

# Boaz the Redeemer

Ruth 4:1-17



# The Law of the Kinsman-Redeemer

- The book of Ruth begins with a series of tragedies:
  - Famine forced Elimelech and Naomi to move from Bethlehem to Moab
  - Elimelech dies and the sons do not have a father to negotiate wives for them from Israel, so they take foreign Moabite wives.
  - Then the sons die, leaving Naomi alone in a foreign land with two foreign daughter-in-law
  - Naomi returns home in grief, fear, poverty, and shame with a young woman who in that place and time was unmarriageable
  - With no husbands, it was impossible for Naomi and Ruth to reclaim the family lands left during the famine.

# The Law of the Kinsman-Redeemer

- A relative sold into slavery
  - Lev. 25:47-49 - “Now if a sojourner or stranger close to you becomes rich, and one of your brethren who dwells by him becomes poor, and sells himself to the stranger or sojourner close to you, or to a member of the stranger's family, 48 'after he is sold he may be redeemed again. One of his brothers may redeem him; 49 'or his uncle or his uncle's son may redeem him; or anyone who is near of kin to him in his family may redeem him; or if he is able he may redeem himself.”

# The Law of the Kinsman-Redeemer

- Preserve the lineage of the family by levirate marriage
  - Deut. 25:5-6 - “If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be married to a stranger outside the family; her husband's brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. 6 And it shall be that the firstborn son which she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel.”

# The Law of the Kinsman-Redeemer

- Land that had been sold outside the family
  - Lev. 25:25 - “If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold some of his possession, and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold.”

# The Law of the Kinsman-Redeemer

- Boaz becomes the Kinsman-Redeemer restoring their lives and future, illustrating the Great Redeemer Jesus.
  - He had to be a near relative.
  - He had to be willing to redeem.
  - He had to be able to redeem.

# Boaz Had The Right To Redeem

- Ruth 2:1, 20, 4:4
- Jesus became our kinsman
  - John 1:1, 14 - “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...”
  - Heb. 2:14 - “Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same...”

# Boaz Had The Right To Redeem

- Boaz knew who Ruth was
  - Ruth 2:5-6
- Boaz knew his own lineage
  - Ruth 4:21
  - Matt. 1:5 - “Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab...”
- Jesus had a harlot and a Moabite woman in His lineage
  - Heb. 4:15 - “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”



# Boaz Had The Resolve To Redeem

- Naomi and Ruth were powerless to redeem their land; they would have eventually died. Boaz would know this.
- Jesus knew that we were powerless to redeem ourselves from our sins
  - Rom. 3:23 - “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
  - Rom. 6:23 - “For the wages of sin is death...”

# Boaz Had The Resolve To Redeem

- His desire for the task
  - Boaz reacted with joy at the opportunity to redeem Ruth and her inheritance
- Jesus did not have to be forced to go to the cross
  - Isa. 53:7 - “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.”
  - Heb. 12:2 - “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”

# Boaz Had The Resolve To Redeem

- His devotion to the task
  - Ruth 3:18
- Likewise with our Redeemer
  - Isa. 50:7 - “For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.”
  - Luke 9:51 - “Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem”

# Boaz Had The Resolve To Redeem

- His discharge of the task
  - Ruth 4:9
- Jesus stayed on task
  - John 19:30 - “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, It is finished! And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit”
  - Mark 16:19 - “So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.”

# Boaz Had The Resources To Redeem

- Ruth 4:9
- Everything Adam lost in the Garden of Eden, Jesus purchased back on the cross. Adam squandered fellowship with God, Jesus bought it back. Adam sold his life and soul, Jesus bought them back. Adam cast away peace with God, joy, blessing, and righteousness, but Jesus bought it every bit back on the cross. He has the resources to carry of a transaction of this magnitude.

# Boaz Had The Resources To Redeem

- Boaz had the resources to make Ruth his wife.
- Jesus specializes in taking hell bound sinners, saving them by His blood and transforming them into the children of God.
  - Titus 2:14 - “Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”
  - Rev. 1:5-6 - “...Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father...”

# Boaz Had The Reasons To Redeem

- Giving love
  - Ruth 2:8-16, 3:10-15
- How does that resemble the love the Divine has for us?
  - Rom. 5:6-8 - “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

# Boaz Had The Reasons To Redeem

- Giving life
  - Ruth 4:5, 13
- Jesus went to the cross and lost His life that we might gain life
  - Eph. 2:1, 5 - “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins... 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved”



# Boaz Had The Reasons To Redeem

- 2Cor. 8:9 - “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”
- John 10:10-11 - “...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep”

# Boaz Had The Reasons To Redeem

- Giving liberally
  - Rev. 5:9-10 - “And they sang a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God...”

# Boaz Had The Reasons To Redeem

- 1Peter 1:3-4 - “To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”
- Heb. 12:22-24 - “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.”