

NAOMI THINKS ABOUT RUTH

Ruth 2:17-23 (Review)

17Ruth gleaned until evening. Then she threshed the barley. It was a lot of barley. 18Naomi saw the barley 19and asked Ruth, “Where did you glean today? Whose field did you glean in?” Ruth answered, “His name is Boaz.” 20“God bless Boaz!” said Naomi. “God is still kind to us – and to our dead husbands.” Then Naomi said, “Boaz is our close relative – he is one of our redeemers – he is a redeemer for our family.” 21Then Ruth said to Naomi: “Boaz told me, ‘Stay with my workers until all my grain is harvested.’” 23So Ruth gleaned in Boaz’s fields until the barley harvest and wheat harvest were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law Naomi.

WHAT IS A REDEEMER?

For a Family Heir

Deuteronomy 25:5-10

5[God’s Law says:] There are two brothers. And their families are living together. Brother A dies – but he has no son – no heir. His wife is a widow – what should she do? Brother B must marry the widow. This is the brother-in-law’s duty.

6When Brother B and the widow have a son, their first son is Brother A’s heir. The first son will take Brother A’s name. Then Brother A’s name will continue in Israel.

7But, maybe Brother B will say, “I don’t want to marry the widow – I will not marry my brother’s widow.” Then the widow will go to the leaders at the town gate. 8The leaders will call Brother B to the town gate – and the leaders will talk to Brother B. 9But if Brother B still says, “I will not marry her,” the widow will take off Brother B’s sandal. Then she will spit in Brother B’s face. The widow will say, “In Israel, we take off your sandal, and we spit in your face – because you will not marry me – and you will not give your brother an heir.” 10So, Brother B’s family’s will always be called: No-Sandal Family.

For Family Land

Leviticus 25:1, 23-27

1God said to Israel, 23“All the land in Israel is my land – it is God’s land. You people in Israel are foreigners on my land – you are my tenants. So you cannot sell your land permanently – you can only sell your land temporarily – it is not your land to sell permanently.

24So, in Israel land can be redeemed – when you sell your land, you can redeem it – you can buy it back.

25Person X is an Israelite. He becomes poor. So Person X sells his land to someone. But Person X has a close relative – the relative is Person Y. Person Y must buy back the land – Person Y must redeem the land for Person X. 27Then Person X can have his own land again.

WHAT NAOMI DOES FOR RUTH

Ruth 3:1-18

1One day Naomi said to her daughter-in-law Ruth, “I will find a husband for you. I will find someone to take care of you. I will find a home for you.”

2Then Naomi said to Ruth, “Boaz is one of our relatives. The harvest is finished. Tonight Boaz will go to the threshing floor – he will winnow the grain. 3Ruth, take a bath – and put on perfume, and put on your best clothes.

“You go to the threshing floor – but don’t let Boaz see you. Boaz will eat and drink (and celebrate the harvest). 4Then he will lie down and sleep by the grain pile. When Boaz is sleeping, you go and uncover his feet – and you lie down by Boaz’s feet. Then Boaz will tell you what you should do.”

5Ruth answered, “I will do what you say.” 6So Ruth went to the threshing floor. 7Boaz finished eating and drinking and was happy. Then he lay down by the grain pile (maybe to protect the grain from robbers) – and Boaz went to sleep. Ruth went to Boaz and quietly uncovered his feet. Then she lay down by his feet.

8In the middle of the night something scared Boaz and he woke up. So he turned – and a woman was lying by his feet! 9“Who are you?” Boaz asked. Ruth answered, “I am your servant Ruth. Put your wing over me – put the corner of your robe over me. You are our redeemer.”

10Boaz said, “God bless you, my daughter. You are very kind – you did not look for a young man – but you are asking me (to marry you). 11My daughter, do not be afraid – I will do what you ask: (I will marry you). Everyone in Bethlehem knows that you are an excellent, wonderful woman.”

12Then Boaz said to Ruth, “It is true: I am a close relative. But you have another relative – he is closer than I am. 13In the morning I will ask him. If he wants to redeem you, he can redeem you. But, if he does not want to redeem you, I will redeem you. I promise God, I will do it.”

Boaz said, “Lie here until morning.” 14So Ruth lay at Boaz’s feet until morning. But she got up very early – it was too dark to see people clearly. Boaz said to Ruth, “No one should see you at the threshing floor.” 15Then Boaz gave Ruth barley – he filled her shawl with barley.

16Ruth went back to her mother-in-law Naomi. Naomi asked, “How did it go, my daughter?” Then Ruth told Naomi everything that Boaz had done for her. 17And Ruth said, “Boaz gave me this barley. Boaz said to me, ‘Don’t go back to your mother-in-law with no gift.’”

18Then Naomi said, “Wait, my daughter – wait till you find out what will happen. Because Boaz will not rest today – he will not rest till our redeemer is decided.”

TODAY, WHO IS OUR REDEEMER? WHO WANTS TO BE OUR REDEEMER?

Ephesians 2:3-13 • Romans 5:1, 10 • 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 • Matthew 20:28 • Ephesians 1:7 •

Eph 2:5 **Before** we believed in Jesus, we were all **spiritually** dead in our **sins**. 2:3 We were all **targets** of God's **anger**. 2:12-13 And **Gentiles** were foreigners. Rom. 5:10 We all were God's **enemies**. Then Jesus died on the **cross** for us – and Jesus **brought** us **back** to God – so our **relationship** to God became good again. 5:1 Now, because we **believe** in Jesus, we have **peace** with God.

1 Cor 6:19 Now, we do not **belong** to **ourselves** – we belong to God – 6:20 because Jesus **paid** a **price** for us. Matt. 20:28 Jesus gave his life to **redeem** **many** people – Eph 1:7 we are **redeemed** by Jesus' **blood**.

SO WHAT IS OUR **NEW** RELATIONSHIP WITH **GOD THE FATHER**?

Ephesians 1:5, 7 • Galatians 4:6-7 • 2 Corinthians 11:2 • Ephesians 5:25-32

#1.

Eph 1:7 Because Jesus redeemed us, 1:5 God **adopted** us as his sons.

Gal 4:6 We are God's sons – so God put the **Spirit** of his Son [Jesus] into our **hearts**. And Jesus' Spirit in our hearts calls to God, "Papa! Father!"

4:7 You are a son – so you are God's heir – and you will **inherit** God's **kingdom**.

#2.

2 Cor 11:2 You are for one husband, Christ – you will be a **pure virgin** [**bride**] for Christ.

Eph 5:28 A husband must love his wife – he must love her **like** he loves **himself**. And a wife must **respect** her husband. 25 This is how Christ loved the Church [his bride]. Christ loved the Church, so he died for her – he gave himself for her. 26 **Why** did Christ give himself for the Church? 27 Because Christ wants to have an **amazing**, wonderful **Church** – [an amazing, wonderful bride]. He wants her to be pure – he wants her to have no sin – he wants her to have no **stain** or **wrinkle**. 29 So Christ feeds and cares for her. 32 This relationship is an amazing **mystery** – the relationship of Christ and [his bride] the Church is an amazing mystery!

WHAT IS A REDEEMER?

- If *Brother A* dies, what must *Brother B* do? (Deuteronomy 25:5)
- Why must *Brother B* do this? (verse 6)

Who is the redeemer?

- Who owns the land of Israel? Who does the land belong to? (Leviticus 25:23)
- So, what can *Person X* do when he sells his land? (verse 24)
- If *Person X* can't buy back (redeem) his land – if he is poor – what happens? (verse 25)
- Who is the redeemer for *Person X*? (verse 25)

So, what is the purpose of a redeemer?

Is it easy to be a redeemer?

What does it cost to be a redeemer?

WHAT NAOMI DOES FOR RUTH?

- What did Naomi decide to do for Ruth? (Ruth 3:1)

Do you think that Naomi has changed?

About how long has Naomi been back in Bethlehem? (Ruth 2:23)

Why do you think she has changed?

Does it take time to recover from great sadness?

- Who did Naomi choose for Ruth? (Ruth 3:2)

What do you think about this choice? Why?

- What did Naomi tell Ruth to do? (verses 3-4)
- Did Ruth do what Naomi told her to do? (verses 5-7)

How would you feel in this situation (if you were Ruth)?

- What happened in the middle of the night? (verse 8)
- What did Ruth mean:
 “Put your wing over me – put the corner of your robe over me. You are our redeemer”?
 (verse 9)

How do mother birds protect their babies?

- Why did Boaz seem surprised? (verse 10)

About how old do you think Boaz was?

- How did Ruth feel? (verse 11)

Why do you think she felt afraid?

- What did Boaz promise Ruth? (verse 11)

Why do you think he promised this? (verse 11)

What did Boaz like best about Ruth? (verse 11)

- But what was the **problem**? (verse 12)
- So, what two things did Boaz promise to do? (verse 13)
- Did Boaz care about Ruth's **reputation**? (verse 14)
- What extra, kind thing did Boaz do for Ruth and Naomi? (verses 15, 17)
- How soon did Naomi think that Boaz would decide their redeemer? (verse 18)

TODAY, WHO IS OUR REDEEMER?

- What is our situation before we believe in Jesus? (Ephesians 2:3-13 • Romans 5:10)
What relationship do we have with God?
- Then what did Jesus do for us? (Romans 5:10)
- Now, what kind of relationship can we have with God? (Roman 5:1, 10)
- What must we do to have peace with God? (Romans 5:1)
- (After we believe in Jesus,) who do we belong to? (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- Why do we belong to God? (1 Corinthians 6:20 • Matthew 20:28 • Ephesians 1:7)
- What is our new relationship with God? (Ephesians 1:5)
 - What 2 ways are we like God's sons? (Galatians 4:6-7)
- What other amazing relationship do we have with Christ? (Ephesians 5:25-32)

How is our relationship to Christ like Ruth's relationship to Boaz?

How close is our relationship to Christ and the Heavenly Father?

Naomi	ナオミ（ルツの姑）
think - thought - thought	思う、考える
about	について、約
Ruth	ルツ（ダビデ王とイエス・キリストの先祖）
review	復習
glean	落ち穂拾いをする
until	まで
evening	夕方
then	そして、その場合、その時、そしたら
thresh	(穂を) 打つ、扱う
barley	大麦
a lot = much	たくさん、多い
ask	尋ねる
where	どこ
whose	誰の
field	畑、野
answer	答える、答え
bless	祝福する
still	まだ、今でも
kind (kind to)	親切、親切にする
dead	死んでる
close / closer / closer	近い・より近い・最も近い
relative	親戚
redeemer	救ってくださる人
tell - told - told	話をする、伝える、命じる
worker	労働者、働き人
all	すべて
grain	穀物
harvest	刈り入れ、刈り入れする
so	だから、それで、それに従って、そのためには、そんなに
wheat	小麦
finish	終える
live	生きる、住む

mother-in-law	姑
heir	跡継ぎ
Law	神様の律法、十戒
together	合わせて、一緒に、一緒
die	死ぬ
widow	やもめ、寡婦、夫が亡くなった女
should	すべき、起こるべき
must	しなければならない
marry	結婚する
brother-in-law	義理の兄、義理の弟
duty	義務、義理
when	その時、という時に、いつ
first	第一、一番目、最初、まず、初めに、最初の
take - took - taken	連れていく、取る、受け取る、持っていく、奪う
continue	続けて、続く、続ける
Israel	イスラエル
but	しかし
maybe	もしかしたら、もしかして
want	欲しい、欲しがる、望む、求める、やりたい
leader	指導者、リーダー
town	町
gate	門
call	呼ぶ、呼びかける
if	もし
take off - took off - taken off	脱ぐ、ほどく
sandal	サンダル、履物
spit - spit - spit	唾を吐く
face	顔
because	～のため、～のせい、なぜなら
give - gave - given	上げる、下さる、献げる、与える、差し上げる
now	今、もう、さて、それで
land	土地
foreigner	外人

tenant	借家人、土地占有者
cannot	わけにはいけない、できない
sell - sold - sold	売る
permanently	永続的に
only	だけ、のみ、ただ、ひとりの、ただ一人の、ただ一つの
temporarily	一時的に
redeem	買い戻す、償う
buy back - bought back - bought back	買い戻す
person (1 person, 2 people)	(一人の) 人
Israelite	イスラエル人
become - became - became	になる、なる
poor	貧しい
someone	誰か
own	所有する、持つ、有する
again	また、もう一度
one day	ある日
daughter-in-law	義理の娘、嫁
find - found - found	見つける
take care of - took care of - taken care of	(面倒を) 見る、見守る、養う、取り扱う、預かる、管理する
home	うち (家庭のいる所)
tonight	今晚、今夜
threshing floor	麦打ち場
winnow	ふるい分ける、篩に掛ける
take a bath	入浴する、水浴する、風呂に入る
perfume	香水
best (good / better / best)	最も良い
clothes [pronunciation : kloze]	服、衣服、衣、洋服
let	許す、許しなさい、そうさせる
celebrate	祝う
lie - lay - lain (lie down)	横になる
sleep - slept - slept	眠る
by	そば、そばに、によって
pile	(穀物の) 山

uncover	(ローブの裾をまくって、足元を) 露出する
feet (by his feet)	足 (足元に)
protect	守る
robber	泥棒、強盗
quietly	静かに、静かな、穏やかな
middle of the night	夜中
scare (be scared)	驚かす (怯える、恐れる)
wake up - woke up - woken up	起こす・起きる
turn	振り向く、向きを変える
who	誰
servant	しもべ、召し使い、従者、僕
wing	羽
over	の上を、の上に、より
corner	角
robe	ローブ、衣
very	非常に
look for	探す、探し求める
afraid	恐れる、恐る、怖くなる
everyone	皆
Bethlehem	ベツレヘム (ダビデ王の故郷・イエスはこの町で生まれた)
know - knew - known	知る
excellent	優秀な、とても良い
wonderful	素晴らしい
TRUE	真実
have - had - had	自分のものにする、持つ、～がある、～がいる
another	別の、他の、もう一人、もう一つ
morning	朝
promise	約束する、約束
early	早めに、(夕方) 早く
too	～すぎる、あまりに、も
dark	暗い
clearly	明らかに

fill	一杯にする、満たす
shawl	ショール、肩掛け
How did it go?	どうだったか？
had done	やったことがある
gift	贈り物、賜物
wait	待つ
till	まで
find out - found out - found out	知ることになる
happen	起こる
rest	休む、休み
is decided	決まっている
before	前、以前、の前、前に
spiritually	霊的に
sin	悪い考え、態度、言葉、行い - 罪、罪を犯す
target	標的
anger	怒り
Gentile	異邦人（ユダヤ人でない人、イスラエル人でない人）
enemy	敵
cross	十字架
bring back	連れ戻す、返す
relationship	関係、（人間）関係
believe	信じる
peace	平安、平和、和平、和
belong	属する、のものである、所有する
ourselves	私たち自身
pay	払う
price	値段、代価
many	多くの、大勢の
blood	血
new	新しい
God the Father	父なる神様
adopt	養子にする

Spirit	聖霊、神様の霊、キリストの霊
heart	心
inherit	(跡を) 継ぐ、受け継ぐ
kingdom	王国
pure	清い、純粹
virgin	処女, バージン
bride	花嫁
like	のように、に似てる、似る
himself	彼自身
respect	敬う、尊敬する
Church – (all believers in Jesus in heaven and on earth – Jesus' body)	キリストの教会（キリストを信じる全ての天と地にいる人々、キリストの体）
why	なぜ、どうして
amazing	驚くべき、不思議、びっくりするような、すごい
stain	しみ
wrinkle	しわ
mystery	神秘

purpose	目的、意思
easy / easier / easiest	やりやすい、簡単・より簡単・最も簡単
cost	値段、代償
change	変わる、変える
time	時間
recover	回復する、立ち直る
great	大変な
sadness	悲しみ
choice	選択、選び方
feel - felt - felt	感じる
bird	鳥
seem	思われる、らしい
surprise	驚く、驚かす、びっくり、びっくりする
like	好き、好む
problem	問題
reputation	名誉
Heavenly Father	天の父、父なる神様