

BIBLE BOWL -2016

Lesson #14 –From Hope to Redemption

Scripture Reading: Ruth 3:1-5

Introduction:

1. Brief review of chapters one and two.
2. Redemption is for those who endure to the very end.
3. We will examine how Ruth went from the glimmer of hope to the reality of redemption.

I. THE ACTIONS OF RUTH

A. SHE HEARS THE WORDS OF NAOMI -3:1-5

1. She prepares herself to lie at Boaz's feet
2. She is then to hear his instructions and follow what he says to do

B. SHE FOLLOWS -3:6-9

1. She lies at his feet
2. He is startled by her presence
3. She asks him to take her under his wing

II. THE ACTIONS OF BOAZ

A. HE IS AMAZED BY HER

1. With her choice for security -3:10
2. Everyone in town knows she is virtuous -3:11

B. HE GIVES HER ASSURANCE

1. There is a relative closer than he. Boaz will conform to the Law of Moses
2. He is going to tend to the matter immediately -3:13
3. He gives her six ephahs of barley so she does not return empty handed -3:15-17
4. Naomi knows the nature of Boaz -3:18

C. HE GIVES THE CLOSER RELATIVE A CHANCE TO PERFORM HIS DUTY -4:1-8

1. They meet at the city gate with the elders of the city
2. The closer relative agrees to buy the land, but not to the marriage of Ruth
3. His sandal is removed –Ref. De 25:5-9

D. BOAZ FULFILLS HIS PROMISE -4:9-12

1. He confirms his oath before the city elders –vs. 9-10
2. They bless him –vs. 11-12

III. THE FINAL RESULTS -4:13-22

A. RUTH FINDS SECURITY AND BLESSING

1. She is married to Boaz
2. She gives birth to Obed who becomes the grandfather of King David
3. Ultimately she is in the lineage of Christ –Mt 1:5

B. APPLICATION FOR US TODAY

1. Ruth was a Moabite who found place in the lineage of Christ because of her devotion
2. Today, whosoever will can be in the family of God
 - a. When they devote themselves to God
 - b. When they are obedient to the gospel of Jesus Christ –Ac 2:38, Ro 6:3-4
 - c. When they are faithful unto God until their very last breath –Re 2:10

Conclusion:

1. The book of Ruth is a powerful story of love, devotion, and redemption.
2. This book gives hope to the lost.
 - a. When they have a heart of devotion toward God and follow faithfully to His words, they find redemption
 - b. They also can become a part of the spiritual family of God -1Jn 3:1-3, Ro 8:16-17