

Communion Meditation

Ruth 4.1-12

Series: Ruth "Security Obtained"

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Summary

- Messages of chapter 3 were:
 - Security Sought, Security Promised, and Security Explained
 - Today's message is "Security Obtained"

For Unidentified Man it is "Security Retained"

- Note that we never learn the identity of the man who refused the role
 - He wanted mainly to protect his own inheritance
 - He refused to build up his brother's house / he gets no recognition
 - Deu 25.10, "his name shall be, 'The house of him who had his sandal removed'"

Formality of a Contract / Reread vss 8 - 10

- Boaz publicly states what this means for everyone – including the deceased
 1. Boaz now owns all that was Boaz, Chilion's and Mahlon's
 2. He has "acquired" Ruth as a wife
 3. He promises to perpetuate their line

Boaz Closes by Saying "You Are Witnesses"

- Society stands or falls on the strength of such social contracts
- The people embrace their role, "We are witnesses"
- They also pronounce a blessing upon Boaz and Ruth
 - Read vss 11b-12 "The Lord make .. this young woman"

This story highlights a beautiful and noble aspect of society

The gravity of what's just happened is beautiful

"Are Naomi and Ruth within earshot?"

This same solemnity accompanies our adoption into God's family

Read Eph 1.3-6 ~ "Blessed be the God .. accepted in the Beloved"

We at this table, like Naomi and Ruth,

are offered security from our kinsman-redeemer