

Worksheet
Naomi and Ruth

When Naomi returned to her own country, she was restored into fellowship with her people and into the blessings of God. However, her attitude that she carried with her to her homeland was not good. When she was questioned as to who she was, she told them to call her Mara, (bitter) because God had dealt bitterly with her. But later, after Ruth married Boaz and bore a son, it was said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman." Even though her attitude during the bad times in her life was not good and she put the blame on God for the things that had happened to her - God was still with her. He did not leave her alone just as He does not leave us alone! God always receives and restores those who come back to Him (as Naomi did).

Read the following scriptures and see what God has in store for us

Isaiah 1:17, 25

Isaiah 55:7

Jeremiah 26:13

Jeremiah 32:37-44

Zephaniah 3:17-20

Ezekiel 18:21

Ruth was not Jewish by birth. She was a gentile, a foreigner, who chose to accept Naomi's God. How do we become part of God's people?

Romans 11:13-24 _____

Matthew 12:44 Jesus' true family is _____

Throughout this study of Ruth, have you ever really thought about what she gave up? She gave up her land, her people, the gods that she had been taught to believe in. Are you a person of tradition or truth? In John chapter 4, a Samaritan woman asked Jesus a question about tradition (4:22). She had been taught by her people to worship at Mt. Gerzim not Jerusalem. In His reply, Jesus made it clear that it was how we worshiped not where that was important (4:23-26).

Considering your own life how do you feel about the decision that she made?

Ruth became the bride of Boaz not because she deserved him, but because He was willing to pay the price of kinsman for her. He met the three requirements of the "kinsman."

1. He must be willing to redeem - Lev. 25:25; Gal 4:4-5
2. He must be a kinsman and have the right to redeem - Lev. 25:48-49; Ruth 3:12-13
3. He must have the power or the means to redeem - Ruth 4:4-6; John 10:11-18

What do you see Boaz as a type and shadow of? _____

Why? _____

In the book of Ruth, we can see God working through calamities as well as times of prosperity, through relationships and occurrences, in the lives of those in the story of Ruth as well as generations to come. The Lord does not change. He is continuously working to accomplish His purpose.

How do you see God's hand moving in the story of Ruth? _____

In what ways do you see God at work in your life? _____

Naomi sought security for Ruth through a near kinsman. Where are you seeking your security?

In the Lord

In Wrong Places

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

What was Boaz' commitment to Ruth? _____

What is your commitment to God? _____

In our lives many of us experience pain and loss like Naomi but like Ruth we can find our place in God's family through our kinsman, Jesus Christ.