

Communion Meditation

Ruth 4.13-22

Series: Ruth "Dynastic Planning"

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v13 ~ "The Lord gave her conception"

- Nowhere is the line between "faith" and "science" stronger than here
 - Science says God has no role to play in conception
 - Yet our text clearly states that God "gave her conception"
 - Gen 29.31 ~ "When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved He opened her womb"
 - Sarah (Abimelech), Rebekah, Rachel, Hannah (Samuel), Samson's mother, Elizabeth
- Unbelievers have excuse for lack of faith / Not so w/believers

v14 ~ "Then the women said to Naomi"

- "The Lord .. has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer"
 - The women congratulate Naomi / Not just Ruth
- v17 ~ "There is a son born to Naomi"
 - They even refer to the son as Naomi's / She nurses him

Read vss18-21 ~ Genealogy of David

- Who wrote the Book of Ruth? / Prophet Samuel near end of life
- Who was Perez? / Son of Judah and Tamar – brother Zerah with red thread
 - Tamar was wife to Judah's two sons (Er and Onan) – but not Shelah
- Who was Salmon? / Obed's father (married Rahab – harlot) Mt 1.5
- Who was Moab? / Son of Lot born to his eldest daughter – Gen 19.37
- Yet God chose to establish kingdom of Israel/Judah through this line

Dynastic Planning

- Boaz and Ruth lived during the time of the judges
 - During that time "everyone did what was right in his own eyes"
 - Yet Boaz and Ruth chose to follow God's Law
- Later Israel wanted a king and Saul was chosen (based on height)
 - Yet God chose a king (from line of Boaz and Ruth) based on obedience

The story of Ruth demonstrates that: obedience leads to life

That though our "sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow"

That dynasties are founded on seemingly small acts of obedience