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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

AND SHE TOLD HER ALL THAT THE MAN HAD DONE TO HER

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SCRIPTURE READING: **RUTH 3:15-18**

Ruth 3:16, *And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.*

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message August 11, 2019

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. **Chapter 3** of the **Book of Ruth** is an exciting chapter indeed. We saw from previous chapters that Ruth would be in the company of the maidens of Boaz and She would not go to any other field. Naomi was pleased with that.
- b. As we look at this Chapter we find that the scene shifts from the field to the threshing floor. We are going to look at details about the threshing floor so we will clearly understand what is about to take place. These floors have come into prominence because of the Biblical events which occurred on or near them.
- c. Joseph with his kinsmen and Egyptian followers halted for seven days at the threshing-floor of Atad to lament the death of Jacob. **Genesis 50:10**, *And they came to the threshingfloor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days.*
- d. Probably there was a group of floors furnishing a convenient spot for a caravan to stop. Travelers today welcome the sight of a threshing-floor at their halting-place. The hard, level spot is a much preferable to the surrounding stony fields for their tents.
- e. David built an altar on Ornan's (Araunah's) threshing-floor. **2 Samuel 24:18-24**, *And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite. 19: And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded. 20: And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. 21: And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people. 22: And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto*

him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood. **23:** All these things did Araunah, as a king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee. **24:** And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

- f. **1 Chronicles 21:18-27**, Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. **19:** And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD. **20:** And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. **21:** And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. **22:** Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshingfloor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people. **23:** And Ornan said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give thee the oxen also for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat offering; I give it all. **24:** And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost. **25:** So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. **26:** And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering. **27:** And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.
- g. This later became the site of the Temple. **2 Chronicles 3:1**, Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.) David probably chose this place for his altar because it was on an elevation, and the ground was already level and prepared by rolling.
- h. Uzzah died near the threshing-floor of Nacon for touching the ark **2 Samuel 6:6**, And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.
- i. Ruth reveals herself to Boaz on his threshing-floor **Ruth 3:6-9**, And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her. **7:** And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down. **8:** And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. **9:** And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.
- j. Threshing-floors are in danger of being robbed. **1 Samuel 23:1**, Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors..
- k. For this reason, someone always sleeps on the floor until the grain is removed

Ruth 3:7, *And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.*

- l. In Syria, at the threshing season, it is customary for the family to move out to the vicinity of the threshing-floor. A booth is constructed for shade; the mother prepares the meals and takes her turn with the father and children at riding on the sledge.
- m. The instruments of the threshing-floor referred to in **2 Samuel 24:22**, *And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood.* were probably:
 - 1. the wooden drag or sledge,
 - 2. the fan (fork), for separating straw from wheat;
 - 3. shovel, for tossing the wheat into the air in winnowing;
 - 4. broom, for sweeping the floor between threshing and for collecting the wheat after winnowing;
 - 5. goad,
 - 6. the yoke,
 - 7. sieve,
 - 8. dung catcher,
- n. Naomi is not pleased that Ruth has not placed her claim on Boaz as a kinsman redeemer, which she had every right to do. So Naomi takes over the situation and as we look at the first verse we see that she gives Ruth specific instructions as to what she needs to do.
- o. She has already seen that Boaz was completely and totally in love with Ruth, and as a result Ruth should be placing her claim on him. Of course Ruth, being a Moabite, probably did not fully understand the Mosaic Law and what it entailed.
- p. We will now look at the third Mosaic Law from the **Book of Deuteronomy**. **Deuteronomy 25:5-9**, *If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. 6: And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel. 7: And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother. 8: Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her; 9: Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.*
- q. I am sure that your first response to this law is quite unusual because it is certainly not something we practice today. It was apparently enforced many times in the Nation of Israel. God did this for a specific reason.
- r. I do not want you to miss a couple of things from these verses. First of all it only applies to the **widow that was childless**. If there were children then this law does not apply.
- s. In fact, it was a duty to the dead husband so that his name would not be

forgotten in Israel. It places the widow in a very unique position. Ruth did not understand so Naomi instructs her as to what she must do. Before we act in a negative sense to this law, let's cover a couple of things as to why the Lord has placed this law in existence.

- t. On a lighter note, I am sure that every member of the family was very interested as to who a man was marrying.
- u. Let's talk about God's provision for the Nation Israel.
- v. We must keep in mind that the Mosaic Law was specifically for the Nation Israel and not for the church. **Romans 10:4**, *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*
- w. The first thing that comes to mind here is the fact that God wanted to protect womanhood. Sometimes when the man dies, there are a lot of loose ends that a wife certainly would have problems mastering and taking care of. The law was to protect that. We must understand that God had a reason for everything He does.
- x. The second reason is because God intended to protect the land rights.
- y. He had given Israel the land and He wanted to make sure it did not fall into the hands of strangers. **Leviticus 25:23**, *The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.*
- z. As a matter of fact, we know that in the year of Jubilee, since there might have been some difficulties along the way, that God provided that the land would be returned to the original owner.
- aa. This law was designed to protect and retain the title to the land within the family of the Israelites.
- ab. In the case of Ruth and Naomi, the property that belonged to her husband had been lost and they were now poverty stricken.
- ac. Boaz had every right to claim them as the near **kinsman redeemer**.
- ad. We do know that there was another kinsman that was closer than Boaz. **Ruth 3:12**, *And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.*
- ae. Ruth could have placed her claim on either one of those men. Of course, now it is Ruth's move and not Boaz.
- af. Naomi wants to make sure that this relationship does not go sour. She instructs Ruth and gives her specific instruction as to what to do.
- ag. Hopefully, I have shed a positive light on this law for those of us who do not practice this today, nor understand it in many cases.
- ah. We must remember that the Israelites were an agriculture type people and many of the laws pertained to agriculture.
- ai. If you recall, the threshing floor was to be located on top of a hill to take advantage of the wind blowing in order to blow the chaff away. At the bottom of the hill was a wine press.
- aj. It was easier to take the grapes downhill than to carry them uphill. I could not help but to remember when I was growing up that we would have some occasion to go up hill but it was much more difficult and took a greater amount of energy.
- ak. Gideon was at the bottom of the hill attempting to thresh grain to hide it from the Midianites. **Judges 6:11**, *And there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and*

his son Gideon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites.

- al. An angel of the Lord appeared unto him and did not look at his position of being afraid of the Midianites but he looked forward to Gideon's potential. **Judges 6:12**, *And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.*
- am. I am sure that Gideon being afraid wondered who the angel was talking about. But God was fixing to use him in a great and mighty way.
- an. If you recall, God had Gideon to scale down his army to 300 men in order to carry out the will of God. **Judges 7:2**, *And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. Judges 7:6*, *And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.*
- ao. We do not need a large force in order to do God's work. What the Lord needs is people who are sold out to Him and have a willing heart.
- ap. Naomi and Ruth are back in God's will and Naomi is going to give Ruth some instructions.
- aq. I have attempted to share a little about the threshing floor with you: to give you some of the background.
- ar. With respect to the shoe, let's back-track and see what the Word of God says. **Deuteronomy 25:9**, *Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.*
- as. I want to address a couple of things: What is the significance of the shoe from off the foot? We have said many times that the way we get truth from Scriptures is that we must allow the Bible to interpret itself. **1 Corinthians 2:13**, *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
- at. Although we can make application and there are certain things that will come out of Scripture and benefit us personally, let's let the Word of God speak in this particular case. **Colossians 2:8**, *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*
- au. In **Deuteronomy 25** we read about the Mosaic Law which was given to the nation Israel. The KJV 1611 not only has a built in dictionary but also has a built in commentary. It also has rhythm and everything matches. Although we know it was written by over 40 authors over a period of 1500 years, it is indeed God-breathed. **2 Peter 1:21**, *For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*
- av. We must not tamper with the Preserved Word of God that He has left for us, which matches perfectly with the Living Word seated at the right hand of the Father. **Psalms 12:6-7**, *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. 2 Timothy 3:16-17*, *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17: That the man of God may be*

perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

- aw. Here is what God's word says in **Ruth 4:7-8**, *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. 8: Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe.* So we see as we rightly divide the Word of Truth, the taking off the shoe was a contractual agreement and was intended for Israel, not the Church.
- ax. It was simply a binding contract. Of course today we use a signature to prove that you agree with what is stated in the contract and you will execute the terms of what is written therein. Here, it was plucking off of the shoe.
- ay. I must say that she was to spit in his face. When one was not doing what they were supposed to do there is a negative side. We notice that as Boaz made the contract with the near kinsman, he did not spit in his face but this widow was authorized to do that only because this brother would not raise up seed in order to protect the name of the dead brother in Israel.
- az. You will recall that the threshing floor was circular. They would cut the grain and take it to the threshing floor, pile it in the middle, then occasionally pull down part of it as the oxen or whatever animal they used would trample and that would separate the grain on the threshing floor. In the late afternoons and early evenings, they would take advantage of the breeze. As long as there was a breeze, they would thresh.
- ba. After the sheaves of grain were spread on the threshing floor and the animal trampled the grain, people took a flange and threw the grain in the air and the wind would blow the chaff away. The good grain would fall back on to the threshing floor.
- bb. When the wind died down, they would have a religious feast. That religious feast was to thank God for the abundant harvest.
- bc. After the feast was over they would sleep around the grain to protect it. Their method of sleeping was the head would go toward the grain and the feet would stick out. We will see this come clearly into focus as we notice that Ruth was at the feet of Boaz. **Ruth 3:4**, *And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.*
- bd. I must emphasize once again that this was a public place. It was either owned by one person or by the entire neighborhood.
- be. As we understand the law of the **kinsman redeemer**, it applies to the widow.

3. THREE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

I. He measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her

1. **Ruth 3:15**, *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.***
2. Boaz is beginning to give Ruth engagement gifts, if you will.
3. Even before he is able to take care of the matter, He gives her a very generous gift. He gives this to Ruth and it is for Naomi as well.

m. And she told her all that the man had done to her

1. **Ruth 3:16**, *And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? **And she told her all that the man had done to her.***

2. We must be very careful that we do not misunderstand God's Word. We must put it all in context and assure that it is rightly divided. **2 Timothy 2:15**, *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
3. Some Bible scholars would have us to believe that Naomi did not know who Ruth was. They use the phrase, *who art thou* to support their theory. However when we take it in context using the entire phrase she states *who art thou my daughter.*
4. Not only did she recognize who she was, but her question was did you follow my instructions and accomplish the mission.
5. Naomi wants to know if Ruth is going to be Mrs. Boaz. As Ruth laid all the details out to Naomi, naturally Naomi was rejoicing because she knew Boaz was the solution in order to redeem all she had lost when they went into the land of Moab.

n. These six measures of barley gave he me

1. **Ruth 3:17-18**, *And she said, **These six measures of barley gave he me;** for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law. **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.*
2. Ruth can relax because all she needed to do has been done. She has claimed Boaz, and he has given her a generous gift so she doesn't go empty-handed to her mother-in-law.
3. Naomi tells Ruth to sit still until she knows how everything works out.
4. In other words, Boaz will take care of this matter and he will not rest until he accomplished the mission. This is top priority action for Boaz.
5. I firmly believe that once an individual has heard the Gospel, they need to move in an expeditious manner. **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.)*
6. The Bible says Jesus has finished all the work that is required. The work of redemption has been complete.
7. Boaz is beginning to do the work of redemption. He is going to make sure everything is in order. If we were to understand how God saves and what it is all about, we would never question our salvation.
8. **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.* He has paid the penalty for sin. Everything that is required to go to heaven has already been done by the Son.
9. There is nothing we can do to add to our salvation.
10. I am so thankful for the song: Jesus Paid it All. All to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow. Written by M.H. Hall.
11. The work of redemption is in the Lord Jesus Christ. He accomplished it all for us. By trusting Him as personal Saviour all of our sins; past, present and future have been totally dealt with by the Lord Jesus Christ.
12. NO we are not under the law; we are under grace. The grace of God provides salvation to all.
13. It is not about being a member of a church, keeping the Ten

Commandments, or doing the best you can. There is nothing further from the truth.

14. We cannot go to Heaven by our efforts or our good works. **Titus 3:5**, *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; John 3:14-15, And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*
15. Do you know the Saviour? **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.*
16. A body has been prepared for the Lord Jesus Christ. **Hebrews 10:5**, *Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:*
17. Sacrifice and offerings to God He did not want. All the animals in the Old Testament that were sacrificed was pointing to the time that the perfect Lamb of God would go to the cross and die for the sins of mankind. **John 1:29**, *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*
18. It is faith in God that activates the process of salvation. We are saved by grace through faith. We are in Christ; His blood has cleansed us from all sin. **Hebrews 9:22**, *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.* Faith enables us to lay hold on the salvation plan that Jesus has given us.
19. Trusting in Him as personal Saviour puts one in the body of Christ and we are complete in Him. **Colossians 2:10**, *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 1 Corinthians 12:13, For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*
20. We conclude **Ruth Chapter 3**.
21. As Naomi said to Ruth, *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.*
22. The work of redemption has been complete. **Psalms 46:10**, *Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.* What God has promised, God has delivered. **2 Peter 1:4**, *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*
23. It is **only** the Lord Jesus Christ who can save mankind.
24. 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.*
25. We praise God for the Book of Ruth.

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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