

## THE BOOK OF RUTH BOAZ: A TYPE OF CHRIST

### 1. The Lord of the Harvest

**Ruth 2:3-4:**

<sup>3</sup> **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.**

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



**Matthew 9:37-38:**

<sup>37</sup> **Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;**

<sup>38</sup> **Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His Harvest.**

**Luke 10:1-2:**

<sup>1</sup> **After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come.**

<sup>2</sup> **Therefore said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that he would send forth labourers into His harvest.**

### 2. The near Kinsman

**Ruth 2:1: And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.**

**Ruth 2:20: And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, Who hath not left off His Kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.**

**John 1:14: And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father,) full of Grace and Truth.**

### **3. The supplier of needs**

**Ruth 2:1-17:**

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

**2 And Ruth the Moabitess 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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

**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:**

**7 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.**

**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:**

**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.**



**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 shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?**

**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.**

**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.**

**13 Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.**

**14 And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.**

**15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:**

**16 And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.**

**17 So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.**



**Romans 8:32: He that spared not His Own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?**

#### **4. The Redeemer of thine inheritance**

**Ruth 4:6-10:**

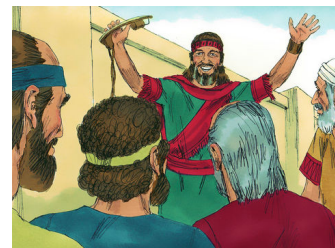
**<sup>6</sup> And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it.**

**<sup>7</sup> Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was a testimony in Israel.**

**<sup>8</sup> Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe.**

**<sup>9</sup> And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.**

**<sup>10</sup> Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to**



***be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.***

***Ephesians 1:11-14:***

***<sup>11</sup> In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His Own Will:***

***<sup>12</sup> That we should be to the praise of His Glory, who first trusted in Christ.***

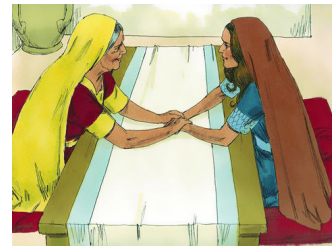
***<sup>13</sup> In Whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your Salvation: in Whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise,***

***<sup>14</sup> Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His Glory.***

***Luke 1:68: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people,***

## **5. The one who gives rest**

***Ruth 3:18: Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.***



***Ruth 4:10: Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.***

***Hebrews 4:3: For we which have believed do enter into rest, as He said, As I have sworn in My wrath, if they shall enter into My rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.***

***Matthew 11:28-29:***

***<sup>28</sup> Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.***

***<sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.***

## 6. The wealthy Kinsman

**Hebrews 1:2: Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by Whom also He made the worlds;**

## 7. As the Bridegroom

**Ruth 4:10: Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.**

**Matthew 25:1: Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.**

### SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Our **Heavenly Boaz** — none other than **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST** — at His Coming again will have His rewards with HIM. In Jesus' Parable of the **TALENTS AND POUNDS**, we see how He will render unto the **DILIGENT** and **THE FAITHFUL**.

### PARABLE OF THE TALENTS AND POUNDS

**Matthew 25:14-30:**

**14 For the Kingdom of Heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.**

**15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.**

**16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.**

**17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.**

**18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.**

**19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.**

**20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five**





*talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.*

*21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*

*22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.*

*23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*

*24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:*



*25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.*

*26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and*

*gather where I have not strawed:*

*27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.*

*28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.*

*29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.*

*30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

**Luke 19:12-27:**

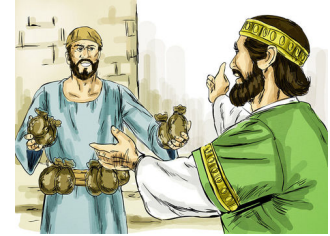
*12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.*

*13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.*

*14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.*

*15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading.*

16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds.  
 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.  
 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds.  
 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.  
 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:  
 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.  
 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:  
 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?  
 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds.  
 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.)  
 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.



## THE NOBLE CHARACTERISTICS OF BOAZ

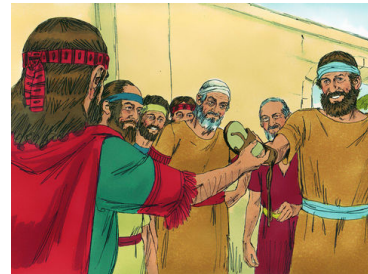
1. Boaz had the nobleness of character to discover the same virtues in others.
2. Boaz was a wealthy and influential farmer who was unafraid of work, who went and worked without display of vain show, just as part of the workforce.



3. Boaz's manly respect of Ruth is evidenced by his warning the working men not to be fresh with her but to show respect for a woman.
4. Boaz provided just enough work so as not to overwork her, and at the same time not to make it very obvious what he was doing as to hurt herself-respect.
5. Under Mosaic Law, there is a statute called Levirate Marriages. Under this statute, provision is made for a family name not to be allowed to perish from a tribe. Therefore, when Elimelech died, his brother was to take his wife and redeem his inheritance by raising up children unto his deceased brother.

Since Elimelech and his sons had died, it was the right and duty of the NEAREST KIN to step in and save their inheritance and family name. Children were to be raised up unto the dead husband through the marriage to the man's widow.

The nearest kin declined to do this, for it would have MARRED HIS INHERITANCE. So this was where Boaz came into the picture. Boaz offered to be the KINSMAN REDEEMER and also be Ruth's husband.



6. Boaz now becomes a beautiful TYPE OF CHRIST — our Kinsman REDEEMER. Jesus the Christ sacrificed His Own Divine rights. He humbled Himself, took upon Him a human form to REDEEM US from the devil's pawn shop.

In the Parable of the Merchantman, we learn about a man who sold everything he had in order to buy a field wherein he had found a hidden treasure. That TREASURE IS US. Jesus sold all he had to buy that field— a field that Jesus interprets as THE WORLD. This is why Paul says:

***1 Corinthians 7:23: Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.***

***1 Corinthians 6:20: For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and spirit which are God's.***

We were paupers, none of us able to pay the ransom price for our release from our sin's debt. But Jesus paid the full price for our redemption, all praise to His Holy Name!

7. Notice Boaz's spiritual warmth as he greets his reapers.

***Ruth 2:4: "The Lord be with you".***

That is to say: '***The Lord bless you***'. What a beautiful picture of Christ!

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