemer

▪ **Naomi to Ruth re. Boaz:**

1. I know where he's going tonight
2. Winnowing barley on threshing floor

▪ **Threshing Floor:** Judgment/Testing separating Good/Bad/Wheat/Chaff

1. **Jesus to Peter at Last Supper:** Satan desires to sift you as wheat. Try heart
2. **David bought Threshing Floor** During God's Judgment: Temple built on top
3. **Same mountain Jesus was crucified on/took our Judgment. Calvary**

I know where Boaz is tonight...at the Threshing Floor

Q. What will God's judgment be for the future of our family? Will Boaz agree?

3 Therefore **wash** yourself and **anoint** yourself, put on your best **garment** and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

**Preparations for the Bride
Be Washed, Anointed, Clothed and Go**

- **Washed:** With the Word

Ephesians 5:26 [Jesus sanctifies/cleanses] us with the **washing of water by the word...**

- Washed with the Word
- **Anointed:** Immersed in/with Holy Spirit

**Equipped by God's Spirit for a purpose
Completely prepared for what's coming with power/discernment**

1. **Kings:** For victory and leading the people
2. **Priests:** Anointed for service in Temple
3. **Believers:** Anointed w/Spirit.

1 John 2: 26 These things I have written to you concerning those who **try to deceive you.**
27 But **the anointing** which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing [HS] teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has **taught you**, you will **abide in Him.**

Discernment: Anointed to know good/evil. Truth/Error. Protect against deception...

- Be washed with the Word
- Be Anointed with the Holy Spirit
- **Be Clothed** with Righteousness Positional/Practical

Isaiah 61:10 [God has...] has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the **robe of righteousness**, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Revelation 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the **righteous acts of the saints**.

Wife making herself Ready for Her Husband

Picture of Jesus/His Bride the Church

Ephesians 5:32 [Marriage Chapter] This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning **Christ and the church**.

▪ **Bride Prepares to meet her Husband**

1. Washed with the Word
2. Anointed with the Holy Spirit
3. Clothed with Righteousness

4 Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do."

Wait until threshing is done/testing is over/judgment is fulfilled... **Then go in**

▪ **When Jesus died...**

1. **Judgement for our sin was complete/satisfied:** It is finished!
2. Veil in the Temple/Holy of Holies was ripped by God from top to bottom...

After our Judgment was poured out on Jesus, we now have access to God

Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, brethren, having **boldness to enter** the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, ²² **let us draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts **sprinkled from an evil conscience** and our bodies **washed with pure water**.

▪ **Wait till he is done working...**

1. Find him sleeping
2. Pull blanket from his feet
3. Lie down w/your head at his feet

5 And she said to her, "**All that you say to me I will do.**" 6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law instructed her. 7 And after Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was cheerful, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down. 8 Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at

his feet. 9 And he said, **"Who are you?"** So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant **under your wing**, for **you are a close relative.**"

- God is our Provider
- **God is our Protector**

So...Will you be my Hero? Take your maidservant under your wing

Psalm 17:8 Keep me as the **apple of Your eye** Hide me under the **shadow of Your wings...**

- **Anthropomorphism:** Attributing human traits to God for greater understanding

Psalm 36:7 How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust **under the shadow of Your wings.**

Ezekiel 16:8 When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time was the time of love; so I **spread My wing over you** and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine," says the Lord God.

- Pride keeps us from protection His wings. I can protect myself from Judgement.

Matthew 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks **under her wings, but you were not willing!**

Unless we come to Jesus in Humility, we have not come to Jesus at all

- **Ruth came in humility...**Knew her need to be Washed, Anointed, Clothed

James 4:6 ... "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Take your maidservant under your wing
What will be the judgment to one who comes in humility?

10 Then he said, "Blessed are you of the Lord, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich.

John 6:37b All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I **will by no means cast out.**

- Father delivers all who are humble/willing to Jesus...

Revelation 22:17 ... the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Yet God is a Jealous God: Demands Faithfulness displayed in Obedience

Exodus 34:13b... for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose **name is Jealous**, is a **jealous God**

- **Ruth was faithful...** To whom shall we go?
 1. You have not gone after others
 2. You have not strayed into another field
 3. You have kept yourself for me and me alone...

11 And now, my daughter, do not fear.

Q. Why is it so important not to fear?

- Fear places Satan on the throne
- Fear reveals a lack of faith

It is impossible to please God w/out faith...**Thus fear is displeasing to God**
Okay, so what do I do?

Challenge: Read a passage in God's Word. **Don't move on until you believe it**

Romans 8:38 ...neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 16:33 ... in Me you **may have peace**. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Q. Fear. What In the world is going on?

A. Whatever it is, Jesus has already overcome it and He loves you

- **Will you take me under your wing?**

Judgement is over...My work is complete and the **answer is yes**

11b... I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a **virtuous woman**.

- **Virtue:** Strength, ability, substance, efficiency, courage

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

- **Boaz to Ruth:** Everyone that sees you sees Jesus in you...

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- No longer the Moabite but a **virtuous woman of God**

1. Forsaken false gods/superstitions of parents
2. Left everything/followed the Living God
3. Come to me/Trusted in me for refuge...**I will do all that you request**

John 14:13 ... whatever you ask in My name, that I will do...

- **Just one thing...**

12 Now it is true that I **am a close relative**; however, there is a relative **closer than I**. 13 Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you—good; let him do it. But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, as the Lord lives! Lie down until morning.”

There’s a closer than me who has right of first refusal to marry you
Just lie down until morning and I’ll see what he says

- **Wait on the Lord:** Easier said than done **but always worth the wait**

Psalm 27:14 Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall **strengthen your heart**... Wait, I say, on the Lord!

Psalm 33:20 Our soul **waits for the Lord**; He is our help and our shield.

Psalm 40:1 I **waited patiently** for the Lord; And He inclined to me, **And heard my cry**.

Isaiah 40:31 ... those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their **strength**; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

- Bad things happen when we don’t wait. Jump the gun. Try to fix...

We are called to Wait and Expect!

Just go to sleep tomorrow and wait till tomorrow? What?

14 So she **lay at his feet until morning**, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, “Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” 15 Also he said, “Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it.” And when she held it, he measured six ephahs of barley, and laid it on her. **Then she went into the city.**

- Ruth rose while still dark. Boaz: Wait a second
- **Six ephahs of Barley:** A lot of Barley!

He lavished Ruth with his generosity!

Guarantee of what was to come

God gives us the gift of His Spirit: Guarantee of what’s to come

Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give **good gifts** to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him!”

Ephesians 1:13 In [Jesus] you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed** with the Holy Spirit of

promise, 14 who is the **guarantee of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

- **This is just the beginning Ruth...**you gave to others/I give to you

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and **running over** will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Matthew 6:4 [Let] your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will **Himself reward you openly.**

- Ruth carrying shawl full of barley through streets of Bethlehem... **trying hide it**

16 When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "Is that you, my daughter?" Then she told her all that the man had done for her. 17 And she said, "These six ephahs of barley he gave me; for he said to me, 'Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.'"

- What happens w/Boaz will **affect Ruth's life forever**

Hard to let go of the wheel/let someone else have complete control of my life/future!
Not if we know they want our best and are able/willing see it through to the end

- God is our **Provider**
- God is our **Protector**
- God is our **Sustainer**

18 Then she said, "**Sit still**, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for **the man will not rest** until he has concluded the matter this day."

- Sit still...

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- Man will not rest...

Psalms 121:4 Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

- God is constantly/continually working His plan...
- God finishes what He starts...

Isaiah 50:7 "... have **set My face like a flint**, And I know that I will not be ashamed.

We are Saved by faith but we also Walk by faith
Trusting in a God who will not rest until we are complete

Philippians 1:6 ... He who has begun a good work in you will **complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ...

God's plan continues behind the scenes while Ruth waits...**plot thickens**

Ruth 4:1 Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken **came by**. So Boaz said, "**Come aside, friend, sit down here.**" So he came aside and sat down.

SUMMARY Ruth's Redemption Guarantee