

GOD'S HAND IN OUR REDEMPTION

Ruth, Part 4

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Ruth Chapter 4

Review

- This true story takes place during the "dark" period of the Judges, over 1,000 years BC, in Bethlehem.
- A theme of Ruth is the Providence of God.
- Naomi and Ruth respond to suffering by returning to God and God's people (the church).
- The bible doesn't mention luck, but instead talks about God's favor.
- The providence of God sometimes requires taking a risk, in faith.
- God put in place a law in Israel that established a family redeemer... this was a picture of Jesus the ultimate redeemer.

Although it is true that I am a family guardian, there is another who is more closely related than I... if he wants to do his duty as your family guardian, good; let him redeem you. But if he is not willing, as surely as the Lord lives I will do it.

Ruth 3:12-13 TNIV

God uses obstacles in relationships for two purposes:

- To reveal in your own heart how devoted you are to that person.
- To reveal to the other person the depth of your commitment.

It is possible to sin by

- commission (doing something wrong) or
- omission (doing nothing when you should have done something).

If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me...

At this, the family guardian said, "Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it."

Ruth 4:4, 6 TNIV

Are you living in such a way as to

- prepare yourself for marriage (if you're single)?
- build a legacy?

We see the blessing of God's providence in this story as Ruth transitions from...

- destitute widow
- to immigrant
- to servant
- to honored servant,
- to beloved wife and mother,
- to ancestor of David.

And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. Ruth 4:17

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah the father of Perez ...

Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David ...

Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

Matt 1:1-16

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*