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THEN WENT BOAZ UP TO THE GATE, AND SAT HIM DOWN THERE

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SCRIPTURE READING: **RUTH 4:1-7**

Ruth 4:1, Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message August 11, 2019

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. As you recall when we completed the last chapter, there was a very valuable gift given by Boaz to Ruth and she was to share with Naomi as well.
- b. Ruth and Naomi are now rejoicing because Ruth has finally claimed Boaz as her kinsman redeemer.
- c. Naomi advises her in **Ruth 3:18**, Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall; for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.
- d. The thing we are talking about is moving ahead to make sure that Ruth is redeemed.
- e. I could not help but to think of **Ephesians 2:13**, But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. 1 Peter 1:18-19, Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19: But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
- f. He stands ready to save us. Everything that is required to go to Heaven has already been done by the Son. **Matthew 11:28**, Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Revelation 22:17, And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
- g. There are no additional activities that need to take place. **Revelation 3:20**, Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
- h. The Lord has also indicated that He has gone to prepare a place for us. **John 14:2-3**, In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will

come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

- i. Boaz wants to make this thing a reality.
- j. Ruth has claimed him and he wants to provide for her and bring her into his home and take care of all aspects of the kinsman redeemer.
- k. After the Gospel has been preached, it is amazing how many people fail to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Heaven is for a prepared people who have made reservations.
- l. One of these days I look forward to this verse being a reality. **1 Corinthians 2:9**, *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

3. SEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there

1. **Ruth 4:1**, *Then went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there; and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.*
2. We said earlier that the gate was simply the courthouse of that day.
3. We will find later on that Boaz finds not only the next of kin to Ruth and Naomi but he also assembles ten men of the elders of the city.
4. These men will be witnesses to the transaction that is about to take place.
5. When I was a small child in our small town of Livingston, if you wanted to see anyone, go to town on Saturday and you will find them around the Courthouse.
6. Now Boaz has two reasons for going to the gate.
 - a. He is going to meet the near kinsman there
 - b. Court will be convened.
7. We have said this kinsman is closer than Boaz; however we do not know the exact relationship because Scripture is silent.
8. We do know this man shows up. Notice the unusual greeting from Boaz. *Ho, such a one!*
9. The question might be, is Boaz familiar with this man.
10. I believe he is. As a matter of fact they were probably related somewhere along the line.
11. Notice Boaz command. *turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.*
12. If you recall, this was a time where the farmers were very busy threshing out grain and giving God the glory for the abundant harvest.
13. Boaz has a serious situation and he wants to take care of this matter personally. The other kinsman sits down with him.

b. And he took ten men of the elders of the city...Sit ye down here.

1. **Ruth 4:2**, *And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down.*
2. Boaz is quite a commander. As a matter of fact, he indicated to two sets of people on two separate occasions that they should sit down and listen to the matter he is about to present. Remember court is now in session.
3. We will find in the book of **Genesis** the men who came to Sodom found Lot sitting at the gate. Lot had become a petty judge of that particular area. **Genesis 19:1**, *And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in*

the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

4. Even back then the city gate served as the courthouse. Now Boaz has called court into session. The witnesses are there with Boaz and the near kinsman.
5. Boaz is ready to state his purpose.

c. Naomi...selleth a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's

1. **Ruth 4:3**, *And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's:*
2. Notice he does not say anything about Ruth at this time. It is very interesting the approach that Boaz uses.
3. When he says *our brother Elimelech's*: I do not know if the expression means a near relative. Apparently this was a term used among them during those days.
4. Boaz knew he was a near kinsman. He talks about the piece of property being involved.
5. A fresh look at the law pertaining to property which involves a kinsman redeemer. **Leviticus 25:23-25**, *The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me. 24: And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. 25: If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.*
6. The law could not be put into effect when a person's property fell into the hands through various and unfortunate circumstances unless there was a kinsman redeemer. Our Salvation cannot be realized unless we have a kinsman redeemer which is the Lord Jesus Christ that paid the penalty for our sin. **Romans 6:23**, *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
7. It would go back in the year of jubilee; however, that could be a long time away.
8. Notice what happens. Will this kinsman come forth? Boaz is calling on him to state his position. He talks about the property belonging to Elimelech. He wants them to know that the property will be redeemed by him or by the other person.

d. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me

1. **Ruth 4:4**, *And I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy it before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it.*
2. I am sure Boaz is beginning to get concerned because this kinsman has stated he will redeem the property. *And he said, I will redeem it.*
3. Notice the absence of any mention of Ruth.
4. Boaz is shrewd in stating his purpose. He said if you don't redeem it I will. The next of kin gave his answer and said he would redeem it.
5. Boaz is preparing to take his second approach. Notice how shrewd he is about mentioning the attachments to the property.

e. Thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the

name of the dead upon his inheritance.

1. **Ruth 4:5**, *Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance.*
 2. It is interesting he had not mentioned anything about Ruth before.
 3. Now he ties in the fact that the property comes with Naomi and a Moabitess girl who was the wife of the dead.
 4. We have looked at the Mosaic law. **We know Ruth met all the requirements of a widow who had no children and whoever redeemed this property must be prepared to step in and marry Ruth and raise up a child for the dead.**
 5. It is not clear in this verse if this man knew Ruth. However, we do know that there is an attachment here. Notice Boaz brings out the fact that she is a Moabitess woman. **Deuteronomy 23:3**, *An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever:*
 6. It meant that if he were to redeem the land he would have to redeem Ruth also, which might jeopardize his own inheritance.
 7. Boaz did not have any concern about that, He was delighted she knew the Lord, he loved her and was willing to make any sacrifice for her. **Ephesians 2:13**, *But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Galatians 3:28*, *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*
 8. It reminds me of the Lord Jesus Christ who was willing to go to the cross and die for the sins of mankind regardless of whether we rejected Him or denied Him. **Romans 5:8**, *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. John 13:37-38*, *Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. 38: Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.*
 9. I find it very interesting that after telling Simon Peter he was going to deny Him thrice, that Jesus comes back and says in **John 14:1-3**, *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2: In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*
 10. The Lord Jesus Christ makes it very plain that the way of salvation is open to all. Even this Moabitess girl could come to know the Living Saviour. We must remember the way to God is through sacrifice and Jesus reminds us that He is our sacrifice. **Hebrews 10:12**, *But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; Acts 4:12*, *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*
 11. Boaz makes it very plain her attachment to this property.
- f. **And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself**
1. **Ruth 4:6**, *And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it.*

2. I am sure that those were words that Boaz rejoiced hearing. *I cannot redeem it for myself,*
3. This near kinsman does not beat around the bush. He does not say wait until I check it out, or let me go pray about it. He comes back with an answer right away.
4. It reminds me of the Lord's people; when God speaks to us we need to move out with a sense of urgency and do what He has called us to do. **2 Corinthians 6:2**, *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*
5. Some of the spiritual lessons in this passage are paramount.
6. This is a marvelous picture of the Lord Jesus Christ. Who the Bible says He became us. **Hebrews 7:26**, *For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;*
7. He was willing to give all; give up the glory with the Father. He maintained His Deity and His humanity but never used the two at the same time.
8. Jesus was willing to give all for the sins of mankind. **Galatians 4:4**, *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*
9. Boaz was willing to give all for Ruth. What a marvelous picture of the Lord Jesus Christ. **John 3:16**, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
10. Ruth is a part of the Moabites prohibition however; Boaz is ready to make her a member of his household. Although Adam plunged the whole human race into sin. **1 Corinthians 15:22**, *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*
11. The law could not redeem – it was impossible but the blood of Christ took care of the problem for us. **Romans 3:20**, *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*
12. The law was never given to redeem. The law was given to reveal man's depravity and his true condition. **Romans 10:4**, *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*
13. Paul refers to it as ministration of condemnation in **2 Corinthians 3:9**, *For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.* Or the ministration of death in **2 Corinthians 3:7**, *But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:*
14. Ruth needed a Saviour; she needed somebody to step forth and Boaz is willing to take that leap although he is not considering his own property, he is free to take care of this action and make it right under the Mosaic Law. He is now the next of kin. Likewise also Mary the mother of Jesus needed a saviour. **Luke 1:46-47**, *And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, 47: And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

15. When you ask, Are you saved? I often hear people say I hope so, maybe so, I think so or I live by the Ten Commandments or the golden rule. Some even say they are religious.
16. Nicodemus was a very religious person but Jesus said to him “*Ye must be born again.*”
17. In order to be born again we must go and claim the kinsman redeemer who is the one that took our place on the cross and paid the penalty for our sins. **1 Timothy 2:5**, *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*
18. Dying on the cross – He makes a covenant with us. I can tell you that covenant can NEVER be broken. **John 19:30**, *When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. John 1:12*, *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

g. Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing

1. **Ruth 4:7**, Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, *for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel.*
2. This question came up during the previous chapter. What does it mean by plucking off the shoe?
3. It means that you are attesting to whatever it is that is about to take place.
4. *concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things;*
5. If we are ready to take action, we immediately sign a contract. Plucking off the shoe means the action is binding.
6. Notice this is done before the ten elders sitting at the gate. The other kinsman has stated that he could not redeem or it would mar his own inheritance.
7. We must remember that the Lord Jesus Christ is our mediator. **1 Timothy 2:5**, *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*
8. Our salvation is a covenant from God.
9. He has attested to the fact that it is guaranteed by God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. **1 Peter 1:3-5**, *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4: To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5: Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*
10. We do not need to add to the salvation process. We do not need to go beyond Scripture. **We must remember salvation is a transaction between God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and not one iota is left to mankind.**
11. Boaz has taken the place of Ruth in this particular situation.
12. The Lord Jesus Christ takes our place. **Hebrews 7:26**, *For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Romans 5:8*, *But God commendeth his love*

toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **1 Thessalonians 5:9-10**, For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, **10**: Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

13. Boaz is acting on Ruth's behalf just like the Lord Jesus Christ acts on our behalf.
14. The shoe comes off and now Boaz can claim Ruth to be his wife. **Ephesians 6:15**, And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
15. In order to get saved we must have peace with God. **Romans 5:1**, Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
16. Jesus Christ is our peace. **Ephesians 2:14**, For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour?
- b. **John 3:16**, For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life
- c. It is **only** the Lord Jesus Christ who can save mankind. There are not six thousand ways to get to God; there is one way. **John 14:6**, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- d. **Romans 3:23**, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- e. **Romans 3:10**, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
- f. **Romans 10:9-10**, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10**: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- g. Please stand.

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