

Meet Your Redeemer: God's Promise Through Ruth

God's Promise:

"The Lord will redeem those who serve him." (Psalms 34:22)

My Promise

I will turn to Christ, my Kinsman-Redeemer.

OPENING

The Old Testament narrative of Boaz and Ruth is a beautiful picture of redemption. It gives a wonderful parallel to how Jesus offers redemption to those who believe. It also provides a new title for Jesus: Kinsman-Redeemer. Take a look at the story, Boaz saw Ruth. Christ sees you. Boaz was affluent. Jesus owns every square inch of the universe. Boaz spoke kindly. Jesus is tender with you. Boaz told men to leave Ruth alone. Jesus commands Satan to leave you alone. Boaz gave Ruth water and bread. Jesus loads your life with Blessings. Boaz represented the women with the city leaders. Jesus represents you in heaven. Because of Boaz, Ruth's mother-in-law, Naomi, went from bitter to blessed. Because of Jesus, you can be the same. Just as Boaz chose Ruth, Jesus chooses you. There's only one requirement. You must do what Ruth did. Place yourself at his feet. You must ask your Kinsman-Redeemer to take you into his care. Ask him to cover you with his garment of redemption.

Read Ruth 4:1-12 How far did Boaz extend himself to redeem Ruth? How far did Jesus extend Himself to redeem you?

WHEN EVERY RESOURCE HAS HUMANLY SPEAKING RUN OUT - Ruth 4:9-10

Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon.

Life changes in an instant. Abundance is gone. Joy has left. A loved one is lost. Plans for the future evaporate. Still, these are the precise circumstances that create the most beautiful moments for us.

That was the case of Naomi and Ruth the Moabite. Life had dealt them a bad hand. From having the covering to being destitute. The future was over and according to human resources, everything was lost. Is not the everyone's story? In one way or another, in life, we lose. Eventually it arrives, for all of us. Joseph the dreamer warned the Pharaoh that difficult times were coming, even though they were in times of abundance.

That is why it is good to think that when human resources are over, we should be prepared to receive our eternal resources. Boaz is for Naomi and Ruth that supernatural, miraculous, all of a sudden resource that brings with it the true Unshakeable Hope that is not easily bent with what is humanly imposed. That resource is called redemption.

BOAZ WAS THE ONLY RESOURCE – JESUS IS THE ONLY RESOURCE - Ruth 4:10

I have also acquired Ruth the moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from the town records. Today you are witnesses!

Forget about dead plans and dreams that were never fulfilled. Let's go to what is true; to the things that cannot be replaced. The terrible death of that which have future and eternal implications. The redeemer is converted into the only resource. In the story of Ruth, the risk that Naomi made to throw Ruth at the mercy and good will of Boaz for their survival because there was no other option.

We should all come to the moment when we understand that there is no other option for our eternal life. We should only throw ourselves to the mercy of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. Sin's devastation is so grave and our spiritual orphanage is so great, that our only resource is to hope that someone is willing to answer for us! Jesus Christ will answer for us! The heavens and the earth are witnesses of this beautiful and great truth!

JUST AS RACHAEL AND LEAH - Ruth 4:11-12

Then the elders and all those at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

When something "dies" it means that it only went that far. That was Ruth's destiny but strangely, that was also the destiny of the people of God. Without Boaz being able to have heirs, his riches could not be given to his descendants. Rachael and Leah are special names for the people of God. These women were not poor and abandoned. They were matriarchs. Rachel and Leah were the ones who produced the 12 tribes of Israel (Jacob). From them there existed a great nation. Now, the witnesses who saw the redemption of Ruth through Boaz declared a blessing with future implications. Ruth now came to be nothing more and nothing less than a carrier of the Promise for future generations. Something that was apparently dead, now recovers the miraculous life. The tragedies of life are instruments of coming glory that we cannot even imagine.

This story has eternal significance. Through Ruth, the lineage of our Redeemer can be produced humanly speaking. When human resources end, God always provides an eternal resource to fulfill His Promise.

THEY LIVED VERY HAPPILY - Ruth 4:13

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

What can we say about the application for our lives? The redemption that is birthed from Jesus for our lives is without parallel. The story of Ruth is moving with a happy ending. Now image the story of an eternal redemption. We are called children of God not by coincidence. We are children of God because we had a redeemer and that Redeemer produced children (heirs) through His death and resurrection.

Ruth is the shadow (example) of what God does through the birth, death, and resurrection of His own Son. That Son was a direct descendent of the first redeemer- family (Boaz) great-grandfather of King David. **Therefore, from one redeemer is born the Great Redeemer!**