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NOW IS NOT BOAZ OF OUR KINDRED

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

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.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Please refer to the May 5, 2022 Evening Message for the Background.

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 this.
- b. As we look at this chapter, we find that the scene shifts from the field to the threshing floor.
- c. I thought it appropriate during this message, to outline God's blueprint for the virtuous woman contained in **Proverbs 31:10-31**.
- d. God reminds us in **Proverbs 31:30-31, Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. 31: Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.**
- e. With the aforementioned verses in mind, there is no question that **God intends for every woman to be a virtuous woman.**
- f. His blueprint is laid out in **Proverbs 31:10-31, Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. 11: The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12: She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. 13: She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. 14: She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. 15: She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. 16: She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. 17: She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. 18: She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. 19: She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. 20: She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. 21: She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. 22: She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. 23: Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. 24: She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. 25: Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. 26: She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. 27: She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. 28: Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. 29: Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. 30: Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. 31: Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.**
- g. The aforementioned passages from the Word of God are extremely rich. We will summarize several key points. **1.** The virtuous woman is one who feareth God and gives Him first priority in her life. **2.** The heart of her husband does safely trust in her so he has no need of spoil. **Ephesians 5:22, Wives, submit**

yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 3. She arises while it is yet dark and prepares well for her household. **4.** She is busy and productive. **5.** Her husband is known in the gates as he sits among the elders. **6.** Strength and honor are her clothing. **7.** She stretches out her hand to the poor. **8.** She is positive and shall rejoice in things to come. **9.** She opens her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue is the law of kindness. **10.** She looks well to the ways of her household. **11.** She is not idle. **12.** Her children rise up and call her blessed. **13.** Her husband also and he praises her.

- h. Certainly, my summary is sparse and not complete. But it gives us a glimpse of what God expects from womanhood.
- i. Let's see what we can glean from **Chapter 3** of the **Book of Ruth** today.

3. THREE 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 husband's 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.

b. 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.
6. 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.

c. Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee,

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 ways that this could have been done.
3. She could have gone to the gates – which was the courthouse of that day, among the elders, to stake her claim on Boaz.
4. Naomi thought there was a better way to do it. She tells Ruth to wait until the religious feast is over.
5. 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.
6. They would sleep around the grain to keep the enemy from coming in and stealing the grain.
7. So far, Ruth has done nothing to stake her claim on Boaz.
8. **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.**
9. There are **four steps** that Naomi has instructed Ruth to follow. These 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.**
 - b. 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.**

- c. **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.
 - d. Any time we teach or preach and do not set forth the Gospel message, we have missed what God would have us to do.
 - e. **1. So the first step** was for Ruth to wash herself. 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.**
 - f. 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.
 - g. **2. The next thing** Naomi tells Ruth is "**and anoint thee,**" - I am sure after the death of Ruth's husband that she had allowed herself to slip a little; probably still mourning for her husband
 - h. Naomi tells Ruth what is necessary for her to do is to wash and anoint herself.
 - i. Having said that, let's return to the verse we are looking at and see what else we can glean from God's Word.
 - j. 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.**
 - k. **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.
 - l. We are able then to understand divine truth, providing we allow the Holy Spirit to speak to us.
10. **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**
11. 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.
12. **1 John 2:20, But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.** Unction is anointing
13. The Spirit of God puts the new believer in a position so that we can stay away from error and understand divine truth. **John 7:17, If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.**
14. We must understand 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. **1 Corinthians 2:14, But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**
15. 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.**
16. The Spirit of God is able to teach us. **Titus 1:9, Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.**
17. 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.
18. 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. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**
19. It is very important for us to understand that the Spirit of God must be our teacher. **1 Corinthians 2:10, But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.**

20. 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**
21. 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.**
22. When all the counsel of God is taught it will enlighten the saints as to what the truth of the Word is.
23. 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.**
24. Our truth must not be based on tradition of men, philosophy, but **absolutely must be based on the Preserved 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.**
25. **If that means we need to get rid of preconceived notions, then so be it.**
26. Ruth was to anoint herself. 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**
27. Clearly, we can make application using God's plan of salvation based on the aforementioned verse in the **Book of Ruth.**
28. **3. The third thing** Naomi tells Ruth is "**put thy raiment upon thee,**" - In other words make yourself attractive.
29. She needed to rid herself of her mourning apparel, move with haste to go down and claim Boaz.
30. As far as the believer is concerned, **when we accept Jesus Christ as Saviour, we must understand that He is our righteousness. 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:**
31. We are clothed in the righteousnesses of Christ. **No one can lose their salvation because we cannot lose the righteousness of Christ once we have it. He not only subtracts all our sins- past, present and future, but He regenerates us – He makes us a child of God. He gives us His righteousness.** We must keep in mind; Jesus came the first time to save the soul. At His Second Coming He will redeem the body. **1 John 5:1, Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.**
32. 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.*
33. **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.** Paul speaks of a garment which indicates we are clothed in the righteousness of Christ. 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.**
34. Once we trust Christ as our Saviour that robe of righteousness 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.** 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.
35. 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.
36. **4. The fourth thing** that Naomi tells Ruth to do is to act on what she is supposed to claim.
37. She tells her to get down to the threshing floor and let this man know that you claim him as a kinsman redeemer.
38. **and get thee down to the floor:** - Once we know Christ as Saviour we need to act on it.
39. 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:**
40. 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.**
41. 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.**
42. How foolish it is for one to think they can lose God's salvation. **John 10:28, And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand**
43. 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**

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. 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**
- d. Sacrifice and offerings to God He did not want. All the animals in the Old Testament that were sacrificed were pointing to the time 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.**
- e. 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
- f. 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**

- g. 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.**
- h. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:**
- i. **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.**
- j. Please stand.

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