



REDEMPTION BIBLE STUDIES #7

The Great Redeemer

The Redemption of RUTH

"The Story"

Ruth 3:1-18

Then her mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may go well for you? ² Now then, is Boaz not our relative, with whose young women you were? Behold, he is winnowing 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 reveal yourself to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ And it shall be when he lies down, that you shall take notice of the place where he lies, and you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down; then he will tell you what you should do." ⁵ And 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 cheerful, 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 And 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. ⁹ So he said, "Who are you?" And she answered, "I am Ruth your slave. Now spread your garment over your slave, for you are a redeemer." 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 So now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you say, for all my people in the city know that you are a woman of excellence. ¹² But now, although it is true that I am a redeemer, yet there is also a redeemer more closely related than I. 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."

¹⁴ So she lay at his feet until morning, and got up before one person could recognize another; and he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." ¹⁵ Again he said, "Give me the shawl 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. 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 also 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."

Many years ago my brother and sister-in-law had set aside some extra money that was their tithe above and beyond his regular salaried tithe. At Christmas time they decided to find a place to give this extra offering to one place. They had gone to school with a Christian young lady that had married a man in missions in the states and they chose this couple to bless with their offering. They gave every cent of



the money which came out to over \$800 (for some reason \$872 is what I remember). They put a check in the mail to this young couple as a gift.

A week or so later than got a call from this young lady and she asked them how they knew about their outstanding bill. They didn't know anything about a bill and they sent whatever was in the account that that time. It just so happened that the amounts were exactly the same, to the dollar.

God has a plan in many forms of redemption for you and I. First and foremost, His redemption plan was in sending Jesus to save us from an eternity in hell. Beyond that He has done many other things that show a redemption story in all of His children.

Ruth is just such an example. The book of Ruth is a great story that when read for the content of the story itself is very interesting. When it's read in the context of a foretelling of Jesus coming as our redeemer it is deep and meaningful.