

Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It – Ruth’s Redeemer (Ruth 3)

- Motivation in Naomi’s thinking in ch. 3 was for a godly husband for Ruth
- It seemed that Naomi was coming around to the goodness of God in ch 3
- She rose to the challenge of helping Ruth to find a husband & she had a plan

I. Naomi’s Perfect Plan for Ruth’s Life (3:1-6)

- Ruth needed a husband & home of her own, Naomi desired this from ch 1:9
- It was difficult because Ruth was a Moabitess, socially unacceptable(Num 25)
- Naomi thought she knew the answer, so she devised a crafty scheme (3:2-4)
- Naomi may have been attempting to achieve a good end in the wrong way
- May have been a desperate attempt to get Boaz to act as a kinsman redeemer
- Ruth was ready to act, she said to Naomi “all you say, I will do” (3:5-6)

II. A Risky Encounter (3:7-11)

- Ruth agreed to her mother-in-law’s plan & put into effect up until a point (v7)
- Boaz lay down by the grain & was surprisingly woken at midnight (3:7,8)
- Boaz, asked who she was & she responded (3:9) not also (Ezek 16:18)
- Boaz’s words “my daughter” (10) show he was not offended by her approach
- He complimented her in her choice of him & promised to act for her (3:11)

III. The Rich Reward of Faithfulness (3:12-15)

- A complication arose. There was a redeemer closer than Boaz (3:12-13)
- He assured Ruth, if the nearest redeemer wouldn’t act he would act for her
- In the morning, before anyone notices, he sent her away with a gift (3: 14-15)

IV. In the Morning: It Was Ruth (3: 16-18)

- In the morning Ruth returns & shares with Naomi all that happened (3:16-18)
- Again Ruth has 6 large bundles of seed -- an expression of God’s faithfulness
- Naomi was “empty”, now God was fulfilling her needs through Ruth & Boaz

V. The Love Story behind the Story

- The real love story is not Ruth & Boaz but the love of God behind the scene
- It is God’s love for His straying sheep, fully expressed in the coming of Jesus
- Jesus abandoned more than his reputation for us, He abandoned his very glory
- This love took Him to the cross where the Father forsook Him for our sin
- Jesus gave His life for us because the Father loved us so (John 3:16)