

Hello! This is Dorothy -

How are you today? May the joy of the Lord be your strength! If you have a Bible, please turn to **Ruth**. In these amazing passages where we understand the kinsman redeemer, let us see how God took a most amazing timing in bringing Ruth to Boaz. You see, it was not what they thought they wanted; it was what God wanted. He had already had Boaz to observe Ruth. She was very industrious and godly, very pure, as she had cared for her mother in law. The mother in law, Naomi, explained that there was now a time that she should press home the right, according to the law, of the position she was in. It might seem strange for some of us, but these principles were given in previous chapters of the Word of God. So, very, very faithfully and very, very disciplined in everything she did, according to what Naomi told her, Ruth fulfilled the details. What she did was she prepared herself and put on her best dress and she was all clean and nice. She waited until the end of a very hard task, which the men used to do of just beating out all the chaff, all the dust, that the actual food that they needed would fall to the ground. It was called a winnowing, a threshing floor.

So we read, this is the instruction, **in chapter 3 of Ruth**, that Naomi gave. So we read that Ruth went and she prepared herself and she

waited until everybody was settled down. What seems a strange custom to us, but in **verse 7**, she laid at the feet when everybody was asleep and she uncovered the feet of Boaz. Now, to me, I would think that was one way to wake anybody up, because it must have been pretty cold at night! It often is in those situations. When Boaz went to turn over, suddenly, he was startled to find somebody there, so he asked what was she doing and who was she.

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. In caring for a family, if the husband had died, the next in line of that family, was to marry this widow. Therefore, this happened in order that there was the protection of those people who were following the Lord God, the Jewish race, that God was doing this in this amazing way. It saved introducing people from false godless religions so that the Name of the Lord God was dishonored.

This, we can read in previous chapters, was a custom that had been followed. I think of the story even of a lady called Tamar, which is a story in itself. But she persisted in following this kinsman relationship that she might have a son raised in the name of her husband, who was deceased.

So, Ruth had a right claim to say this legally. Right away, at the end of

this encounter in the night, he said, “Well, lay here and leave early in the morning.” Nobody touched anybody; this was a very pure relationship. “But,” he said, “I will take care of this matter.” How did he do that? He went to the law courts. Where were the law courts? They were outside of the city, just at the gates of the city. The leaders would gather and they would discuss and pass things. So Boaz was a known man in the community. So he waited. There was a problem. There was one other person, who had the right to this position, but he went and bought that position from that person by claiming that not only was there the land of Elimelech, but also there was the wife, who had come back with Naomi. She was a Moabitess. The other one did not want to enter into this. He probably had an inheritance already arranged with his own wife and his own children. So, Boaz was able to come and be the legal one, who had bought and given an inheritance legally to have Ruth as his wife.

Why do I say that? Jesus paid the price that we could be purchased by his precious Blood, and also have the inheritance. Why is this important? Because, out from this amazing situation of these two being brought together, God had a lineage which would one day bring forth the Lord Jesus Christ. I will share that with you tomorrow.

The Lord bless you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

