

In The Days When The Judges Ruled

Lesson 20

Ruth Meets Boaz

Boaz Agrees To Redeem Ruth

Ruth 2-3

Introduction

Having returned to Jerusalem with Naomi, we begin to see God's providential plan for Ruth...she will come in contact with Boaz. Eventually this will blossom into a beautiful relationship, due in large part to Boaz's willingness to play the role of the near kinsman (3:11-13).

The "hero" Boaz illustrates how one can live faithfully when most everyone around you does not. Yes, God's providence will produce events that shape our lives. Yet, God still desires that we choose wisely. The results of faithful choices will always lead us toward good re: God's will.

Gleaning In The Field of Boaz (2:1-23)

- 1) What was one of the ways God provided for the poor under the Law? (Lev. 19:9-10; 23:22; Deut. 24:19) What was "gleaning"?

- 2) Who was Boaz? (v. 1)

- 3) Why did Ruth propose to glean in the grain fields? (v. 2) What in her words might indicate that not everyone kept the law in the matter of the poor? How do you think she happened to come onto the field of Boaz? (v. 3)

- 4) What sort of man did Boaz reveal himself to be with his workers? (v. 4) What special kindness did he show to Ruth and why? (vv. 5-16) What does Boaz especially note about Ruth? (v. 12)

- 5) What spirit does Ruth manifest in all of this? (vv. 10, 13)

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- 6) Why do you think this meeting came about in just this way? Consider all the factors.

- 7) What did Ruth bring home that day to Naomi? (vv. 17-18)

- 8) How did Naomi identify Boaz to Ruth, and what advice did she give her daughter-in-law? (vv. 20-23)
Based on her words in v. 20, do you think Naomi is already beginning to think ahead for Ruth?

Boaz Accepts The Role of A Kinsman (3:1-18)

- 9) What was the role of the kinsman/redeemer? (Lev. 25:23-25, 47-49; Deut. 25:5-10; Job 19:25)

- 10) What did Naomi want to do for Ruth, and how was this to be accomplished? (vv. 1-5)

- 11) What was Ruth requesting of Boaz by what she did at the threshing floor? (vv. 6-9; Ezek. 16:8)

- 12) What was it about Ruth that impressed Boaz so much? (vv. 10-11)

- 13) What problem had to be first worked out before Boaz was free to act as the near kinsman? (v. 12)

