

From Pleasant to Bitter
Ruth 1:6-22

I. Introduction

II. The Lord is merciful to His people. v. 6-15

A. The Lord was compassionate again to Bethlehem. v. 6-7 (Gen. 21:1, Jn. 6:35, Mt. 11:28)

B. Naomi tries to reason with her daughters-in-law. v. 8-14 (Deut. 25:5ff, 2 Tim. 1:16, Eph. 1:11, 1 Peter 3:15)

III. Ruth gives up all for Naomi and Yahweh! vv. 14-18

A. Orpah makes the sensible choice and decides to return to Moab. vv. 14-15 (Matt. 7:13-14, 13:44, 2 Cor. 5:7, 1 Jn. 2:19)

B. Are you willing to go against worldly wisdom to do what is right? (Gen. 2:24, Josh. 24:15, Eph. 2:1, Jn. 3:5)

C. Naomi's silence spoke volumes. v. 18

IV. Are you bitter toward God? vv. 19-22

A. The city is stirred as they arrive in Bethlehem. v. 19

B. The hard life in Moab had made Naomi bitter. v. 20 (Matt. 21:10, Job 1:21, Ex. 15:22, 27)

V. Application / Conclusion