

Ruth Chapter 3

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Points in Chapter 3

1. Naomi pointed out Ruth's need for a home, a resting place, a place of provision, security, and stability
A picture of the need for a redeemer
2. Naomi told Ruth how to secure a new home, how to approach Boaz, the kinsman-redeemer
A picture of the need to repent, to be cleansed in approaching Christ
3. Ruth agreed and carefully obeyed the instructions
A picture of carefully approaching Christ the Redeemer
4. Ruth asked Boaz to marry her
A picture of asking Christ for redemption, salvation

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5. Ruth was received and given the great promise of marriage, of being redeemed

A picture of being received by Christ the Redeemer

6. Ruth shared the promises and provision of Boaz with Naomi

A picture of the believer bearing witness to the promises and provisions of Christ, the Redeemer

7. Ruth patiently waited while Boaz worked out her marriage, redemption

A picture of the believer patiently waiting for the glorious day of salvation

1. What did Naomi tell Ruth in verse 1?

Shall I not seek security for you

Ruth 3:1 (NASB)

¹ Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?"

Ruth 3:1 (KJV)

¹ Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

Ruth 3:1 (NIV)

1. One day Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not try to find a home for you, where you will be provided for?"

1. What did Naomi tell Ruth in verse 1?

3:1. Shall I not seek rest for thee.

A. Rest here is equivalent to marriage.

B. Naomi felt that Ruth should not remain a poor gleaner in the fields.

C. Naomi determined to take the initiative to arrange a marriage

1. What did Naomi tell Ruth in verse 1?

Duties of kinship

A. To redeem or buy back the inheritance of the poor relation, who had been compelled through poverty to part with it (Lev. 25:25).

B. To buy back or redeem the person who was sold into slavery (Lev. 25:47-49).

C. In case his relative's lineage had been cut off by death, thus blotting out his name and house in Israel. The kinsman was to raise a son to his dead brother (Deut. 25:5-7), so that his name be not put out of Israel

2. What were Naomi's instructions to Ruth?

Ruth 3:2-4

² "Now is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barley at the threshing floor tonight.

³ "Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself and put on your best clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

⁴ "It shall be when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies, and you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down; then he will tell you what you shall do."

2. What were Naomi instructions to Ruth?

1. Wash yourself
2. Anoint yourself
3. Put on your *best* clothes,
4. Go down to the threshing floor
5. But do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.
6. You shall notice the place where he lies
7. You shall go and uncover his feet and lie down
8. He will tell you what you shall do.

3. What was Ruth's response to Naomi?

All that you say I will do

Ruth 3:5-8

⁵ She said to her, "**All that you say I will do.**"

⁶ So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.

⁷ When Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came secretly, and uncovered his feet and lay down.

⁸ It happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and bent forward; and behold, a woman was lying at his feet.

4. What was the conversation Boaz and Ruth had on the threshing floor?

Boaz – Who are you?

Ruth - I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a close relative.

Ruth 3:9

9 He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a close relative."

5. What would "the spreading of his covering over your maid over her" show?

1. Ruth was seeking redemption
2. Ruth righteously appealed to Boaz to marry her according to the levirate custom. (Deut. 25: 5 – 10)

Ruth 3:9

⁹ He said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a close relative."

5. What would "the spreading of his covering over your maid over her" show?

Ruth 2:12

¹² "May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge."

Ezekiel 16:8

⁸ "Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine," declares the Lord GOD.

5. What would "the spreading of his covering over your maid over her" show?

Christ is our Kinsman Redeemer: Kinsman

John 1:14

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 2:14-15

¹⁴ Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

¹⁵ and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

5. What would "the spreading of his covering over your maid over her" show?

He is the Son of Man. He is able to Redeem us.

John 10:15

¹⁵ even as the **Father knows Me and I know the Father;**
and **I lay down My life for the sheep.**

2 Corinthians 8:9

⁹ For you know **the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,** that
though **He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor,**
so that you through His poverty might become rich.

5. What would "the spreading of his covering over your maid over her" show?

He is the Son of Man. He is able to Redeem US.

Galatians 3:13

¹³ **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law**, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"—

1 Peter 1:18-19

¹⁸ knowing that **you were not redeemed with perishable things** like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

¹⁹ but **with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.**

5. What would "the spreading of his covering over your maid over her" show?

Physical Relationship

Ruth is seeking Redemption (vs. 9)

Ruth appealed to Boaz to marry her according to the levirate custom [Deut. 25: 5 – 10] (vs. 9)

Spiritual Relationship

Christians have Redemption in Christ

Ephesians 1:7

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

The church is the bride of Christ

Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,
²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

5. What would "the spreading of his covering over your maid over her" show?

Physical Relationship

Ruth was seeking a home, a resting place, a place of provision, love, peace, and security – provided by a loving husband (Boaz) (vs. 9)

Spiritual Relationship

Christians are seeking a heavenly home

1 Timothy 6:11-12

¹¹ But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness.

¹² Fight the good fight of faith; **take hold of the eternal life to which you were called**, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Titus 3:7

⁷ so that **being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

6. What had Boaz noticed about Ruth's character?

1. May you be blessed of the LORD
2. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich
3. You are a woman of excellence

Ruth 3:10-11

¹⁰ Then he said, "May you be blessed of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich.

¹¹ "Now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you ask, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence.

4. What was the conversation Boaz and Ruth had on the threshing floor?

RUTH

Loyal (1:16)

Committed to family (1:16)

Faithful (1:16)

Kind (2:2; 3:10)

Diligent worker (2:17)

Follow instructions (3:6)

Humble (3:10)

Woman of excellence (3:11)

BOAZ

Man of wealth (2:1)

Kind (2:4)

Compassionate (2:10)

Faithful (2:4)

Protective (2:8)

Generous (2:16)

Provider (2:16)

Man of integrity (3:18)

7. What bad news did Boaz give her in verse 12?

There is a relative closer than Boaz.

Ruth 3:12

¹² "Now it is true I am a close relative;
however, **there is a relative closer than I.**

8A. What did Boaz ask Ruth to do?

A. Stay the night

Ruth 3:13

¹³ "Remain this night, and when morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the LORD lives. Lie down until morning.

B. What did Boaz promise Ruth?

When morning comes, if he will redeem you, good; let him redeem you. But if he does not wish to redeem you, then I will redeem you, as the LORD lives.

9. Why did she rise very early in the morning?

Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor

Ruth 3:14

¹⁴ So she lay at his feet until morning and rose before one could recognize another; and he said, "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."

10. What did Boaz give her to take with her?

6 measures of barley

Ruth 3:15

¹⁵ Again he said, "Give me the cloak that is on you and hold it." So she held it, and he measured **six measures of barley** and laid *it* on her. Then she went into the city.

11. What advice did Naomi give Ruth?

Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out; for the man will not rest until he has settled it today

Ruth 3:16-18

¹⁶ When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, "How did it go, my daughter?" And she told her all that the man had done for her.

¹⁷ She said, "These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said, 'Do not go to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'"

¹⁸ Then she said, "Wait, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out; for the man will not rest until he has settled it today."

God's Grace and Mercy

1 Peter 1:3-5

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

God's Grace and Mercy

1 Peter 1:6-9

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,

⁷ so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

⁸ and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, *you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,*

⁹ obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.