

Shadows of the Gospel: Ruth & Boaz

Week 1

Ruth 1:1-13

Ruth is an amazing book in the Bible. If we grew up thinking that women were second class citizens in God's economy, her story will definitely dispel that thought.

There are two books in the Bible named after women: Esther, and Ruth. I have always found this interesting because Esther is about a Jewish girl who becomes the queen of a foreign nation and Ruth is about a Gentile girl who ends up marrying a wealthy Jewish man and lives out her days in Israel. I am humbled when I see how the LORD balances His messages to all His people. Look at what Paul says in:

Romans 1:14-17

- 14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.
- 15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome.
- 16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.
- 17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." (NIV)

I was thinking about verse 14 of Romans the other morning and it made me smile. I was thinking how I have learned as much from the foolish person as the one who is wise. I learn what not to do when I look at the foolish and how they live. There are lessons to be learned from all peoples and situations in our lives.

Our Bible study this time will take us to the time of the judges. Clearly there is one statement that allows us to see the heart of the Israelites during this season of Israel's history.

Judges 17:6

6 In those days Israel had no king; **everyone did as he saw fit.** (NIV)

The book of Judges ends with the phrase:

Judges 21:25

25 In those days Israel had no king; **everyone did as he saw fit.** (NIV)

The sad part of this statement is that the LORD was Israel's King, and HE always defended her, but she wanted a king like all the other nations. The prophet Samuel tells the LORD what the people want and the LORD warns the people what a king would be like. Let's go to the very end of the conversation and see how Israel responds.

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Week 1 - Homework Sheet

Ruth 1:1-13

1. Fill in the blank:

Romans 1:16 - "I am not ashamed of the _____,
because it is the _____ of God for the
_____ of _____ who believes:"

2. What were the people doing in the time of the judges according to Judges 17:6 & 21:25? (Circle one)

Obedient As they saw fit As the king directed

3. Instead of God being the King of Israel, what did the people demand? (See 1 Samuel 8:19-20)

4. Why did Elimelech take his family out of Bethlehem and move them to Moab?

Nicer House Better Friends Famine His Job

5. What does Judah mean? _____

6. According to Revelation 5:9, who did Jesus' blood purchase and for whom did He purchase them?

7. What did Satan want Jesus to do in Matthew 4:9?

Eat with him To be friends To bow down to him

8. Where is Moab located if you were in Israel?

Northeast Northwest Southeast Southwest

9. According to Numbers 25:1-2, why did the LORD's anger burn against Israel?

a.) _____

b.) _____

c.) _____

d.) _____

10. Pick out the names of Elimelech's two sons?

Nahson Kilion Boaz Abram Mahlon Eli

11. What does Naomi's name mean?

Pleasant Agreeable Beauty Delightful All

12. Who was Ruth? An Ammonite An Israelite A Moabite

13. What does Ruth's name mean? _____

14. What happened to Naomi's two sons? _____

15. According to 1 Timothy 5:4 & James 1:27, how are we
suppose to put our religion into practice?

a.) _____

b.) _____

16. Why do you think these two things please God so much?

17. How are the people of Israel described in Deuteronomy
14:2? Clever Rebellious Peculiar

18. How are the Believers described in Titus 2:4?

Zealous Clever Brilliant Peculiar

19. Do you think Naomi is trying to ditch Ruth and Orpah
because she doesn't like them? Yes No

20. Why does Naomi want Ruth & Orpah to go back home?

21. Even in harsh circumstances, is the LORD God with us?

Yes No