

Communion Meditation

Ruth 3.6-13

Series: Ruth "Security Promised"

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Recap (Read vss 1-5)

- Appearance of Impropriety / Ruth testing Boaz's character
 - Ruth coming in this way was like a secret message from Naomi to Boaz
 - Will Boaz act on the message or ignore it?
- Ruth lies at his feet like a servant / Yet there is promise of more

Ruth Obeys (vss 6-9)

- Boaz had a great day ~ "eaten .. drunk .. cheerful (v2)"
 - Ruth lies down at his feet as instructed
- At midnight Boaz discovers her / "startled .. who are you?"
 - "I am Ruth .. take me under your wing .. close relative"
 - This is the same phrase Jesus used when looking at Jerusalem

Boaz Responds (vss 10-11)

- Boaz is moved ~ "you did not go after the young men"
 - He's older and regards himself as undesirable to a young woman
- v11 ~ "Do not fear .. I'll do as you request .. you are virtuous"
 - Boaz describes her as virtuous / high moral character
 - Same word used in phrase "mighty men of valor"

Another Closer "kinsman-redeemer" (vss 12-13)

- She invoked the reference / But Boaz was already aware of it
 - Boaz tells her of another but says he'll handle it
- Boaz affirms his intentions but admits of another possible outcome
 - Boaz entrusts himself to the Law God has put in place
 - Boaz is wealthy / authoritative but law abiding
- "I will perform the duty for you as the LORD lives."

Ruth trusted Naomi & cast herself upon God

Boaz trusted God and would not circumvent God's Law

Do you trust God / Do you obey Him without questioning?

Do you obey His Word without having to understand everything?