

Year A #148
Our Rest in Him
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Hello! This is Dorothy -

We are looking in the **Book of Ruth** and we are so excited to see how God has shown, through Boaz, the picture of His Kinsman Redeemer, our lovely Lord Jesus Christ. We are looking at this thought about how Ruth was out in the field and it was more or less love at first sight, I think, when Boaz saw her. He not only noticed her, but he made provision because he knew all about her. He took care, not only of her, but of her mother-in-law. Now because of Elimelech, the mother-in-law's husband, who had been dead for a while now, Boaz was related. There was a link there. He probably was an older man. This man in himself had an amazing background of how God had picked him up through his parents, and had forgiven and used a man who, in turn, was going to be wonderfully part of the lineage from which our Lord Jesus Christ was going to come. That is what it is all about to have the **Book of Ruth**, because all of these people, who were being brought together in God's awesome timing, were all to bring forth glory and praise to the Lord Himself.

This romance that was taking place was handled very carefully. As you can imagine, Ruth goes home with all kinds of credit she had no idea she was going to receive. Not only did she glean on the field, but Boaz

had made provision that she could pick up good handfuls of the real stuff and bring it home. As she did so, the mother-in-law was able to say, at the end of **chapter 2** —

19 . . . Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee . . . She realized something unusual was happening. . . . **And she showed her mother in law with whom she had wrought and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz.**

20 And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the Lord, . . . Isn't it interesting - the same greeting and praise . . . **who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, - that's Ruth - That man is near of kin unto us, - a relative - unto us, one of our next kinsmen.**

21 And Ruth the Moabite said, He said unto me also, Thou shall keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. In other words, there is going to be enough food, not just for today and tomorrow, but all through this period of time.

22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, - when you work on the field, just stay where they are - that they meet thee not in any other field. - Don't do anything but follow the plan of God. Don't think, "Well, I will whip this in at the same time, because that looks good over there." Follow the plan of God - the protection, the provision.

23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the

end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in-law. She did everything right and she was very conscious to obey what the Lord would have done for her.

Then there is a wonderful verse, and it is a verse for you! It is a verse I have often claimed and it has been such a blessing. In **chapter 3 - 1 . . . My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? Shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?** What was she saying? God would be her Provider; He would be her Covering. He has only the best. “But,” you say, “you do not know the mess I am in!” Turn with everything to the Lord. Humble yourself before the mighty hand of God. Pour out all that is before you right now. and tell Him about it and **rest**, trust and believe. **Rest** is an awesome word. In **Hebrews 4**, it speaks not only of the obvious rest when we lay down or God puts aside a day of the week, but it is also something that by faith we enter into every day. It does not matter how horrible the circumstances are, when we rest in the Lord we understand His provision is always for His glory. He has the best in the situation, and His best is not necessarily what we think He should do, but if we can but believe Him in it, then we have that extraordinary peace that comes with that rest.

So, Naomi was able to share amazing details of what it meant to have a kinsman redeemer: one that had the right to pay the price; who had

the right to be her covering; who had the right to be her provider. I am going to share about that tomorrow. It is a joy to know that in Christ Jesus, that is what you and I have the right to enter into today.

I love you. God bless. Bye-bye.