

**Ruth – The Beautiful Pearl**  
**Wednesday Noon Bible Study**  
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## Lesson Nine      Three People Three Pictures

**Ruth Chapter 3** gives us *three people* who give us *three pictures*

Here's what I mean:

- Naomi gives Ruth this plan (**vvs. 1-5**) **God the Father planned our Great Salvation**
- Ruth executed the plan (**vvs. 6-9**) **God the Son performed at Calvary our Great Salvation**
- **Boaz agreed to the plan (vvs. 10-18) God the Spirit applies that Great Salvation.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Point      The Right Fit (3:11 ...thou art a virtuous woman ....)

- Here's a wonderful truth to share with a young man or young woman who is considering marriage.
- Tell them to seek God's guidance for the right fit, the right person for them.
- Boaz tells Ruth here in **verse 11** that all the elders in Bethlehem considered her a person of the highest reputation.
- The word "...virtuous..." here means noble character, or worth, or valor.
- This is the same word used to describe Boaz in **Chapter 2 verse 1...a mighty man...**
- They were truly a "good match".

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Point      Protection & Promise (3:13)

- Have you ever wondered why words like love, protect, and promise are in the marital vows?
- Well here in this verse we will see some reasons why they are in those vows.
- Boaz did two all-important things:
  - o \* He did not send her home in the middle of the night and he did not touch her
  - o He promised her that if the nearer kinsman was not willing to redeem her, he surely would.
- Boaz also protected her name and reputation. (**3:14**)
- Ruth arose before daylight.
- Boaz did not want to give the village gossipers anything to run with and shoot of their mouths.
- Nothing had happened that was improper but gossipers care little about facts.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Point      An Ability To Provide (3:15)

- Young lady, has that man shown the ability to provide?
- **And I'm talking about more than a "few chicken wings"**
- Boaz gave Ruth six measures of barley.
- One measure equal 10 pounds, so you do the math.
- Boaz gave Ruth 60 pounds of food.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Point            **Boaz Reminds Us Of Our God** (3:18...for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day)

- There are some many, many, wonderful lessons and truths in this verse.
- In this verse, Boaz reminds us of our God
- Boaz would not rest that day until the matter was settled.

#### **God Will Finish What He Starts**

- In **John 19:30** we read **When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, HE said, It is finished:** and HE bowed HIS head, and gave up the ghost.
- In **Hebrews 11:2** we read **Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before HIM endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down** at the right hand of the throne of God.
- In **Philippians 1:6** we read **Being confident of this very thing, that HE which hath begun a good work in you will perform it** until the day of Jesu Christ.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Point            **Boaz Did What No One Else Was Willing And Could Do** (3:13...if he will perform...)

- I mentioned this earlier, but let me highlight a truth here. Boaz did what the nearer kinsman wouldn't do.
- Jesus Christ did what no one or nothing else could do
- **The law could not save us** We read in **Roman 8:3** For **what the law could not do**, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending HIS own SON in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh
- **The blood of animals could not save us** **Hebrews 10:4** says For **it is not possible** that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins.
- **An angels could not save us** **Hebrews 2:16** says For verily HE took not on HIM the nature of angels; but HE took on HIM the seed of Abraham.
- **Works could not save us** **Ephesians 2:8-9** says For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.  
Not of works, lest any man should boast.