



# THE BOOK OF RUTH

## The Proposal of Boaz (Chapter 3)



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**INTRODUCTION:** Why do relationships have to be so difficult? Sometimes it takes a lot of work to make it right. We often get our hearts broken along the way. We must remember that God's way is always the best way. He is always right on time! Previously we have noted that Ruth and Naomi came to Bethlehem during the barley harvest. The famine was over for the people, but these two widows were desperate to find help. God had already provided for them (**Deuteronomy 25:5-9**). How will He work this plan together for good? Let's study together...

### DISCUSSION:

#### ***I. THE TEACHING OF NAOMI (vs.1-4)***

- A. The Security
- B. The Swiftiness
- C. The Secrecy

#### ***II. THE TROUBLE FOR RUTH (vs.5-7)***

- A. The Promise
- B. The Path
- C. The Posture

#### ***III. THE TEMPERANCE OF BOAZ (vs.8-13)***

- A. The Request
- B. The Reply
- C. The Respect

#### ***IV. THE TRIUMPH OF THE WOMEN (vs.14-18)***

- A. The Veil
- B. The Victory
- C. The Verdict

**CONCLUSION:** Naomi gives Ruth a four step process to redemption. She said, "Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor" (**Ruth 3:3**). If you want to claim your Kinsman Redeemer (Jesus Christ) you must wash yourself in baptism for the remission of your sins (**John 3:5**), receiving anointing of the Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:38**), put on a new life in Christ (**Galatians 3:27**), and start following God's path for your life (**John 14:6**). We need to be saved! Then, we need to get out into the world and shine our light! We need to be an example of Christ. Ruth continued to surrender herself and serve others. Are you redeemed by the blood of the Lamb? Will you be servant-minded like Ruth? Will you follow the Lord's instruction?