

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME, RIGHT THING, RIGHT GOD

Ruth 4:1-17 CSB

"This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does evil hates the light and avoids it, so that his deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be shown to be accomplished by God."

John 3:19-21 (CSB)

Now if you call yourself a Jew, and rely on the law, and boast in God, ¹⁸and know his will, and approve the things that are superior, being instructed from the law, ¹⁹and if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light to those in darkness, ²⁰an instructor of the ignorant, a teacher of the immature, having the embodiment of knowledge and truth in the law—²¹you then, who teach another, don't you teach yourself? You who preach, "You must not steal"—do you steal? ²²You who say, "You must not commit adultery"—do you commit adultery? You who detest idols, do you rob temples? ²³You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? ²⁴For, as it is written: The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.

Romans 2:17-24 (CSB)

1. Right Place. (Vs 1-2)

Boaz went to the gate of the town and sat down there. Soon the family redeemer Boaz had spoken about came by. Boaz said, "Come over here and sit down." So he went over and sat down. ²Then Boaz took ten men of the town's elders and said, "Sit here." And they sat down.

Ruth 4:1-2 (CSB)

2. Right Time. (Vs 3-6)

He said to the redeemer, "Naomi, who has returned from the territory of Moab, is selling the portion of the field that belonged to our brother Elimelech. ⁴I thought I should inform you: Buy it back in the presence of those seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you want to redeem it, do it. But if you do not want to redeem it, tell me so that I will know, because there isn't anyone other than you to redeem it, and I am next after you." "I want to redeem it," he answered. ⁵Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from Naomi, you will acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the deceased man, to perpetuate the man's name on his property." ⁶The redeemer replied, "I can't redeem it myself, or I will ruin my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption, because I can't redeem it."

Ruth 4:3-6 (CSB)

"I thought I should inform you: Buy it back in the presence of those seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you want to redeem it, do it. But if you do not want to redeem it, tell me so that I will know, because there isn't anyone other than you to redeem it, and I am next after you." "I want to redeem it," he answered.

Ruth 4:4 (CSB)

Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from Naomi, you will acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the deceased man, to perpetuate the man's name on his property."

Ruth 4:5 (CSB)

The redeemer replied, "I can't redeem it myself, or I will ruin my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption, because I can't redeem it."

Ruth 4:6 (CSB)

3. Right Thing. (Vs 7-10)

At an earlier period in Israel, a man removed his sandal and gave it to the other party in order to make any matter legally binding concerning the right of redemption or the exchange of property. This was the method of legally binding a transaction in Israel. ⁸So the redeemer removed his sandal and said to Boaz, "Buy back the property yourself." ⁹Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I am buying from Naomi everything that belonged to Elimelech, Chilion, and Mahlon. ¹⁰I have also acquired Ruth the Moabitess, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, to perpetuate the deceased man's name on his property, so that his name will not disappear among his relatives or from the gate of his hometown. You are witnesses today."

Ruth 4:7-10 (CSB)

"Stay here tonight, and in the morning, if he wants to redeem you, that's good. Let him redeem you. But if he doesn't want to redeem you, as the LORD lives, I will. Now lie down until morning."

Ruth 3:13 (CSB)

4. Right God. (Vs 11-17)

All the people who were at the city gate, including the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is entering your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built the house of Israel. May you be powerful in Ephrathah and your name well known in Bethlehem. ¹²May your house become like the house of Perez, the son Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring the LORD will give you by this young woman." ¹³Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. He slept with her, and the LORD granted conception to her, and she gave birth to a son. ¹⁴The women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you without a family redeemer today. May his name become well known in Israel. ¹⁵He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. Indeed, your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." ¹⁶Naomi took the child, placed him on her lap, and became a mother to him. ¹⁷The neighbor women said, "A son has been born to Naomi," and they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth 4:11-17 (CSB)

"We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is entering your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built the house of Israel. May you be powerful in Ephrathah and your name well known in Bethlehem."

Ruth 4:11 (CSB)

"May your house become like the house of Perez, the son Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring the Lord will give you by this young woman."

Ruth 4:12 (CSB)

Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear them or be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

1 Peter 3:13-17 (CSB)