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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

MY PEOPLE DO THOU KNOW THAT THOU ART A VIRTUOUS WOMAN

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SCRIPTURE READING: **RUTH 3 :4-18**

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.* Proverbs 31:10, *Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.*

1. BACKGROUND

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

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the June 5, 2022 Morning Message for the Introduction.

3. ELEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

d. All that thou sayest unto me I will do.

1. **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.
 3. Once again, there is nothing improper about this activity.
 4. There are some who have criticized this thinking that something is going on out of the ordinary.
 5. The threshing floor was a public place; the harvesters and their families were there.
 6. 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.
 7. Now we will find that Ruth uncovers Boaz's feet. She follows Naomi's instructions to the T.
 8. 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.** Both the NIV and the NKJV perpetuates false doctrine on salvation of the soul. We are not **being saved**; we **are** saved as reflected in the Preserved Word of God. **1 Corinthians 1:18, For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.** Both the NIV and the NKJV state it like this: 1 Corinthians 1:18, *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.* Likewise, we are not perishing. The Preserved Word of God plainly teaches we are condemned already. **John 3:18, He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

e. She came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

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.
3. 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.
3. He is going to take over and make the next move.
4. 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.
5. In accordance with **Ruth 3:11** he advises Ruth not to fear but indicates he will do whatever is required to complete the transaction.
6. He immediately goes to the gates to resolve the issue. He does this because he must have witnesses.
7. 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. In every respect she has met God's standard of a virtuous woman outlined in the Introduction as reflected in **Proverbs 31:10-31**.
3. **Proverbs 31:10, Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.**
4. According to the Mosaic Law, Boaz must assemble the elders. They were at the gates, which would be considered the courthouse of that day.
5. 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.
6. Ruth has finally gotten the word that she needed to claim Boaz and she did that on the threshing floor.
7. Now she makes it known to Boaz and the matter is discussed between the two of them.
8. This clears the way for him to move.
9. I am sure that as this story unfolds if you truly know Jesus as Saviour, it should bring peace like a river within 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.**
10. 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.**
11. **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.**
12. **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.**
13. **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. My people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

1. **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.
8. Both she and Naomi can come out of the poverty situation they are involved in because now they have a kinsman.

i. 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 nephew.
5. Boaz could have been a cousin of her first husband. I do not know the details about that.
6. Scripture is silent on that matter and we will be silent.
7. I want you to know that he is a kinsman redeemer, but there is a problem that has arisen.
8. Boaz will have to straighten out the problem.
9. Now that Ruth has claimed him, he takes action.

j. Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning.

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.
3. 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.
4. The other kinsman that is closer must be eliminated first.
5. The Mosaic Law would not allow Boaz to do anything inappropriate so as a result, he tells Ruth he will take action.
6. He is willing to redeem. This will take top priority in this man's life.
7. He tells her not to go anywhere until in the morning.
8. The highways and roads were very dangerous in those days. They were not safe.
9. 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 that was on the threshing floor.
10. Boaz is doing this in order to protect this girl.
11. Once again, there is no inappropriate activity taking place. This is all by the providential will of God.
12. 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. Notice she rose before one could know another. In other words, those who slept on the floor had not arisen.
3. The reason for the secret departure is that Boaz did not want the word to get to the other kinsman before he had a chance to deal with the matter.
4. Boaz wanted to handle this matter himself. He wanted to handle it in his own way.

5. 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.
6. If it did leak out, you had a sticky situation on your hands.
7. Boaz tells her let it not be known.

i. He said, Bring the veil that thou hast upon thee.

1. **Ruth 3:15, Also he said, Bring the veil 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. Who art thou, my daughter?

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.
6. 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 will work out.
4. In other words, Boaz will take care of this matter and he will not rest until he accomplished the mission.
5. This is top priority action for Boaz.
6. 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.)**
7. The Bible says **Jesus has finished all the work that is required. The work of redemption has been complete.**
8. Boaz is beginning to do the work of redemption. He is going to make sure everything is in order.
9. **If we were to understand how God saves and what it is all about, we would never question our salvation. 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.**
10. He has paid the penalty for sin. Everything that is required to go to heaven has already been done by the Son.
11. There is nothing we can do to add to our salvation.
12. 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.
13. The work of redemption is in the Lord Jesus Christ.
14. He accomplished it all for us.

15. By trusting Him as personal Saviour all of our sins; past, present and future have been totally dealt with by the Lord Jesus Christ.
16. No, we are not under the law; we are under grace. The grace of God provides salvation to all.
17. 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.
18. 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.**

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 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.**
- 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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