

BIBLE WOMEN - RUTH - GLEANER FOR GOD

RUTH 2:1-12

A love of immorality and money can bring down a strong man.
Samson lived in stubborn rebellion, and it was used against him.

I. THE FAMILIES

- A. Ruth was genetically linked to Israel through Lot
 - 1. Terah took Abram and Lot (GEN. 11:31)
 - 2. Moabites and Ammonites from Lot (GEN. 19:36-38)
 - 3. God BLESSED the line of Abraham and still does!
- B. Naomi and Ruth lived in the time of the Judges
 - 1. Chaos ruled, humanistic religion (Judges 21:25)
 - 2. God should never be "obstacle" to "happiness"
 - 3. Elimelech did right in his own eyes RUTH 1:1-2
 - 4. The man and boys died (unharvested crops)
- C. Ruth followed her God RUTH 1:19

II. THE FEELINGS

- A. Ruth cared for her mother-in-law RUTH 1:16-17
 - 1. Don't discourage the faith new believers!
 - 2. Many missionaries also leave all they know!
- B. The love was reciprocated by Naomi RUTH 3:1
 - 1. Naomi was only thinking of herself RUTH 1:19-21
 - 2. But things began to change RUTH 2:2
- C. Ruth followed her Authorities

III. THE FIELDS

- A. She found the field of a Near Kinsman RUTH 2:20
 - 1. Boaz was wealthy (RUTH 2:1) and godly (RUTH 2:4)
 - 2. He spoke blessings to his laborers
- B. Ruth represents a mission field - ripe unto harvest
 - 1. Ruth is humble and appreciative RUTH 2:20,13
 - 2. Ruth goes to the threshing floor RUTH 3:2
- C. Ruth followed Instructions

IV. THE FAITHFULNESS

- A. God blesses faithfulness so God blesses Ruth RUTH 4:13
 - 1. We know about her children with Boaz (vs. 21-22)
 - 2. We know about the lineage of Christ MATT. 1:5-6
- B. Salvation by obeying the Gospel (1 PETER 1:2)
- C. Faith (HEB. 11:6, ROM. 8:28) and Obedience ROM. 2:13
- D. Blessings follow the Obedient

GEN. 11:31 - "And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there."

GEN. 19:36-38 - "Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. (37) And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. (38) And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day."

JUDGES 21:25 - "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

1 PETER 1:2 - "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

HEB. 11:6 - "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

ROMANS 8:28 - "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

ROM. 2:13 - "(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.)"