



THE BOOK OF RUTH

The Plans for Ruth (Chapter 2)



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INTRODUCTION: We noticed in our last lesson that Naomi and Ruth have returned to Bethlehem. These two ladies had already faced tragedy and were unsure of God's plan. Naomi has asked people start calling her "Mara" which changes her name from one that means "pleasant" to another that means "bitter." The previous chapter ended on a positive note. We are told that they returned during the barley harvest. The famine was over! Better days are ahead for these two ladies. Let's study together...

DISCUSSION:

I. RUTH IS FAITHFUL TO NAOMI (vs.1-7)

- A. Ruth Wants To Serve Naomi
- B. Ruth Wants To Seek Favor
- C. Ruth Wants To Satisfy Hunger

II. BOAZ SHOWS FAVOR TO RUTH (vs.8-13)

- A. The Compassion of Boaz
- B. The Consideration of Boaz
- C. The Comfort of Naomi

III. RUTH WORKS THE FIELD (vs.17-19)

- A. The Measure
- B. The Meal
- C. The Message

IV. NAOMI FORMULATES A PLAN (vs.20-23)

- A. The Kindness of God
- B. The Kinsman Redeemer
- C. The Knowledge of Naomi

CONCLUSION: Naomi has found the good in a bad situation. Every person needs to learn to see God's hand in everything around us (**Romans 8:28**). We need to look for something positive things and always give God glory (**Philippians 4:8-11**). Naomi and Ruth have found hope in the midst of tragedy. It doesn't bring back their husbands, heal their wounds, finalize their grief, and remove sorrow or heartache. However, it does allow them to see something new on the horizon. A new day was dawning. They are being offered a second chance! Do you need second chance? Are you lost in sin? Are you covered up with shame and guilt? Do you need healing? Come to the foot of the cross! Right now you've got to make a decision. Which path will you take (**Matthew 7:13-14**)? Do not wait to do the right thing! Follow God!