

Ruth Handout Week Thirteen

Review:

1 Cor. 1:25 1 Cor. 1:18

To redeem is to look at what has been messed up by sin and the fallenness of this world and do what you can to make it right again, to restore the person or the situation to a place of peace and wholeness. The redeemer is the one, because they have some *relationship* to the situation and some means/*resources* and some personal motivation or *resolve*, offers up what they have to restore what is lost.

Naomi: What does she offer? What is she trying to restore?

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.

What does this plan depend on?

Ruth: What does she offer? Why?

10 Then he said, "May you be blessed of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men (other eligible bachelors), whether poor or rich... all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence.

11 Now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you ask, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence.

12 Now it is true I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I. 13 Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the LORD lives.

Why is there still tension?

Ruth and Boaz:

2:1 Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a man of great wealth (Chayil-virtue, valor, strength), of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

3:11 ...for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence.

Word for excellence...

Status

Language

2:12 May the Lord reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings/kanaph you have come to seek refuge."

3:9 "I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering/kanaph over your maid, for you are a redeemer."

3:5 ... All that you say I will do. Kol amar asah. 3:11 I will do for you whatever you ask asah kol amar

Chutzpah and beauty of redeemers

Ruth 3:9 "...spread your covering over your maid, for you are a goel/redeemer."

Boaz 3:13 ...But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, *as the LORD lives*.

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What is our motivation? How is Boaz, how are we, different than other moral people?

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This Lord that lives. Ps. 146, Prov. 14:31, Jam. 2:15, Gal. 6:2

Deut. 15 dilemma:

The ideal vs. reality. Are we excused then?

Mark 14:3

Two side notes...

-Boaz's nighttime speech, v.10-13. Who is always there?

-Proverbs->Ruth Prov. 31:10

A few more nuggets

The wardrobe/clothing: ...spread your covering over your maid, for you are a redeemer.

Gen. 3:6b Gen.3:21

Ex. 19:4, ex. 25:20, Ps. 36:7,

Foreshadowing- Rom. 4:7, What is the covering? Nakedness?

It is a past truth. Gal. 3:26

It is a present truth we live into. Rom. 13:13, Col. 3:12

It is a future truth of strength and comfort. 1 Cor. 15:54, 2 Cor. 5:2

The setting/time: Opening scene of act 2_____

Closing of Act 3 _____

Shavuot/Pentecost

Agricultural

Religious

Why read Ruth?

OT

Fire on the Mt.

Giving of the law

Law written on stone

Two leavened loaves

Birth of the nation

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Fire on believers

Giving of the HS

Law written on heart

Jew and Gentile

Birth of the church

Passover, First Fruits, Pentecost—Coming of Messiah. Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kipur, Succoth—

Naomi's instructions for encountering the redeemer.

V. 3

-Prepare yourself

-Go to the right place

-Find the right feet/lay at them

-Make the right petition. I am _____, your handmaid. _____

-Listen for the answer.

Instructions from Boaz, the redeemer.

-Stay here. "live, lodge/lun with me."

Is being with Jesus like being home?

-Do not fear.

-Lie down.

14 So she lay at his feet until morning and rose before one could recognize another; and he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." 15 Again he said, "Give me the cloak that is on you and hold it." So she held it, and he measured six measures of barley and laid it on her. Then she went into the city.

-After rest...

-You never leave the presence of the redeemer unchanged or empty handed.

Discussion

1. What are things that people use to "cover themselves" today, to help them get by or feel safe?

Is there anything you might be using to make you feel better about your life, to keep you from looking too closely at what is wrong? Say...social media or even staying "busy" for the Lord.

2. Like Boaz, Christ listens to the plea at His feet.

He listens and blesses. He protects. He says rest. He provides.

What do you need Him to redeem in your life right now. What do you need Him to provide, if anything?

Pray with and for each other.