

Ruth Handout Week Sixteen

Names. Why leave out the redeemer's real name?

What held him back, in general?

What is holding you back?

The price of redemption is both too high and too low.

Too low: Why?

"I'm not asking for anybody's bleeding charity."

Too high:

The price of redeeming others, the culture, work, the arts. politics is just right.

How is it we can afford it? We have nothing...

In the highest sense, every true act of goodness is immortal.

C.T. Studd --Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.

Mat. 6:19

The witnesses. The women. The worship

Can I get a witness! The main characters are: and

9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. 10 Moreover, I have acquired Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, to be my wife in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance, so that the name of the deceased will not be cut off from his brothers or from the court of his birth place; you are witnesses *today* (mirroring Naomi's statement to Ruth in 3:18)."

11 *All the people who were in the court, and the elders*, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel; and may you achieve wealth in Ephrathah and become famous in Bethlehem. 12 Moreover, may your house be like the house of Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the offspring which the LORD will give you by this young woman."... 14 Then *the women* said to Naomi, "Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel. 15 May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him." 16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her chest, and became his nurse. 17 *The neighbor women* gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi!" So they named him Obed (participle-serving one)

How the community serves us

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How we serve the community

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The Women

The mom genealogies: story bias.

...May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel....

What kind of blessing is this?!

- They are praying for
- They are praying for
- They are recognizing
- They are accepting
- They are prophesying

12 Moreover, may your house be like the house of Perez whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the offspring which the LORD will give you by this *young* woman.”

Tamar?!

Young woman-more

What to say about the women and babies...

-How amazing is amazing grace.

-How wonderful.

-How encouraging.

-How inclusive.

Gen. 9:1 Gen. 9:26-27

Why necessary under the goel rules?

-How surprising and instructional.

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

-How miraculous.

The worship

14 Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel. May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age;

-Worship looks Isa. 46:3

-Worship looks Who is the redeemer here?

-Worship looks

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So they named him Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

The rest of the story...

The son

The Son

The baby celebrated in Bethlehem

Lk. 2:13

The son of promise and future greatness

Isa. 9:6, Lk. 1:31 Phil. 2:9

Restorer/sustainer/servant

Mk. 10:45, 1 Pt. 5:10, Rev. 21:5, Rev. 22:2

The son is the redeemer. V. 14

Mat. 1:21, Col. 1:13

Preserves the land/the inheritance

Isa. 60:27, Eph. 1:13, Eph. 1:18, Heb. 12:2

Son elicits praise

Mat. 21:9, Rev. 5:11

The name will live on

Mat. 28:19, Mal. 3:16, Rev. 3:6

A king is coming. David

Heb. 9:28, Thes. 4:16, Rev. 1
Titus 2:11