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I WILL DO TO THEE ALL THAT THOU REQUIREST

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SCRIPTURE READING: **RUTH 3:1-14**

Ruth 3:11, And now, my daughter, fear not; <u>I will do to thee all that thou requirest:</u> for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message August 11, 2019

2. INTRODUCTION

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- 3. ELEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE
 - a. My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee
 - 1. Ruth 3:1, Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?
 - 2. The word "shall I not seek rest for thee," has to do with marriage.
 - 3. When Naomi was urging her daughters in law to stay in the land of Moab; they were to find rest in their husbands house. Ruth 1:9, The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.
 - 4. Now she is seeking rest for Ruth. In other words, Ruth was not moving fast enough to claim Boaz. Naomi wants to make sure the "big fish" does not get away. Keep in mind Ruth was a widow with no children which qualifies her to be redeem under the mosaic law.
 - b. And now is not Boaz of our kindred
 - 1. **Ruth 3:2,** And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor.
 - 2. Naomi not only told Ruth that Boaz is the kinsman redeemer, but she wants her to fully understand that she has every right to claim him.
 - 3. Boaz cannot make a move until Ruth stakes her claim on who she wants as a kinsman redeemer.
 - 4. Later on we will find out that there was another kinsman that was closer than Boaz.
 - 5. Naomi knows the schedule of Boaz. She informs Ruth that Boaz will be on the threshing floor this very night, so she needs to go up and stake her claim on him.
 - 6. The word winnoweth simple means to blow a current off air through grain in

order to remove the chaff.

c. Get thee down to the floor

- 1. **Ruth 3:3,** Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and **get thee down to the floor:** but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.
- 2. There are several way that this could have been done. She could have gone to the gate which was the courthouse of that day, among the elders, to stake her claim on Boaz.
- 3. Naomi thought there was a better way to do it. She tells Ruth to wait until the religious feast is over.
- 4. If you recall, they would thresh wheat while the wind was blowing and after the wind stopped, they would have a religious feast thanking the Lord for the abundant harvest.
- 5. They would sleep around the grain to keep the enemy from coming in and stealing the grain.
- 6. So far, Ruth has done nothing to stake her claim on Boaz.
- 7. Naomi is becoming anxious. I believe this has direct application to the church and specifically to the plan of salvation that Jesus Christ provided for us.
- 8. There are **four steps** that Naomi has instructed Ruth to take. These steps correspond to God's salvation plan.
 - a. Wash thyself therefore, If we are going to come to Christ, we have to understand that it is not by works of righteousness which we have done.

 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;
 - 1. Religion will not do the job. Jesus told Nicodemus you have to be born spiritually. John 3:3, Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
 - 2. John 3:7, Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. When we look at the word "ye" in the Word of God it simply means not only Nicodemus had to be born again, but everyone else has to be born again as well.
 - 3. Any time we teach or preach and do not set forth the Gospel message, we have missed what God would have us to do. 1Corinthians 15:1-4, Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2, By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3, For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
 - 4, And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: According to the aforementioned verses speaking in tongues has nothing to do with the gospel. Therefore the term full gospel represents false doctrine. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 is the full gospel according to the Preserved

word of God.

- 4. So **the first step** was for Ruth to wash thyself therefore, We cannot wash ourselves; we have to understand that there is only one way and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ. **John 15:3**, Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
- 5. We must turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. Our religion, good works, doing the best we can, and keeping the Ten Commandments will not do the job.
- b. **The second step** Naomi tells Ruth is *and anoint thee*, I am sure after the death of Ruth's husband she had allowed herself to slip a little; probably still mourning for her husband.
 - 1. Naomi tells Ruth what is necessary for her to do is to wash and anoint herself.
 - 2. Having said that, let's return to the verse we are looking at and see what else we can glean from God's Word.
 - 3. If you recall we were looking at Ruth 3:3, Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking.
 - 4. anoint thee,- When we compare this to the Christian experience; first of all God wants us to know that when He saves us, we enter into the family of God by position as a full grown son.
 - 5. We are able then to understand divine truth, providing we allow the Holy Spirit to speak to us. John 16:13, Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
 - 6. We have the anointing. There is some misunderstanding concerning the anointing so let's stay with the Word of God and see what it says. 1 John 2:20, But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. Unction is anointing.
 - 7. The Spirit of God puts the new believer in a position so that we can stay away from error and understand divine truth.
 - 8. We must understand that the Bible must in fact be rightly divided. God will guide us into all truth. That is the purpose of having the Holy Spirit. The Preserved Word of God must be our final authority for faith and practice. Only when one is born again the Author of the Bible is with us all the time.
 - 9. We must allow the Holy Spirit to teach us. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, 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. 10: But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. The Spirit of God is able to teach us.
 - 10. We must not allow men and women to tamper with the Preserved Word of God and we must never be ignorant of what the Bible teaches. The Bible is inspired there is no question about that. It is preserved forever. 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. Psalms 12:6-7, The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

<u>Ps 12:7, Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.</u>

- 11. It is very important for us to understand that the Spirit of God must be our teacher. 1 Corinthians 2:10, <u>But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.</u>
- 12. We need to recognize that when we are born again, we are given the Holy Spirit, the anointing of the Spirit, and we are able to understand all of these things. 1 John 2:27, But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.
- 13. This does not mean we do not have human beings to teach us. The human beings who are teaching us must teach us the Preserved Word of God. We must declare all the council of God. Acts 20:27, For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Ephesians 4:11-12, And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12: For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 1 Corinthians 14:19, Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue. 2 Timothy 2:2, And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
- 14. When all the counsel of God is taught it will enlighten the saints as to what the truth of the Word is.
- I have said many times before that we need to be prepared for the day of apostasy, if we are seeking divine truth, we must be willing to compare spiritual things with spiritual things. 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.
- 16. Our truth must not be based on tradition of men, philosophy, but absolutely must be based on the Word of God and His Word only. 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.
- 17. If that means we need to get rid of preconceived notions then so be it.
- 18. So Ruth was to anoint herself.
- 19. The Bible tells us to anoint ourselves. **Ephesians 6:11-18**, Put on the

whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13: Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14: Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15: And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16: Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17: And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

- 20. Clearly we can make application using God's plan of salvation based on the aforementioned verse in the Book of Ruth.
- c. **The third step** Naomi tells Ruth is put thy raiment upon thee, In other words make yourself attractive. and put thy raiment upon thee,
 - 1. She needed to rid herself of her mourning apparel and move with haste and go down and claim Boaz.
 - 2. As far as the believer is concerned, when we accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, we must understand that He is our righteousness.
 - 3. We are clothed in the righteousnesses of Christ.
 - 4. No one can lose their salvation because we cannot lose the righteousness of Christ once we have it.
 - 5. He not only subtracts our sins, but He regenerates us He makes us a child of God. He gives us a make-over with His righteousness if you will.
 - 6. We are clothed in His righteousness. 2 Corinthians 5:4, For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Revelation 3:5, He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. Revelation 3:18, I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. Romans 3:22, Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
 - 7. Paul speaks of a garment which indicates we are clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
 - 8. We also stand complete in Him. Colossians 2:10, And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: Ephesians 1:6, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
 - 9. Once we trust Christ as our Saviour that robe of righteousness that

- He gives us is put over the sinner and God the Father is able to view us through Jesus Christ's precious blood. Romans 4:25, Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.
- 10. This is so we can have a righteous standing before God. 2

 Corinthians 5:21, For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

 We are clothed in a robe of righteousness. That is the reason we do not have to get ready for Heaven. Everything that is required to go to Heaven has already been done by the Son.
- 11. What an important illustration of the plan of salvation contained in the **Book of Ruth** that sets forth a love story of the kinsman redeemer.
- d. **The fourth step** that Naomi tells Ruth to do is to act on what she is supposed to claim.
 - 1. She tells her to get down to the threshing floor and let this man know that you claim him as a kinsman redeemer.
 - 2. and get thee down to the floor: Once we know Christ as Saviour we need to act on it.
 - 3. He tells us once He saves us we are seated in Heavenly places. **Ephesians 2:6**, And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
 - 4. Once He saves us He gives us the abundant life. John 10:10, The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
 - 5. Believers do not have to be miserable as they go through this life. We must remember we are seated 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: Psalms 23:4, 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.
 - 6. How foolish it is for one to think they can lose God's salvation. **John 10:28**, <u>And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.</u>
 - 7. Salvation is of the Lord. It is a transaction between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Jonah 2:9**, But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.
- d. All that thou sayest unto me I will do
 - Ruth 3:4-6, 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. 5: And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do. 6: And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.
 - 2. Ruth is following the instructions of Naomi. Once again, there is nothing improper about this activity. There are some who have criticized this thinking

- something is going on out of the ordinary.
- 3. The threshing floor was a public place; the harvesters and their families were there. When they had finished everything they would have the religious feast, and then someone would sleep with their head toward the grain and their feet would stick out.
- 4. Now we will find that Ruth uncovers Boaz's feet. She follows Naomi's instructions to the T.
- 5. Many want to add to our salvation, we want to say we are saved by grace plus this or plus that. We are saved by grace plus nothing. **Ephesians 2:8-9**, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **9:** Not of works, lest any man should boast
- e. That the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.
 - 1. Ruth 3:7-8, 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.
 - 2. Ruth has followed the instruction of Naomi; she marked the spot where he was to lay, she knew where he was and she went and gently uncovered his feet. This activity was for the sole purpose of placing her claim on Boaz as her kinsman redeemer.
- f. And he said. Who art thou?
 - 1. **Ruth 3:9,** 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.
 - 2. The spreading of the skirt simply means that Ruth had now claimed Boaz as her kinsman redeemer and he has accepted that role.
 - 3. He is going to take over and make the next move. I am sure Boaz was very excited even though there was a nearer kinsman, he informs Ruth, but he is willing to go into the arena and resolve the matter.
 - 4. In accordance with **Ruth 3:11** he advises Ruth not to fear, but indicates he will do whatever is required to complete the transaction.
 - 5. He immediately goes to the gates to resolve the issue. He does this because he is going to have to have witnesses as to what he is about to do. First of all he needs to find the near kinsman.
- g. Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter
 - 1. **Ruth 3:10**, And he said, **Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter:** for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.
 - 2. Ruth had a sterling testimony within the community. As a matter of fact she is called a virtuous woman. **Proverbs 31:10**, Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
 - 3. According to the Mosaic Law Boaz has to assemble the elders. They were at the gates.
 - 4. His petition to the elders was, Ruth claimed him as kinsman redeemer so he wants to follow through with the elders and with the next of kin.
 - 5. Ruth has finally gotten the word that she needed to claim Boaz and she did that on the threshing floor.

- 6. Now she makes it known to Boaz and the matter is discussed between the two of them.
- 7. This clears the way for him to move.
- 8. I am sure as this story unfolds if you truly know Jesus as Saviour, it should bring peace like a river that comes into your heart. Romans 5:1, Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Philippians 4:9, Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.
- 9. When you know where you are going when you leave this world, you are not afraid to die because you know the Lord Jesus Christ has promised those who believe in Him a home in Heaven. 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.
- 10. I thank God for a know- so- salvation. Not hope-so, think-so, or maybe-so. I know! 2 Timothy 1:12, For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 1 John 5:13, These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. Psalms 37:28, For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

h. I will do to thee all that thou requirest

- Ruth 3:11, And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.
- 2. Now that she has gotten across to Boaz that she claims him, he is ready to go to work.
- 3. It is interesting that Ruth is gaining boldness. She had been told she would be an outcast in Bethlehem, because the Mosaic Law shuts out the Moabites.
- 4. She could not enter the congregation of the Lord. **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:
- 5. She has been told by Naomi there was no possibility for her ever to get married and Ruth had accepted her status quo.
- 6. As a matter of fact when Boaz made a move toward her back in the field she was startled.
- 7. Now she is beginning to realize she can claim some things under the Mosaic Law. Both she and Naomi can come out of the poverty situation they are involved in because now they have a kinsman.

i. And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman

- 1. **Ruth 3:12,** And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.
- 2. Boaz had already done his homework. He knew there was a kinsman closer than he was.
- 3. I do not know what the relationship was between the two, but I do know the

- kinsman he speaks of was closer than Boaz.
- 4. There is a possibility that this other man could have been a brother of Elimelech and that would have made Ruth's dead husband his uncle.
- 5. Boaz could have been a cousin of her first husband. I do not know the details about that. Scripture is silent on that matter and we will be silent.
- 6. I want you to know that he is a **kinsman redeemer**, but there is a problem that has arisen. Boaz will have to straighten out the problem. Now that Ruth has claimed him, he takes action.

j. If he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part...

- 1. **Ruth 3:13,** 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.
- 2. Boaz has now committed himself. Ruth has said yes I claim you; Boaz has said yes, I want to be claimed and he is ready to act as a **kinsman redeemer.**
- 3. The other kinsman that is closer must be eliminated first. The Mosaic Law would not allow Boaz to do anything inappropriate so as a result, he tells Ruth he will take action.
- 4. He is willing to redeem. This will take top priority in this man's life.
- 5. He tells her not to go anywhere until in the morning. The highways and roads were very dangerous in those days. They were not safe.
- 6. We have already looked at a verse where they would go in and rob the threshing floor. That is why folks slept with their head toward the grain on threshing floor. Boaz is doing this in order to protect this girl.
- 7. Once again, there is no inappropriate activity taking place. This is all by the providence of God.
- 8. For those of you who have had questions we have looked at this verse earlier we will cover it one more time.

k. And she lay at his feet until the morning

- 1. **Ruth 3:14**, **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.
- 2. The reason why that was a secret was because he did not want the word to get out to the other kinsman. Boaz wanted to handle this matter himself. He wanted to handle it in his own way.
- 3. One of the problems I had when I commanded many thousands of soldiers was the fact that sometimes the actions you were about to take, would leak out. If it did leak out you had a sticky situation on your hands.
- 4. Boaz tells her let it not be known.

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. <u>John 14:6</u>, 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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