

The Closer Kinsman and Redemption

Lessons We Will Learn in this Series:

1. Among those who trust in God, there are no “_____.”
2. God honors people of _____.
3. Our only _____ of redemption is through our “kinsman,” Jesus.

What We Must Understand to Grasp the Book of Ruth

1. The _____ of the story. (*war, wickedness and famine*)
2. The _____ in the names of the story. (*Bethlehem, Naomi, Elimelech, Mahlon, Kilion*)

3. The law of _____.

Lev. 23:22 “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God.”

4. The process of _____ the grain.

Cut, dry, break the grain from the chaff, winnow, gather the grain.

5. The _____ law (or Law of _____.)

(It provided for women, for Israel but the woman must ask.)

Deut. 25:5 *If brothers are living together and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Her husband’s brother shall take her and marry her and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her. 6 The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel. 7 However, if a man does not want to marry his brother’s wife, she shall go to the elders at the town gate and say, “My husband’s brother refuses to carry on his brother’s name in Israel. He will not fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to me.” 8 Then the elders of his town shall summon him and talk to him. If he persists in saying, “I do not want to marry her, 9 his brother’s widow shall go up to him in the presence of the elders, take off one of his sandals, spit in his face and say, “This is what is done to the man who will not build up his brother’s family line.”*

6. The process of _____ land (and the _____).

7. The _____ of _____ and therefore, Jesus Christ.

The Scriptures

Ruth 4:1 *Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat there. When the kinsman-redeemer he had mentioned came along, Boaz said, “Come over here, my friend, and sit down.” So he went over and sat down. 2 Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, “Sit here,” and they did so. 3 Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, “Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that*

belonged to our brother Elimelech. 4 I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line.” “I will redeem it,” he said. 5 Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the land from Naomi and from Ruth the Moabitess, you acquire the dead man’s widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property.” 6 At this, the kinsman-redeemer said, “Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it.” 7 (Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.) 8 So the kinsman-redeemer said to Boaz, “Buy it yourself.” And he removed his sandal. 9 Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, “Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon. 10 I have also acquired Ruth the Moabitess, Mahlon’s widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from the town records. Today you are witnesses!”

Boaz at the Gate

1. Boaz handled the issue _____. He found 10 _____ to serve as the “minyam” (the witnesses).
2. Boaz presented the _____ to the closer kinsman in a _____ and upright manner.
3. The closer kinsman _____ at the offer without thinking.
4. Boaz made it _____ that if he bought the land, he also got the _____ of the man who owned the land as a wife.
5. The closer kinsman realized the problem that this would cause in his _____ and quickly _____ the offer.
6. He passed his _____ to Boaz to seal the deal.

The importance of the shoe in Israel!

7. Boaz announced his _____ and asked the elders to be his witnesses to what he had done.

The Lessons

1. When God has a _____, He works out all of the _____! You can _____ Him.
2. There is an _____ way for followers of God to handle business, even in the _____ world. Be upright!
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