

RUTH STUDY

CHAPTER 4:1-6

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THE THEME OF THE BOOK:

The Romance of Redemption

The Gospel According to Ruth

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Love, Made Public”

The ‘Sentence Summation’ of the Text

Chapter 3 Ended With...

1.) Boaz Sends Home a Promise	vv. 15
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2.) The Prospect of Hope at Work	vv. 16
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3.) Ruth is Waiting upon Boaz	vv. 18
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Chapter 3 Symbolized the Christians Current Position...

The Focus of the Chapter

A Bride, A Bridegroom and fruit of their Love

1 Thessalonians 1:10

and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Hebrews 9:28

so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

A Bride, A Bridegroom and Rejoicing!!!

Matthew 22:1-12 KJV

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,
3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.
4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. 5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: 6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. 7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. 9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. 10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.
11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: 12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Being Ready for the Wedding Takes Energy and Commitment & Hope

1.) The Act of Redemption is Ordered

vv. 1

1a.) The Meaning of the Gate

vv. 1a

Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there;

“The City Gate”

a place of civic and personal business transactions and agreements
contracts were agreed upon there...

Verse 1b-2

and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by.
So Boaz said, "Come aside, friend, sit down here."
So he came aside and sat down.

Verse 2

And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said,
"Sit down here. (Also) " **So they sat down.**

The Ten Men

#1 - Are Representatives of the Ten Commandments of God

#2 - Each man has his own question to ask

#3 - Was to be a witness to it all

Matthew 5:17-18

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. ¹⁸
For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means
pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

“Love, Made Public”

Galatians 5:22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³
gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those who are Christ's have crucified the
flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

The Ten Men

Titus 2:14

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar
people, zealous of good works.

“Business was on the Agenda”

The Act of Redemption

To perform the action

1. Something must be lost and in foreclosure
2. Its losses had to exceed its profits
3. The redeemed had to be selected by the redeemer
4. But the redeemer and the one to be redeemed had to be in agreement

A willing and intelligent transaction
RUTH'S MAN WAS HARD AT WORK
AND WHERE'S RUTH?

Our Redemption was a "Man-less" Event

The Human Factor / Pilot Error / The Risks Involved

Eliminated by Jesus

Genesis 15:1-12

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

² But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." ⁵ **Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."** ⁶ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. ⁷ **Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."**

⁸ And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?" ⁹ So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram...

**AND WHERE'S PETER,
JAMES, JOHN & THE BOYZ?**

(Hiding - like Adam, like eve)

"Love, Made Public"

Verse 3

Then he said to the close relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, **sold** (is having to sell - it's as good as sold) the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech.

The threat of losing it was hanging over it

Ephesians 2:1-7

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-- it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Romans 7:14

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Mom and Dad Sold Us... Adam & Eve thousands of years ago...

Verse 4

"And I thought to inform you, saying,
#1 - 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am next after you.'" And he said, "**I will redeem it.**"

The Redeemer

The Mission of Jesus

Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Turn to Revelation 5:9

The Mercy of Jesus

1 Timothy 2:3-6

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

Are addicted, co-dependent, insecure, white, black or brown...

John 8:36

"Therefore since the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Verse 5

Then Boaz said, **#2** - "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi,..... you must also buy it from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance."

Verse 5b

O Yeh, Read the Fine Print Please

, you must also buy it from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance."

Verse 6

And the close relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem it."

"I cannot (I will not redeem it) redeem it for myself

He had the wealth, he didn't have the heart

Salvation is free to us

Only because

It cost God everything he had

Colossians 1:13-14 KJV

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

*Free doesn't mean cheap
- easy is cheap...
Salvation is gotten freely
because it was never easy!!!*

Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass
that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

“Love, Made Public”

John 18:19-20

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

²⁰ Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing.

John 21:24-25

This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ *And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.*