

Ruth: Life Is A Journey

Ruth 4:1-22 #5 Reward

- I. **Redemption Opportunity: When the nearer kinsman rejected the chance to redeem Naomi's land and become Ruth's husband, the opportunity was now open to Boaz – Ruth 4:1-6.**
 - A. Hearing. True to his word, Boaz moved quickly to meet with Ruth's nearer kinsman, in the presence of 10 city elders, to settle the issue regarding which of the two men would serve as the kinsman-redeemer – Ruth 4:1-2.
 - B. The Land. When presented with the opportunity to redeem Naomi's land, the nearer kinsman agreed to make the purchase even though Boaz had offered to fulfill that obligation as the next-in-line kinsman – Ruth 4:3-4.
 - C. The Widow. When the nearer kinsman learned that redeeming the land would also obligate him to take Ruth as his wife, he chose to release both the land and Ruth so that his own estate would not be endangered – Ruth 4:5-6.

- II. **Redemption Fulfilled: In a legal setting, with the nearer kinsman waiving his rights to redeem, Boaz demonstrated his valor by stepping forward to redeem the land and the marriage – Ruth 4:7-12.**
 - A. Declined. The nearer kinsman decided to relinquish his right to redeem the land and Ruth which cleared the legal path for Boaz to become the kinsman redeemer – Ruth 4:7-8.
 - B. Declared. In a legal transaction before the city's elders, Boaz redeemed Naomi's land and Ruth as his wife, allowing the family name to continue – Ruth 4:9-10.
 - C. Witnessed. All who observed Boaz's great act of redemption responded by offering Ruth and Boaz blessings of respect and a lineage – Ruth 4:11-12.

- III. **Redemption's Legacy: Through all of the heartache that Naomi and Ruth endured, God was at work to bring about the royal line that led to King David and, ultimately, Jesus Christ – Ruth 4:13-22.**
 - A. A Child. God blessed Ruth and Boaz with a son, Obed, who would continue the line of both Elimelech and Boaz and bring great joy to Naomi – Ruth 4:13-17.
 - B. A Lineage. Through God's providential plan, He faithfully orchestrated His good plan through the seemingly ordinary events of life to bring about the ultimate good for those who love Him and are called according to His purposes (cf. Romans 8:28) – Ruth 4:18-22.