

BENEFITS OF THE BELOVED

Be-loved Series

Redemption and Favour

Psalm 103:1-5 (NIV)

- ¹ Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- ² Praise the LORD, my soul,
and **forget not all his benefits**—
- ³ who forgives all your sins **(1)**
and heals all your diseases, **(2)**
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit **(3)**
and crowns you with love and compassion, **(4)**
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. **(5)**

Look at REDEMPTION and FAVOUR
in the life of Naomi and Ruth

- Elimelech and his wife Naomi with their two sons Mahlon and Chillon lived in Bethlehem-Judah
- Famine came and they left for Moab

Moab had a poor beginning –

Genesis 19:36-37 (NIV)

³⁶ So both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father. ³⁷ The older daughter had a son, and she named him Moab; he is the father of the Moabites of today.

Moab –

- They worshiped an idol called Chemosh
- Couldn't enter the assembly of the Lord

Deuteronomy 23:3 (AMP)

³ An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the LORD; none of their *descendants*, even to the tenth generation, shall **ever** enter the assembly of the LORD,

- Could be considered a cursed place

Ruth 1:6-9 (NIV)

⁶ When Naomi **heard** in Moab that **the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them**, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there.

⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me.

⁹ **May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.”**

Ruth 1:19-22

¹⁹ So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, “Can this be Naomi?”

²⁰ “Don’t call me Naomi (*pleasant*),” she told them. “Call me Mara (*bitter*), because the Almighty has made my life very bitter.

²¹ I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has afflicted me; the Almighty (*El Shaddai*) has brought misfortune upon me.”

²² So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

Ruth 1:16-17

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD (YAHWEH) deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.”

Ruth 2 (NASB)

2 Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

² And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, “Please let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor.” And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.”

³ So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she **happened (miqreh/qarah – to encounter, meet, befall, a fortuitous chance)** to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

Ruth 2 (NASB)

⁴ Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, “May the LORD be with you.” And they said to him, “May the LORD bless you.”

⁵ Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?”

⁶ The servant in charge of the reapers replied, “She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab.

⁷ And she said, ‘Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.’ Thus she came and has remained from the morning until now; she has been sitting in the house for a little while.”

⁸ Then Boaz said to Ruth, “Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids.

Ruth 2 (NASB)

⁹ Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw.”

¹⁰ Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, “Why have I found favour in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?”

¹¹ Boaz replied to her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.

¹² May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge.”

Ruth 2 (NASB)

¹³ Then she said, “I have found favour in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and indeed have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants.”

¹⁴ At mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar.” So she sat beside the reapers; and he served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied and had some left.

¹⁵ When she rose to glean, Boaz commanded his servants, saying, “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her.

¹⁶ Also you shall purposely pull out for her *some grain* from the bundles and leave *it* that she may glean, and do not rebuke her.”

¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

Ruth 2 (NASB)

¹⁸ She took *it* up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also took *it* out and gave Naomi what she had left after she was satisfied.

¹⁹ Her mother-in-law then said to her, “Where did you glean today and where did you work? May he who took notice of you be blessed.” So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, “The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.”

²⁰ Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be blessed of the LORD who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead.” Again Naomi said to her, “The man is our relative, he is one of our closest relatives.”

Ruth 2 (NASB)

²¹ Then Ruth the Moabitess said, “Furthermore, he said to me, ‘You should stay close to my servants until they have finished all my harvest.’”

²² Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, “It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, so that *others* do not fall upon you in another field.”

²³ So she stayed close by the maids of Boaz in order to glean until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

Ruth 3 (AMPC)

Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, My daughter, shall I not **seek rest** *or* a home for you, that you may prosper?

² And now is not Boaz, with whose maidens you were, our relative? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

³ **Wash and anoint yourself** therefore, and put on your **best clothes** and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

⁴ But when he lies down, notice the place where he lies; then go and uncover his feet and lie down. And he will tell you what to do.

⁵ And Ruth said to her, All that you say to me I will do.

⁶ So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had told her.

Ruth 3 (AMPC)

⁷ And when Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then [Ruth] came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down.

⁸ At midnight the man was startled, and he turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet!

⁹ And he said, Who are you? And she answered, I am Ruth your maidservant. Spread your wing [of protection] over your maidservant, for you are a **next of kin**.

¹⁰ And he said, Blessed be you of the Lord, my daughter. For you have made this last loving-kindness greater than the former, for you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich.

¹¹ And now, my daughter, fear not. I will do for you all you require, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of strength (worth, bravery, capability).

¹² It is true that **I am your near kinsman**; however, there is a kinsman nearer than I.

Ruth 3 (AMPC)

¹³ Remain tonight, and in the morning if he will perform for you the part of a kinsman, good; let him do it. But if he will not do the part of a kinsman for you, then, as the Lord lives, **I will do the part of a kinsman for you**. Lie down until the morning.

¹⁴ And she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another; for he said, Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.

¹⁵ Also he said, Bring the mantle you are wearing and hold it. So [Ruth] held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and laid it on her. And she went into the town.

¹⁶ And when she came home, her mother-in-law said, How have you fared, my daughter? And Ruth told her all that the man had done for her.

¹⁷ And she said, He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said to me, Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.

¹⁸ Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out; **for the man will not rest until he finishes the matter today**.

What is a Kinsman-Redeemer

“The relative who restores or preserves the full community rights of disadvantaged family members.”

Redeem – to set free by paying a price

- The kinsman-redeemer’s obligation to redeem the land [Lev 25:25-28](#); [Jer 32:6-9](#)
- The kinsman-redeemer’s obligation to redeem the enslaved [Lev 25:47-55](#)
- The kinsman-redeemer’s obligation to provide an heir [Ge 38:8-10](#); [Dt 25:5-10](#)

Kinsman-Redeemer

Had to:

- Be a near kinsman (related)
- Be free of need of redemption themselves
- Be able to pay the price (power and means)
- Be willing to redeem

Boaz – Kinsman Redeemer

- Boaz was a next of Kin - Ruth 3:12
- Boaz was a man of great wealth - Ruth 2:1
- Boaz said I will do the part of Kinsman for you -
Ruth 3:13

Jesus – Our Kinsman Redeemer

He is related to us:

“For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: **sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh** and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh (Rom 8:3)

Therefore, **He had to be made like His brethren** in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people (Heb 2:17)

Jesus – Our Kinsman Redeemer

He is free himself (qualified) to redeem us:

- “He made Him who **knew no sin** to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinth 5:21)”
- “But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And **in him is no sin** (1 John 3:5)”
- “**He committed no sin**, and no deceit was found in his mouth (1 Peter 2:22)”

Jesus – Our Kinsman Redeemer

He was able to pay the redemption price:

- In him we have **redemption through his blood**, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace (Eph 1:7)
- who **gave himself** for us to redeem us (Titus 2:14a)
- He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all **by his own blood**, thus **obtaining eternal redemption** (Heb 9:12)

There can be no redemption without the paying of a price

.....without the shedding of blood there is
no forgiveness (Heb 9:22b)

Naomi had life – a precious gift from God

She had been kept alive and brought back to the house of bread – land of praise (Bethlehem-Judah)

She was surrounded by people who loved her

Most of all she had her daughter in law - Ruth

Ruth 1:22 – returned at barley harvest time – spring - time of new life and beginnings. A time where people are joyous and celebrating Gods goodness.

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Ruth 4:13-15 (NASB)

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.

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.”

Ruth 4:16

¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her lap, 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. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.