

Ruth – Part 12.1

Ruth 3:12-16

As we've been looking through the book of Ruth, we found several things that are taking place here. Ruth has found a redeemer. She's found Boaz, but as we discovered last time, there is someone else that's coming along. We really haven't gotten into this yet, but what we saw last time is that God will protect us. You know, Boaz was a protector of Ruth, as we've studied in Chapter 3 up to this point up to verse 12. But we also understand that God will stand up for us. He is our near Kinsman. He's the one who redeems us. He's redeemed us from the curse of sin. By His blood, we are made whole, and one of these days, we'll see Him personally because we've trusted Him as our Savior.

But we continue now in our study of the book of Ruth, and we want to read starting out with verse 12 of Chapter 3. It says, ¹²*And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.* ¹³*Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.*

In other words, don't give up. Just understand that things will be all right. We see here that redemption is promised one way or the other. Boaz promised Ruth that she would be redeemed one way or another. And Boaz not only makes a promise of redemption to Ruth; he also vows to the Lord that he will see to it that she is redeemed. He says in that verse, *[A]s the LORD liveth.*

Well, Jesus also made promises. In John 17:2 it says: *As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as*

many as thou hast given him. This is Jesus, of course, talking to the Heavenly Father. This is actually what many people don't understand. This is the Lord's prayer, and He's praying to the Father.

And we see, starting in verse 9 again, in John 17, down through verse 11, Jesus said, ⁹*I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.* ¹⁰*And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.* ¹¹*And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.*

Well, Jesus goes on and He prays in this prayer. He talks about in John 17, He says, "I don't pray for these only, Father," and He's speaking of the apostles there. He says, "I pray for all of those who will believe on Me through their word." And, of course, we have the Word of God how that God used godly men to pin down what He would have us know about Him, and He says, "All of those who will be saved after this, Lord, even after this, I'm praying for them, as well, that they will be taken care of."

And we see this all through the book of Ruth how that God is leading Ruth and Naomi along, and He's also leading Boaz now, because Boaz makes this promise. He says, "One way or another, you're going to be redeemed." And God says, "There's one way that you're going to be redeemed and that's through my Son, Jesus Christ." We come to a saving knowledge by trusting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. He is our Redeemer.

Well, in our chapter that we're looking at in Chapter 3, we've read verse 13 now, and we see Boaz now tells Ruth to rest until the morning, according to verse 13.

And Psalm 30:5 says, *For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.* God says, "You may be going through a rough time right now, My child," that saved person today that's listening. "You may be going through a rough time, but remember this, that joy comes in the morning. There is coming a brighter time. There is coming a time when things are going to be a lot better." And we need to hold onto that truth this morning, and this day, this afternoon, tonight, wherever you're at and whatever time you're listening. You need to hold onto that, that *weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.* A brighter day is coming.

Well, we move on now into verse 14, and we see her obedience brings blessing. And we see that Boaz told Ruth, he says, "Now, take it easy and stay here, and don't get so excited that you get upset and discouraged." In verse 14, it says, *And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.* He was protecting her testimony here. We see the morning came and Ruth had laid rested at the feet of Boaz and waited until the morning.

Well, after telling Ruth not to fear in verse 11, the next thing Boaz says is for her to remain resting for the night in verse 13. We see here the rest. She had to rest on the threshing floor, knowing that Boaz would look after her. In other words, she was protected. And the picture couldn't be any clearer for us. Testing and trials will come for the refining of our faith. But what the Lord is after is that attitude which places the problem at the feet of Jesus.

Remaining restful in the midst of the trial, remember that it's Jesus who gives the victory. In Isaiah 8:17 it says: *And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.* And Isaiah 30:18: *And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.*

Isaiah goes on to say in Chapter 40 and verse 31, *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

Finally, in James 5:7, God says, *Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*

You know, God is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to redemption. That means that God has waited for you, dear person. Today, if you've never trusted Jesus as your Savior, He's waiting for you. He's longsuffering. He's waiting for you to call upon the name of Jesus. He doesn't want you to perish. He doesn't want you living in this life of despair. He wants you to have hope, and that hope lies in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Saved person, you can trust in the Lord today that He's going to take care of you. Remember, if you're going through a difficult time of trial, joy comes in the morning.

We keep reading here and in this verse, Chapter 3, verse 14, and we also notice something about that verse. Let me read it again. *And she lay at his feet until the*

morning: and she rose up before one could know another. Notice here, Ruth left the threshing floor early before she or Boaz could give in to temptation. First Corinthians 10:13 says, *There is no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation...* Notice this... *But will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

Luke 11:4 says, *And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.*

We keep reading that God is able to deliver us from any temptation, and this is what took place in Boaz and Ruth's life here. In Luke 22:40, it says, *And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.* There is no temptation taken us but such as is common to man. We see, and you may be thinking that you're going through a temptation that is quite different from anyone else, but God says, "No matter what that temptation is, I'm able to deliver you from that." Remember, the temptation is not the sin. It's giving into that temptation.

And Mark 14:38 says: *Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.* We can't depend upon the flesh to make the right decision. We have to depend upon the Spirit of God as saved people to lead us and guide us and help us to make right decisions concerning our life.

We keep reading and looking at the verse in verse 14 and we see that Boaz was careful to protect his and Ruth's reputation. He says, *Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.* There's a biblical principle involved here. *Let not then your good be evil spoken of,*

Romans 14:16. And I Thessalonians 5:22 says, *Abstain from all appearance of evil.*

Well, we go on and we keep reading here in verse 15, and it goes on to say, *Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.* We see the vail here. Ruth brought her vail to Boaz and filled it with six measures of barley, and we've seen this before, and she left, and we see more about the barley in verse 17 as we read that.

In verse 16 it says, *And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter?* Now, Naomi knew who Ruth was, but she wanted to know what took place that night is what she's saying here and Ruth told her according to verse 16. It says, *And she told her all that the man had done to her.* And we see here an interested mother-in-law. Naomi's question is not one of doubt but one of wonder as to what had happened. Ruth tells Naomi everything that had taken place.

Do you know Jesus Christ as your Savior? Why not call upon Him today and say, "Lord, come into my heart. I'm sorry for sin. I'm sorry that I'm not saved at this point but I want to be saved now. Come into my heart. I receive you as my Savior."

Saved person, cast all your care upon Him because He cares for you and He wants to take care of you. Let Him, lead, guide, and direct you this day.

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