

## 1. Who was Ruth & how are we like her?

📖 Ruth was a Moabite.

We are, by nature enemies of God...

📖 She married an Israelite.

Most of us either WERE or ARE connected to God by virtue of a family member's faith more so than by our own.

📖 Ruth was with her husband and his family for ten years before entering Israel. So, also, most of us sit under the teaching of the Word, and are members of God's Covenant community, at least initially, not by OUR choice, or by OUR faith, but by the choice, by the faith of a family member.

📖 Suddenly she found herself widowed. Her husband died, as did her brother-in-law, leaving the three women without any men.

📖 Her mother-in-law encouraged her and her sister-in-law, Orpah to go back home to their mothers. Orpah took her up on it, but Ruth refused to leave Naomi.

📖 She chose to go with Naomi to Israel – WHY? (v. 16)

## 2. Why did Ruth & why do we need a redeemer?

The word, *redeem*, means to set free by paying a price.

📖 Her husband's inheritance had been lost when her father-in-law had gone to Moab.

**SIDE NOTE:** Lev. 19:9-10; 23:22; Deut. 24:19-22

Our inheritance, as sons of Adam, was lost when He and Eve were driven from the Garden. Like Ruth and Naomi we are in no position to redeem our inheritance ourselves.

One could say that we have been sold into slavery, slavery to sin and to death (Eph. 2:1-3; John 8:33-34)... and the only way out of this estate is if someone pays the price to redeem us.

📖 Ruth was noticed by Boaz (2:6, 11). He had heard how she had left her own people & everything they stood for, & followed Naomi to Israel because of her desire for Naomi's God to be her God & for Naomi's people to be her people.

📖 She humbled herself before him. (v. 10) – She felt no sense of entitlement. There was no attempt at manipulation, merely a humble gratitude that Boaz had shown her kindness.

God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5, et. al.)

2 CRUCIAL keys: 1. that we SEEK Him... no matter what the cost,  
2. that we humble ourselves before Him in gratefulness to Him for every blessing that He bestows upon us.

## 3. What was needed for someone to redeem her & what is needed for someone to redeem us?

The *kinsmen redeemer* (Leviticus 25:47-49)

📖 A blood relative

📖 Able to purchase forfeited inheritance

📖 Willing to buy back forfeited inheritance

📖 Willing to marry the wife of the deceased kinsman

Christ as our *kinsman-redeemer*:

📖 He became our blood relative by his Virgin Birth.

📖 He, alone, had what was needed to pay the price for our sin. He was both Son of God and Son of Man...

📖 He willingly laid down His life to buy back our forfeited inheritance

📖 He took us as His bride (the bride and groom relationship between Christ and His Church).

## So, where do we go from here?

1. We can bring nothing to God in order to make ourselves right with Him.
2. If we seek Him, we will find Him.
3. If we are redeemed by Him, then that means we are also married to Him.

A Truth to Remember: Jesus willingly, and with GREAT cost, redeemed us from slavery to sin and to death.

A Challenge to Consider: Are you living as befits the bride of Christ, humbly, gratefully, and obediently seeking to honor Him in all of life?

One thing I heard this morning was...