

# Ruth 3:10-18

## *Waiting for the Kinsman*

### 1. 3:9 - Ruth's Claim on Boaz

- a. She seeks the God of Israel (ch1), she trusts & obeys the LORD (ch2)
- b. Now, she is faithfully waiting for rest/salvation/redemption by her kinsman (ch3)
- c. "*spread thy skirt*" - Skirt ~ Lower or outer garment/edge. Request of marriage De 27:20
- d. "*thou art a near kinsman*" - claiming Israel's kinsman laws to redeem her mother in law

### 2. 3:10-11 – Ruth's Virtue

- a. "*Blessed be thou of the LORD...*" - She is not doing anything inappropriate.
  - i. Boaz experiencing what Peter did in Acts 10:34-35 about God and nations.
- b. "*thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end...*" of all she did. Remember ch 2:11
  - i. The kindness here is not to Boaz, but to Naomi whose inheritance is at risk.
- c. "*thou followedst not young men*" - Boaz not a young man, Ruth is a young woman +10
- d. "*whether poor or rich*" - young women follow poor men for love/looks, rich men for \$\$
  - i. Her choice is in subjection to God's law, trusting Boaz to treat her accordingly.
- e. "*fear not; I will do*" - She did not know what he would do (*closest to wedding vow*)
- f. "*thou art a virtuous woman*" – Only one named outside of Proverbs 12:4, 31:10
  - i. Virtuous ~*def.* Strength to do good/excel. Conform to God's law (void of vice)
- g. Proselyte ~*def.* A convert, one who comes over ('in thy gates' or 'all the law') Acts 2:10,
  - i. Gentiles could be blessed through Israel - Luke 7:2-5, Matt 25:31-32
  - ii. Strangers lived in the gates of Israel - Exo 12:43-49, De 5:14,14:21-29, Nu 15:13
  - iii. Some were assigned a tribe and given an inheritance with them - Eze 47:22
  - iv. Some wanted to do all the law and proved they would - Ruth 1:16, 2:11, 3:11

### 3. 3:12-13 - The Kinsman's Part

- a. "*I am thy near kinsman*" - He recognizes his qualification under the law to do what...
- b. The poor would sell their land, but could be redeemed by law - Lev 25:23-24
- c. On the Day of Atonement after 50 years (Jubilee) land was given back - Lev 25:9-17
- d. Before Jubilee the land could be released by a kinsman - Lev 25:25-28, 47-48
- e. Qualifications: 1) kin (relative), 2) able to redeem, 3) and willing (not to refuse)
- f. "*nearer than I*" - Boaz met all three qualifications, but there was one who had privilege.
- g. "*as the LORD liveth*" - Boaz vows to be the kinsman who redeems, if the other does not.

### 4. 3:14-18 - Ruth Tarries

- a. 13 - "*Tarry this night... lie down until morning*" - Boaz tells her to wait til the morning
- b. Jesus also told the remnant of Israel to be patient, wait, and watch - Mark 13:33-37
- c. When they see the Son coming, then their redemption draws nigh - Luke 21:27-28
- d. Israel will be redeemed in the morning when the LORD raises them - Hos 2:19-20, 6:1-3
- e. 14 - "*she lay at his feet til morning*" - No cuddling, hand-holding, or anything w/o virtue
- f. "*Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor*" - To prevent false witness.
- g. 15 - Boaz gives her of the harvest as a grace and a promise of his intention toward her.
- h. 16 - "*Who art thou, my daughter?*" - She came back with barley not Boaz.
- i. 17 - "*Go not empty unto thy mother in law*" - He cared for her, because Ruth did.
- j. 18 - "*Sit still... for the man will not be in rest, until*" – They wait til the redeemer comes.
  - i. A redeemer will come for faithful Israel - Rom 11:26, Isa 54:4-5, 59:20-21, 62:3-5
  - ii. Yet a little while, and he will come - Heb 4:9-11, 10:35-39, 1 Pet 1:13, 9, 6, 4