

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

May the Lord encourage you this day in Himself! May you, with all your heart, just give praise unto Him, because He is the One who is the only Redeemer. He is our Kinsman Redeemer. I want you to know what that means in your own life.

There is a story that is quite amazing in that little book of **Ruth**, which speaks of Ruth returning with her mother-in-law, Naomi. You know, it has been found by those who have studied those histories of other lands, that Ruth possibly could have been a daughter of King Eglon, Now King Eglon **in Judges 3:17** tells us **Eglon was a very fat man**. He had somebody sneak in one time as if to talk to him privately, and this left-handed man pulled out a dagger that he had hidden. While he was probably talking away with his right hand, he pulled out his left hand and it was a rather gruesome story. He sunk the knife beyond the hilt into the fat of the man, shut the door, and all the people around felt the king was asleep! So it would be interesting if this daughter had been a daughter of King Eglon. We do not know.

But we do know one thing. This little book of **Ruth** is vitally important. It speaks of the lineage. This lineage which came on down through and

is mentioned in **Matthew 1**, which enabled a blood line, which came through Mary. It is amazing how God shows that He had taken this Gentile woman, Ruth, who is a Moabitess lady, but the curses that had been carried were annulled because of the work of the Cross. Another interesting thing is that Ruth was the fragile link that God used in the genealogical line that He might bring forth, as Scripture says, His Son born of a woman. This is amazing — the chance possibility of this woman coming into this situation. If you know the story, there were glorious wedding bells we are going to hear about between her and Boaz. It is amazing how God does all this. Only God could do it.

In **chapter 2 of the Book of Ruth**, we realize that Ruth was out working hard. She just happened –notice that word, happened - to choose the field that she would glean some of the barley, which would then be brought to her mother-in-law. Then they could eat together. God elected the circumstances of what we called “happened.” Do you know there are so many circumstances that just so-called “happen” in our life, but always effect the lives of other people. This beautiful gracious girl, if you study **chapter 2 of Ruth**, was also an industrious person. It was reported she got there early and she had been working. She has just taken this short break when they were able to go and to rest in a shaded part of the field and to drink water. The owner happened to come to the field and he was speaking to his foreman. But, as he did, it was rather lovely that in this situation, in which the

story of Ruth is given, we know is the time of the judges, where **every man did that which was right in his own eyes**, there was much godlessness. However, there was something about Boaz that showed he was a man who followed God with all his heart, even in the way he spoke to people. In meeting them, he didn't go on about all his problems of the day and shout at the people under him. Instead he said, **The Lord be with you. (verse 4)**. That is when He came to those who were working on the field. **And they answered him, The Lord bless you**. What a joy it is to share the blessing of the Lord when we meet one another and when we meet those who love the Lord to bring exhortation and encouragement from the Word.

Right away, it is amazing that this old bachelor suddenly noticed this young damsel. It was, I believe, love at first sight, for he says in **verse 5: Whose damsel is this?** He suddenly saw her. Often we have prayed with younger people who say, "How do I know the one of God's choice?" Well, I have often heard my husband say, "Why don't you simply pray that when you are to meet the one of God's choice, your eyes will be opened and you will know it is from the Lord. It is rather like when God put a deep sleep on Adam before he brought forth from his rib, Eve, to be his life partner." Sometimes we are going around, looking and checking out everything and trying to put things together in the flesh. And we mess up lives! So, let us give this most important matter to God. Don't you think God wants you to end up with the right

person more than anybody else? He knows every person in every generation, and He has an awesome plan. So, just give it to the Lord and rest in Him that the time will be absolutely perfect.

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*