

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

6.30.2024

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Ruth Marries Boaz

## **Ruth 4: 1 – 10**

All of humanity who are of a sound mind and a sound body will realize that there comes a day of accountability in their life. What many will not understand is that this duty is a recognition, a recognition that we have a responsibility to God, and to others. Mankind has no sense of responsibility because they themselves feel that they are entitled, they always think that they deserve better. The world teaches us that everyone has a right to their own opinion, and for this reason many offenses are going to take place, and even though forgiveness is not an option, many will refuse and reject the duties that God has in store for them. We must stop trying to do what we want to do in our lives and find out what God wants us to do with our lives. Interference comes because we are consumed with the notion of whether or not we are going to receive credit for the duties which are to be performed. It does not matter who gets the credit, but that God receives the glory. We are to live for God's approval in our life and not for the praise of man, for we live according to the characteristics of Christ. When Christ died, we died, when he was buried, we were buried, when he arose, we arose, therefore, we should not expect to be complimented for doing our duty, which is our reasonable service. God owns all things; we have just been given the responsibility to manage that which he has given unto us.

**Ecclesiastes 12: 13,....**let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God, and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man....

One of the greatest lessons learned from the written word of God is that it is pointless to gain all the world has to offer, and at the same time lose out on the opportunity to live for the Lord.

**Mark 8: 36,....**for what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?....

God wants us to live to the fullest, but not for our own self-gratification, which would be fortune and fame, prosperity and power, and longevity of life. Unless our relationship with God is founded upon his Son, Christ, then our life becomes meaningless. We must not allow ourselves to fall into Satan's snare of seeing our own satisfaction. Therefore, when all has been said and done, and we have been tried and tested, the only fulfillment that we will find in this life will come through our obedience to God's word.

**Ruth 4: 1 – 4,....**went Boaz up to the gate, and set down....the kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by....he said to the kinsman, Naomi....sell I the parcel of land....if thou wilt redeem it, redeem it, but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me....for there is none to redeem it besides thee, and I am after thee, I will redeem it.

The responsibility of our duty comes through redemption. As Christians, we have been redeemed, and nothing will ever change that, but it is an ongoing process. Yes, redemption freed us from the penalty of sin, but it also continues to deliver us from the power of sin.

In today's scripture, we see that there was a conflict over where Ruth's redemption would come from, and also how it would continue for her security. Humanity faces the same conflict in their life. Many look to the world for their redemption, hoping that what they find will not only redeem them, but will sustain them in their life here on earth, while the believer looks to Christ, being assured of redemption, and knowing that the security of salvation will continue to deliver us from the power of sin and death.

**Colossians 6: 12 – 14,....**giving thanks unto the Father....who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son....in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sin....

Sin disqualifies us and renders us dead in our trespasses, separating us forever from God. But Christ redeemed us through his shed blood, so that we might be able to share in the inheritance provided unto all who will by faith accept him. Our redemption did not come through things of corruptible, worldly, materialistic value, and we did not receive peace with God through the fleshly works of mankind, and we did not receive salvation and the benefits thereof because of rules and regulations, and activities of various religious organizations or groups, but our redemption came through the grace of God, who generously sent his Son to die for the atonement of our sins.

**1 John 2: 2,....**and he is the propitiation ( atonement) for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world....

**Ruth 4: 5 – 10,....**then said Boaz, what day thou buyest the field of....Naomi, then must thou buy it also of Ruth....the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself....therefore, the kinsman said....buy it for thee....Boaz, said unto the elders....ye are witnesses....I have bought all....moreover Ruth....have I purchased to be my wife....to raise up the name of the dead....that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren....

Those who turn to the world for redemption soon find out that there is no true redemption in the world. For there is nothing, nor is there anyone in the world who is worthy of paying the price to redeem mankind.

**Galatians 4: 4 – 5,....**when the fulness of times was come, God sent forth his Son....to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of Sons....

Only Christ was worthy, and willing, to take on the responsibility and obligation, to accept the opportunity to pay our debt of sin, no matter what the cost to himself, so that all of mankind might have the chance to live a life eternally in the glory and in the presence of an almighty God. Nothing takes place according to mans timing, therefore, only Gods timetable extends to our lives, and everything that God plans for us is in the fulness of his time.

**Psalms 31: 15,....**my times are in thy hand....

As Christians, we commit our lives to the one who has redeemed us, and we live our lives to his time, his purpose, and his plan. Every believer, can and should commit their life unto God, and rest assured in the confidence of his will.

**Philippians 1: 21,....**for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain....

**Colossians 3: 23,....**whatsoever ye do, do it heartily , as to the Lord, and not unto men....

Boaz really wanted to redeem Ruth, which is a type of Christ who did all that he could do to redeem mankind. Boaz was going to provide security for Ruth by marrying her and becoming her husband, Christ provides security for the church, for he is the bridegroom and the church is his bride, and for this reason Christ took upon himself the role of redemption, so that all who would accept and believe upon him could be redeemed, justified, sanctified, and one day glorified in the Father through him. Therefore, as Christians, we should do his duty without any reservations.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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