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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A FULL REWARD BE GIVEN THEE OF THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, UNDER WHOSE WINGS THOU ART COME TO TRUST

PASTOR HOWARD DANIEL, JR. SUNDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18, 2019 SCRIPTURE READING: **RUTH 2:12-23**

Ruth 2:12, The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message August 11, 2019

2. INTRODUCTION

Refer to the Morning message August 18, 2019

3. EIGHT POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- I. A full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou are come to trust.
 - 1. Ruth 2:12, The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.
 - 2. Both Ruth and Naomi were saved individuals. Naomi said she went out full and returned empty. In other words, she had gotten out of the will of God and she had lost fellowship with Him. She certainly did not loose her salvation but like David she lost her joy. Psalms 51:12, Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.
 - 3. I can tell you I firmly believe that the most miserable person is the saved individual who is out of fellowship with the Lord.
 - 4. This individual is not in the place where God has called them to be, they are grieving the Holy Spirit, and are trying to do things on their own. **Ephesians**4:30, And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
 - 5. One of the pitfalls is that God does care about His people. He calls us and places us in various positions where He can use our talent, skills and our abilities He has given us. We are either where He wants us or we are not.
 - 6. Always remember God cannot use us until we come to know the True and Living God and that can only be done through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
 - 7. After redemption, we are to go into the vineyard and work. Matthew 20:4,

- And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.
- 8. We must not destroy God's vineyard. **Jeremiah 12:10**, Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
- 9. Our rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ will be based on our stewardship and faithfulness.
- 10. God does not care about the amount of work, but are we faithful to the task and are we where He has called us.
- 11. We believers need to get rid of our chips and stop allowing people to drive us from where God has called us.

m. Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord

- 1. **Ruth 2:13,** Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.
- 2. We can understand her reaction because of what she has been told; that she would be an outcast.
- 3. Aren't you glad that men and women do not know the answers?
- 4. Always remember we operate under the providence of God.
- 5. If we are obedient, He will never leave us nor forsake us and He has placed us in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. **Ephesians 2:6**, And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
- 6. We need to lay a hold of His blessings.
- 7. **Psalms 23:4-6**, Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. **5:** Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. **6:** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.
- 8. God has a provision for us. We can live the abundant life here on Earth.
- 9. If we will focus on God and what He is able to do and not focus on our circumstances, we are in Heavenly places. **Ephesians 2:6**, And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
- 10. We live where there are so many self-inflicted wounds.
- 11. Here this damsel says, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.
- 12. She reminds Boaz that she is a foreigner. To Boaz it makes no difference.
- 13. The Bible states emphatically that it makes no difference where we have been or where we come from, how wicked we have been or how good we are; the Lord Jesus Christ came to save us all. He came to meet our needs and give us what we need to take care of business for Him. Luke 5:32, I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
- 14. Let's take a look at the interest of Boaz.
- 15. I had indicated earlier we did not know what time of day it was; however, it looks like it was before lunch time because Boaz is about to give Ruth another privilege that was not given to all the poor.

- n. At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar.
 - 1. **Ruth 2:14,** And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.
 - 2. she did eat, and was sufficed, and left. It was sufficient to meet her need and she was full.
 - 3. I want you notice that Boaz is expressing an interest in Ruth.
 - 4. I don't know about your courtship with your wife but there were times when Mrs. Daniel and I just wanted to see each other. The distance and the miles did not matter.
 - 5. Boaz has fallen in love with this girl: it is love at first sight.
 - Not only does he invite her to lunch but he tells her eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. Notice her position - And she sat beside the reapers:
 - 7. By sitting by the reapers that put her in a position to establish a relationship with the reapers.
 - 8. Boaz is fixing to give her other privileges.
 - 9. Notice the next two verses.

o. Let her glean even among thy sheaves, and reproach her not

- Ruth 2:15-16, And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:
 16: And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.
- 2. In other words, she was given special privileges to get the good grain. In the end she had gathered around a bushel and three pints and returned to Naomi.
- 3. Love causes folks to do extraordinary things.
- 4. The Lord Jesus Christ loved us dearly. The Bible says in Romans 5:8, But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- 5. Ruth was a very lovely lady, but there is nothing lovable about her, nor us, in the sight of the Lord. As a matter of fact, the Bible says in Romans 7:18, For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.
- 6. Remember we were created to have fellowship with God.
- 7. One of these days we will return to the time of the original innocent man Adam back in the Garden of Eden, when he disobeyed God, he died spiritually and plunged the whole human race into sin. He could no longer walk and have fellowship with God in the cool of the day.
- 8. God indicated that He made man for His glory. Isaiah 43:7, Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.
- 9. Here, Boaz not only tells the reapers to not reproach her if she gets to close, but let some of the grain fall so she can get it.
- 10. Ruth takes advantage of the privilege that Boaz gives her.
- p. So she gleaned in the field until even
 - 1. Ruth 2:17, So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had

- gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.
- 2. I must emphasize once again that Ruth was not lazy. She put in a full day's work and was able to glean quite a bit.
- 3. Boaz made it easier for her because he instructed them to let her glean in the most productive part of the field.

q. Where hast thou gleaned today? And where wroughtest thou?

- 1. Ruth 2:18-19, And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed. 19: And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz.
- 2. Bringing in that generous amount of grain, Naomi knew that someone had to have had favor on her.
- 3. She knew all the time that she was out with Boaz and Boaz was really interested in Ruth.
- 4. She commends her for a day's work and for the abundant harvest she had brought back.
- 5. They were poor but they would certainly have food on the table.

r. Blessed be he of the Lord...The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.

- Ruth 2:20, And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, <u>Blessed be he of the LORD</u>, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, <u>The man is near of kin unto us</u>, <u>one of our next kinsmen</u>.
- 2. Now that the women are back in the Lord's will, Naomi's attitude has totally changed.
- 3. As a matter of fact she told the people to call her Mira because she went out full and came back empty. Ruth 1:20-21, And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. 21: I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?
- 4. And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead.
- 5. If I could get God's people to get into God's will and do what He has called them to do, get their eyes off petty things that happen in every church on Earth, get their shoulders to the wheel and realize that we have younger and older people dying and going to hell. Remember that all things work together for the good. Romans 8:28, And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
- 6. There is a need for Chesswood Baptist Church's presence in our subdivisions, nursing homes, hospitals and the like.
- 7. Folks we have the truth and we are to share it with a lost and dying world.
- 8. I know it causes us to sacrifice sometimes, but you know sacrificial giving is what God is all about. Luke 6:38, Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be

- measured to you again.
- 9. He called us to do a job and do it to excellence. **Ecclesiastes 9:10**, <u>Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.</u>
- 10. In this verse Naomi not only praises the Lord for His kindness but introduces us to another law.
- 11. Now that we are at the end of this chapter, we will discuss the Mosaic law that speaks of the **kinsman**. The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.
- 12. Let's look at the **law of the kinsman redeemer.**
- 13. This law of the kinsman redeemer is found in Leviticus 25.
- 14. Let me state that this law operates in three different areas. We will see this unfold very clearly.
- 15. The Law speaks in relation to the land, in relation to individuals, and in relation to widows.
- 16. I need you to keep this in mind as we go further and review this law.
- 17. First, we find that Boaz was related to Naomi's husband.
- 18. We are not sure how close of kin they were but there is a possibility that they were cousins, the sons of two brothers.
- 19. Therefore, we can conclude that Boaz was a cousin to Ruth's first husband. This is why Naomi tells Ruth Boaz is a **kinsman redeemer.**
- 20. Let's look at the law with respect to the land.
- 21. **Leviticus 25:23-24**, 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.
- 22. The question is how does God carry this out?
- 23. The answer is in the next verses. Leviticus 25:25-28, 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. 26: And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it; 27: Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession. 28: But if he be not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubile: and in the jubile it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.
- 24. This is the **law of the kinsman redeemer** concerning the land.
- 25. When God gave Israel the Promised Land. He gave them a title deed of 300,000 square miles. They were to possess the entire territory, however they only possess approximately 30,000 square miles.
- 26. If you recall this title deed was not for a certain period of time it was forever.
- 27. It was however based on the faithfulness of the children of Israel.
- 28. When Israel was obedient to God they could continue to occupy the land. However, if they were disobedient they were thrust off the land.
- 29. This law in particular was for protection of the land to keep it in the family.
- 30. There are provisions that are made for those who have fallen on hard times. If a man had to sell his land because he was poor then in the years of Jubilee it was restored to the original owner.
- 31. However, if there was a possibility that someone in the family a kinsman

- **redeemer** if you will, was able to redeem the land and was willing to redeem it, it could be redeemed at any time and given back to the original owner.
- 32. There was also a provision in the law where the original owner could redeem it himself, providing he was willing and able.
- 33. We must understand God chose the Nation Israel because He loved them.
- 34. Deuteronomy 7:7-8, The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: 8: But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.
- 35. He laid out rules and laws for their protection.
- 36. It is absurd for a member of the body of Christ to think that they can put themselves under or keep the Mosaic Law for the purpose of being saved or keeping themselves saved.
- 37. It will not happen my friend.
- 38. This is the law with respect to the land.
- 39. There is also a portion of this law concerning individuals.
- Let's look at the law concerning individuals. Leviticus 25:47 -55, And if a 40. sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family: 48: After that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him: 49: Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself. 50: And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubile: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years, according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him. 51: If there be vet many years behind, according unto them he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. 52: And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubile, then he shall count with him, and according unto his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption. 53: And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: and the other shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight. 54: And if he be not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of jubile, both he, and his children with him. 55: For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.
- 41. Even in the nation of Israel, unfortunate circumstances did arise.
- 42. God has indeed made provisions in the Mosaic Laws.
- 43. We have dealt with the property. Not only a man might lose his property but perhaps for some reason his children are in poverty and he needs to sell himself in slavery in order to feed his family.
- 44. There are provisions made that in the year of jubilee, all of this is canceled.
- 45. There is a possibility that there was a long time until the year of jubilee, which is the fiftieth year that he may live and die in slavery.
- 46. If there be a rich relative that was able and willing to redeem, such as Boaz, he could serve as a **kinsman redeemer**.

- 47. The brother that was sold into slavery could be redeemed by paying off the price and the victim would then be set free.
- 48. This is again, a picture of the **kinsman redeemer** with respect to the individual.
- 49. The <u>kinsman redeemer</u> is a picture of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- 50. He is the one who redeemed us. Galatians 3:13, Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 1 Timothy 2:5, For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
- 51. As indicated before, the word "atonement" covers up sin, but redemption pays the price so that the one who is redeemed may go free. John 8:36, <u>lf the Son</u> therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.
- 52. You and I live in bondage. You might not realize it. We were lost and undone. It took the blood of Christ in order to pay the price. I am redeemed my friend and I thank God for that redemption.
- 53. Had it not been for Jesus Christ, none of us would be able to claim a home in Heaven because none of us are worthy.
- 54. This is a biblical example of Boaz as a **kinsman redeemer**. This is one of the reasons why we have chosen the opportunity to present the Book of Ruth to you.
- 55. God can redeem lost sinners because Jesus has paid the price.
- 56. Our salvation is a love story of redemption. 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.
- 57. He illustrates this through this foreign Moabites girl.
- s. He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest
 - 1. Ruth 2:21-23, And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalf keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. 22: And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field. 23: So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law.
 - 2. We will consider the other part of the law in the next Chapter.
 - 3. That law deals with the widows.
 - 4. The harvest period was approximately six weeks long.
 - 5. Every day Ruth was out there gleaning in the field in order to provide food on the table for the family.
 - 6. She did not neglect Naomi when they got back to Bethlehem.
 - 7. Now she has attracted the attention of a very rich man named Boaz who wants to redeem her but there two things that were necessary for this to happen.
 - a. She must claim him.
 - b. He had to be the very nearest kin.
 - 8. We will find out in the next chapter that there was a **kinsman redeemer** that was closer to Ruth and Naomi than Boaz.
 - 9. We must remember that the **kinsman redeemer** had to not only be able to redeem but also to be willing to redeem.

- 10. The Lord Jesus Christ met that requirement as far as you and I are concerned. He was both able to save but also willing to save.
- 11. What a wonderful Saviour we have. Hebrews 7:25, Wherefore he is <u>able also to save</u> them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. John 10:18, No man taketh it from me, but <u>I lay it down of myself</u>. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.
- 12. It has been a great ride through this chapter.
- 13. I hope you have learned something concerning the Mosaic Law and how God protected the nation Israel. I hope also you have learned that a believer is not under the Mosaic Law. Romans 10:4, For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

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 <u>only</u> 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.
- a. Please stand.

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