

Revelations in Ruth

3 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?

- Remember the bitter cup, the years of bereavement. The loss within 10 years was devastating and so impacting she perceived it to be the directive of God. One reason was she knew she was in a foreign land and their sons had taken wives of other Gods.

2 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

- She was related but disconnected from a wealthy man. The law of the old testament which she was aware of. (if she didn't know what was her's she would have never claimed the promise nor sought to position Ruth)
- So, in wanting to find rest for the people you must know the promise Ruth (who doesn't know) has to be willing but the mentor has to know the promise.

² And Ruth the Moabite said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

- Ruth is a Proverbs 31 woman. She's doing what is in her capacity to maintain the house, we know she has a heart to know God. She has demonstrated she can take an instruction despite having experienced disappointment, despair and loss.

³ And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

- Naomi doesn't know where she is reaping but God who is rich in mercy directs her by his angels to be positioned in the right field, Naomi will show her where to lay, God shows her where to reap.

- Its amazing to see the divine orchestration of Gods divine purpose in Gods divine people.

⁴ And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.

- Boaz this Christlike example to us in the old to speak of the attribute of the Christ to come. Both are from Bethlehem and he's working in conjunction with the reapers for the benefit of Ruth. In the New testament the reapers were angels. Theologians expression of this is kinsman redeemer.

⁵ Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?

- Does he ask the question in light of what he's been hearing about a certain woman who's in town? The angels or reapers have already set her up to meet her 'Boaz or Christ just as the angels who are assigned to the heirs set us up for a divine encounter.

⁶ And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab: And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

- Its towards the end of the day and it appears that the reapers are expressing the diligence or hard work that Ruth displays and her short time of rest before working again. (breaks)

⁸ Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

- First conversation 1... be quick to hear, don't work where you're not positioned, don't leave my side, stay here with the right friends.

⁹ Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch

thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

- Christ or Boaz says keep your eye on the field. Because she has her eye on the field everything, she needs is being loosed to come to her that God has ordained.

¹⁰ Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

- The acknowledgement of knowing you should not be chosen or considered or selected causes humility and understanding of what Grace is. Not only am I a stranger, women, I am a gentile, I don't deserve this.

¹¹ And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

- Somebody is talking to someone about you. "It has fully shown me" your labor is not in vain. Your service is seen by your Father and your attitude. She could have gone back to her mother and father, and the idols of Moab. The willingness to leave the familiar.

¹² The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

- Christ shows up to recompense thy work and a full reward in this life and the life to come. Your walk is one obvious to public of a trust in God.