

## *Meditations from the Book of Ruth Part 10*

We will continue in this message what we had started meditating from the book of Ruth.

***“6 And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her. 7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down. 8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. 9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman. 10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.” (Ruth 3:6-11 KJV)***

***“6 And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.” (Ruth 3:6 KJV)*** Ruth obeyed all what her mother in law told her to do. She was obedient to the instructions that she received. When you read this verse, you will think it is easy. *\* I tell you the truth, many when they will receive the instruction, they will process it in their minds and come out with certain things that are out of the instructions. And will start to do certain things that are strange and in practicing it will be against and opposing the instructions that they received. \* Many they will say to me we will do, but I find out they were just saying yes, and they were doing the opposite of what they were hearing. That is why problems and issues will arise because of disobedience.*

***“7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.” (Ruth 3:7 KJV)*** Boaz as a single man, was working and living in the floor of the field. His routines were work and eat, drink and sleep. *You can see they don't have the entertainment and the wasting of time that causes disturbances to our lives today. No TV, no Facebook, no You-tube, No news, etc. They were not having the Media and the disturbance of the Media that today people are suffering.*

Ruth was noticing closely all his movement so she can do and obey what her mother in law asked her to do. Then she came softly. See here the gentleness that is needed from the girl, that what Peter mentioned about the inner beauty of the wife, a meek and quite spirit, ***“3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.” (1 Peter 3:3-4 KJV)*** Ruth did not put make up to make herself beautiful. She gently uncovered his feet, and laid her down. She did not disturb his sleep. May be the whole purpose of what Naomi instructed her to do is to show the man her ornament of a meek and quite spirit. But there might be other reasons. *Now, are you exercising gentleness when you do and execute instructions? God wants you to do so that you will not disturb the people and causing them hurts and troubles.*

Ruth ***“uncovered his feet, and laid her down:”*** That was the position that had put herself in to make her request known to him; to spread his skirt over her; for he was a near kinsman. *We learn from this that we need to have a wisdom how to present our request with a certain attitude, to the people whom we are expecting that they will answer us and respond to our requests.* Many times we lack such preparation and therefore we cannot bring our request and concerns to the people at the right time and with a proper language and attitude that they will understand and accept. *You need to be in a gentle, and humble attitude so you can present your request successfully to the right people.*

***“8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.” (Ruth 3:8 KJV)*** They sleep early and they have long sleep over the night and when they wake up they are fresh and strong. He woke up at mid night. He was afraid, because he felt something touching his feet, and he turned and found a woman lay at his feet. He was afraid because he did not expect anyone to be in the field.

Do you think Ruth was sleeping when he woke up? Most likely not, because when he spoke to her, she answered him immediately. She was awake so she will be ready to respond to him when he will wake up. *Are you watchful and waiting carefully to do your assignment well?*

*Are you ready for the coming of Christ? Are you awake and waiting for His coming? Church are you ready to receive our husband who is coming back to take us with Him to Heaven?*

*Are you preparing yourself for the coming of Christ? As individuals and as members we need to prepare ourselves and to be ready for the coming of Christ. Christ is our redeemer and we are waiting for Him to come and take us with our lamps and oil.*

How Ruth prepared herself? She washed herself and took bath. *In the same way we need to take bath with God's Word, the blood of Jesus and allow the Holy Spirit to cleanse us. She anointed herself with the oil to invite the Holy Spirit to be with her. We need in the same way to be anointed and prepared and led by the Holy Spirit to do and to be in the center of God's will.*

***“9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.” (Ruth 3:9 KJV)*** Boaz was aware that it was a human in the floor beside him. Ruth was awake and was waiting for his move to approach her. She was ready with her answer. She told him, ***“I am Ruth thine handmaid:”*** that showed her humility and respect to the man whom God had sent to her to help her. ***“spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.”*** She requested him to do what the Word of God dictated on him to do, to marry her, being a near kinsman, who was called to redeem the land so it will not go outside their tribe, and to marry her as widow to make a name for the dead.

***“10 And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.” (Ruth 3:10 KJV)*** Boaz thanked and praised God for what he had received from Him, in sending to him the right woman that he need in his life. He acknowledged that she is blessed by the Lord, because of her kindness toward her dead husband and toward her mother in law, as well as now her willingness to marry an old man, and that she did not run after young men, and she did not make difference between poor or

rich men. He recognized that Ruth was running after God's will and living her life to please God. He was also aware now is that her mother in law was the one who was teaching her, because by herself she does not know that, and she is doing that in obedience to God's Word.

***"11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman."*** (Ruth 3:11 KJV) He called her ***"my daughter"***, because there was a big age difference between him and between her. Also is a sign of purity between them. He assured her not to fear anything from his side when he said to her, ***"fear not"***. *The message now for those who had put their trust on God and who wants to follow and be in the center of God's will that they don't need to be afraid as they put their trust in HIM.*

Boaz was a man who fears God and who was willing to do all what the Lord would asked him to do, for he promised her ***"I will do to thee all that thou requires"***, and he gave her the reason for that, ***"for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman."*** You see it was the right of Ruth to request Boaz to marry her, but he was willing to do that more because of what Ruth was in behavior and in attitude, and not only because he was a near kinsman. He told her, that he is willing to do that because everyone in the city knew that she was a virtuous woman. How everyone in the city knew that Ruth was a virtuous woman? Everyone knew Naomi, and everyone knew her story and how Naomi came back, as we can read, ***"And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?"*** (Ruth 1:19 KJV) So the story was well know, especially she was a stranger and was willing to leave her father and mother and her native land and to come with Naomi to care for her.

*Now if we will put our hope and trust on Christ alone, then we need to give up other plans and other ways.* Some people they say that they put their trust on Christ, but their eyes on the rich, on the young, on the fame, on the high standard, on the beautiful places, and not on Christ's choices and will.

***My dear and beloved:*** Come now to God in repentance and check yourself.

*Are you doing the instructions given to you or you are doing your own?*  
*Are you doing all what you can to be in the center of God's will or your pushing your own will?*  
*Are you putting your trust and hope on Christ alone, or you are still trying to solve problems with your owns ways?*

*Give up now your own plans, deny yourself, and give up the worldly things that will take you away from Christ, so that you will meet Christ and He will enter your life and guide you and lead you till He will come and take us with Him to Heaven and live with Him forever.*

*Are you ready for the coming of Christ? Are you awake and waiting for His coming? Are you living according to His Word and will? Church are you ready to receive our husband who is coming back to take us with Him to Heaven?*

*Are you preparing yourself for the coming of Christ? As individuals and as members we need to prepare ourselves and to be ready for the coming of Christ. Christ is our redeemer and we are waiting for Him to come and take us with our lamps and oil.*

Let us pray ...

***My Prayer:*** Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your message that taught me to surrender my life and my will unto you.

Ask God forgiveness for all your sins, renounce pride, doing your own will, rejecting the plan of God, and going after your flesh and worldly desires. Lord forgive me and I repent from the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.

*Lord I commit myself to the teaching that I had received from your Word in this message to do and to act upon it in my life. Lord I commit myself to be humble, to listen and to do the instructions that was given to me from the elders. Lord I surrender my life and my will into your hand, Lord I humble myself into your hand, Lord guide me, I am willing to do your will in full and to go through the plan that you had ordained for me to pass through. Lord I commit myself to show the fruit of the Holy Spirit, love peace, joy, patience, self-control, perseverance, gentleness, kindness, long-suffering, and the rest of the fruit so others will see Jesus in my life.*

*Lord I pray for my brothers and sisters who committed themselves to the principles of the message, Lord guide them and lead them step by step to do the good plan that you have for them. Lord protect them, sustain them and provide for them. Lord reward them for every act of obedience and in submission to your plan and will.*

*Lord I pray that you will help us as a church to implement your Word and the teaching we receive in this message. Lord as we humble ourselves in your hand you will left us up in due time. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit to go forward to evangelize and make new disciples and complete the work that you ordained for us to do. Lord fulfill your vision to the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God'. Lord helps us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hands be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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