

## PRINCIPLES OF GOD'S KINGDOM - Part 67 By Terri Hill

The Kingdom Principle Of "The Field Of Boaz" - Within the field of Boaz, a stranger finds grace in the eyes of a Redeemer, who brings her into full union with Him, through the promise of the covenant. Boaz is the Kinsman-Redeemer, a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. Ruth is a type of the Bride of Christ, one who leaves her past behind in pursuit of the true, living God; Ruth 2:10-12; 4:9-10. Key Verses: Ruth 3:8-9. The Book of Ruth is a story of Restoration. THESE TRUTHS SPEAK TO US TODAY:

A. Those Who Dwell In The Land Of Idolatry (Moab), shall suffer great loss. When an individual, a family or a nation departs from Bethlehem (house of bread) - Judah (praise), devastation is the result. Those who abandon the Word and the Worship of Yahweh, shall suffer the consequences of idolatry: war, famine, pestilence and death; Ruth 1:1-5.

### B. The Field Of Boaz Reveals:

1. The Mighty Man of Wealth is Boaz, a picture of Messiah Jesus, Who owns the land, raises up the name of the dead, and restores the lost inheritance; Ruth 2:1.
2. The Field of Boaz is a type of the Promised Land, the Kingdom of God, yet to be fully revealed and realized. It is in this place, that refuge is found by those who have been driven by their desperation.
3. In the midst of loss, death, pain and mourning, there is a provision that has been made by One Who is Lord of the Harvest; Ruth 1:6
4. The Field of Boaz reveals God's true ISRAEL - Boaz (a type of Jesus), Who redeemed both the Jew (Naomi) and the Gentile (Ruth) in ONE BODY by the Cross; Eph. 2:11-22.
5. Our "Heavenly Boaz" has servants (watchmen) who are "set over the reapers". He takes notice of those who are gleaning in His field; Ruth 2:4-7
6. The first time that Boaz speaks to Ruth is when she is found among the servants in his field; she falls to the ground (worship). When the Lord speaks personally to us, it causes us to bow - "to sink down, to prostrate oneself"; Ruth 2:8-10.
7. Ruth was placed "beside the reapers", to "glean among the sheaves". She was actively involved in the work of the harvest, and gleaned in the field until EVENING; she stayed close to the servants until they ended ALL THE HARVEST; Ruth 2:21-23; John 9:4.
8. There are some who are content to just eat the "leftovers on the edges" of Boaz's field. But there are some who will come into a living union with the One Who owns all the granaries; Ruth 2:16-17.
9. There is a Remnant, like Ruth, who are not content with just the work and the benefits that they obtain by working in Boaz's field. Ruth wanted intimacy, marriage, and full inheritance; she sought Him out on the "threshing floor"; Ruth 3:2-3.
10. Boaz bought the field; the "shoe" was a symbol of PROPERTY RIGHTS, of all claims upon the land. Jesus obtained the "shoe"; He has the legal right to walk upon the land of promise. We can walk on all things with Him; Ruth 4:5-9.
11. Boaz's field leads to REST in the Most Holy Place; the one who lays at His feet at Midnight, is "covered by His skirt"; Ruth 3:8-9.
12. In the midst of upheaval and suffering, our Kinsman-Redeemer will guide and provide for His obedient covenant people. They shall be led to His field: a place of divine supply and protection; Ruth 1:6.

C. Ruth was in a desperate situation but she made the right choices. These are the steps she took in obedience, which led to full union (marriage) with Boaz:

1. Ruth left the land of Moab: a place of idolatry, her old lifestyle; Ruth 1:22.
2. She left her comfort zone, her "natural family": father, mother and the land of her nativity, to reside with a new "spiritual family"; Ruth 2:11.
3. Ruth adjusted to a time of loss and mourning; she "arose" from a place of grieving and self-pity, to a place of action; Ruth 1:5-7.
4. Ruth met Boaz while ministering with the reapers in a place where her companions had a relationship with Him; Ruth 2:7.
5. Ruth stayed close to her mentor; she followed the godly counsel of Naomi, and obeyed the instructions given to her by Boaz and his servants. She was faithful to work in her place in the field (her ministry).
6. Ruth was searching for substance, she wanted "ears of corn"; she had an appetite for a Kingdom message; Ruth 2:2; Mark 4:28.
7. Ruth ate the produce of Boaz's field: "parched (roasted) corn"; she fed on a mature word. She also "beat out the barley", and shared it with others; Ruth 2:14-18.
8. She learned that a key to restoration is to return to the land of Bethlehem-Judah (the Word and the worship of Yahweh). **THE ROAD TO PRAISE BRINGS YOU BACK TO BOAZ**; Ruth 1:2,7.
9. Her focus changed from the **BENEFITS** of the field to the **OWNER** of the field. She found a place at the "feet of Boaz", where He is resting. Those like Ruth have "marked the place", and shall discover "a heap of corn" there.
10. Everyone but Ruth (the Bride) was asleep at midnight. She "uncovered His feet", learned the benefits of sitting at His feet: she got a revelation of the way He walks! Ruth 3:4; Luke 10:39.
11. She wanted to qualify for a "full reward" (Ruth 2:12), so she followed instructions on the "threshing floor":
  - a. Wash thyself; Eph. 5:26-27; John 13:8-9.
  - b. Anoint thee (with the spirit in devotion, prayer before Him); John 11:2; Luke 4:18.
  - c. Put thy raiment upon thee; Prov. 31:21-22; Eph. 6:11-17.
  - d. Get thee **DOWN** to the floor (the place of sifting and humility); Jas. 4:10; 1 Pet. 5:6.
  - e. Wait (do not make thyself known); Phil. 2:1-11; Ps. 37:7,9.
12. Ruth married Boaz, and was brought into the Royal Lineage, by giving birth to Obed, who was the grandfather of king David. Ruth was able to reproduce His (Boaz) nature and ministry in the earth; Ruth 4:13.