

“Love, Loyalty and Redemption”

RUTH LESSON 6

“...through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.” Romans 5:18

DAY #1 Read 3:16- 4:2

- 1) Describe in your own words what is happening in chapter 3:16-17.

- 2) What is Naomi doing in verse 18?

- 3) Read Titus 2:3-5. As “older” or more spiritually mature Christian women, what are we to do in regard to the “younger” less mature Christian women?

- 4) How does this compare to what is transpiring in verses 16-17?

In regard to the “six ephahs” of barley mentioned in verse 17 it is interesting to note, though not biblically supported per say, that *“upon receiving these six measures “it was said in the spirit of prophecy, that from her should proceed the six righteous persons of the world, viz., David, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and the King Messiah; each of whom should be blessed with six benedictions.” It is, however, remarkable, that the Targum makes the Messiah to spring from her through the line of David, and goes down to Daniel and his companions; which Daniel prophesied so clearly, not only of the advent of Messiah the prince, but also of the very time in which he was to come, and the sacrificial death he was to die.” Adam Clark’s Commentary on the Old Testament*

- 2) Describe in your own words what it happening in Chapter 4:1.

- 3) Compare/contrast the emotional state of Ruth and Boaz in these verses.

And people say that men and women aren't all that different... It never ceases to amaze me how different we really are. No wonder God called men to be the spiritual leader while women are called to come along side and humbly submit.

- 4) Where was Boaz in verse 1?
- a) Who hung out at the city gate and what did they do there?
(Duet. 16:18-20)
- 5) What did Boaz do when the "closer relative" came by according to verses 1-2?

We can easily draw the conclusion that because Boaz had a seat at the city gate, he also was an elder.

- a) look up elder (H2205)
- b) Compare the Hebrew meaning to the Greek found in the New Testament.
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How do the following verses describe an elder?

1Timothy 5:17

Titus 1:5-6

James 5:14

1Peter 5:1-3

- 8) In light of this along with everything else we've seen so far, describe the kind of man Boaz most likely was.

We will end here for today. Although we, as women are not considered as “elders” within the church, we did see in Titus 2 some of the responsibilities we as Christian women have. **CHALLENGE** What are some other responsibilities we as Christian women have within our families and church families? (Always support your answer with scripture.)

DAY #2 Read 4:3-6

Boaz was taking no chances here. He began this legal transaction in the presence of 10 elders of the community. He then begins with the legal facts.

- 1) What legal fact did Boaz establish in verse 3?

- 2) In light of this fact, what duty, right, or obligation does Boaz remind the “close relative” of in verse 4?

- 3) What was this “close relatives” response according to verse 4?

- 4) What was he agreeing to redeem?

“Boaz offered the land to the closer relative first; this man initially agreed to purchase it. The Law provided for land to stay within a family, even if it had to be sold temporarily due to poverty. The seller could redeem the land later, or a close relative could redeem it.” (Thus keeping it in the family.) “If neither of these alternatives was possible, the land would be returned to the family in the Year of Jubilee, every fiftieth year.

Land was not sold permanently because it ultimately belonged to God (Lev. 25:23).” The Nelson Study Bible

- 5) What was the second part of “redemption” which was required of this “close relative” according to verse 5?

“To perpetuate the name of the dead makes it clear that the close relative was needed to buy the land but also to take Ruth as his wife. This was in accordance with the levirate law, which provided for an heir for the deceased. Here the dead relative was Mahlon, Ruth’s husband. In carrying on the name of Mahlon, the line of Elimelech would continue.” The Nelson Study Bible

- 6) What was the response of the “close relative” now, according to verse 6?
- 7) What seems to have been his motivation for wanting to redeem the land back in verse 4?
- 8) What is your motivation for “doing the right thing”? Be honest before the Lord as you meditate on your answer.

DAY #3 Read 4:7-8

- 1) What was the custom to confirm a transaction of this kind according to verse 7?

- 2) Go back and re-read Deuteronomy 25:9. Compare the “biblical” way of handling this situation to the way Boaz handled it in verses 7-8.

Boaz showed this “man” incredible mercy. Mercy is when you don’t receive something you actually deserve.

- 3) As sinners, what do we deserve? Romans 6:23

- 4) Read Ephesians 2:4-5. What do these verses say about Mercy and Grace?

- 5) How does this apply to your own life right now?

God’s grace and mercy are unfathomable! Let’s end today with a ***CHALLENGE***. Search the Word and write out some verses which pertain to God’s grace and mercies. Choose verses which the Holy Spirit pricks your heart with and comment as to how they apply to you. May you be blessed by what He reveals to you!

DAY #4 Read 4:9-12

- 1) In verses 9-10, what exactly was Boaz purchasing from Naomi?
- 2) What was Boaz's motivation for acquiring the estate as well as Ruth?
- 3) Why was it important to state this before the witnesses at the gate?

“House and riches are the inheritance of fathers, but a prudent wife is more valuable, is from the Lord as a special gift.” Matthew Henry’s Commentary on the Old Testament

- 4) What was the response of the elders in verse 12?
- 5) How was this blessing, fulfilled according to Matthew 1:1-16?
- 6) What are some of the blessings we receive from the Lord? Support your answer with scripture.

I can't think of a better place to end our study today than right here. The Lord desires for our eyes to be focused on Him all day, every day, no matter what. ***“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:17***

DAY #5 Read 4:13-22

- 1) According to verse 13, what was Ruth's reward, or blessing?
- 2) Who was the provider?
- 3) Who is our provider?
- 4) What are some of the things He provides for us? (support your answer with scripture)

CHALLENGE: Think of a time when God blessed you by providing in the most amazing way.

- 5) What blessing did the women of Bethlehem give to Naomi in verses 14-15?
- 6) What compliment did the women pay to Boaz and Ruth in this blessing?
- 7) What character traits do you possess that you would pray others to see in your children? In other words what will people remember of you when you are gone?

8) What roll did Naomi play in this child's life according to verse 16? (look up H 539 to assist you in your answer)

9) What name did the women "suggest"?

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10) What do the following verses say about being a servant?

Matthew 20:26

Mark 10:43-44

John 12:26

Romans 16:1-2

Colossians 1:7

Jesus Himself was called a "servant". He was the ultimate servant – teaching us how we are to serve.

11) How are you serving Jesus Christ in your life?

"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches" Proverbs 22:1a

As we have seen throughout this study, names in the Bible are very telling. Names were not chosen lightly, and many times they had prophetic meaning.

12) Looking at the genealogy in verses 18-22, let's focus on Obed's son Jesse and his grandson David.

Jesse (3426)

David (H1732)

- 13) Compare the meaning of these to names in relation to Ruth's character.

My prayer is that you would desire to be remembered for your "Loyal Love" toward your Redeemer, Jesus Christ. May God richly bless you as you continue to search His word daily, living a life that is pleasing to Him!