

Introduction to Ruth

By Samuel at the end of the era of Judges, whilst Saul reigned and pointing to the coming king

What is a Kinsman Redeemer

essential nature of go'el: provision & protection for unfortunate relatives

The main characters

Naomi(Mara) from the tribe of Judah Ruth a Moabite woman Boaz wealthy relative, fields near Bethlehem



What type of man was Boaz

In the midst of the Judges failing and God's judgement he continued after God He knew and lived the word of God

He knew he was a kinsman redeemer

Lev 25:25 If one of your fellow Israelites becomes poor and sells some of their property, their nearest relative is to come and redeem what they have sold. 26 If, however, there is no one to redeem it for them but later on they prosper and acquire sufficient means to redeem it themselves

He considered the poor

Lev 23:22 When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the Lord your God

He fulfils the redeemers role (pro...)

2:15 As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Let her gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her. 16 Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her."

The white elephant between Boaz & Ruth?

What motivates his behaviour/interest

2:11 Boaz replied, "I've <u>been told</u> all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband 2:14 At mealtime Boaz said to her, "<u>Come over here</u>. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar."

David and Mephibosheth

Why was this written
What does this tell us about David
Why did David do this



Boaz was a type of Jesus

What are the similarities?

Not only did Jesus know and live the Truth, he was the Truth

John 14:6 I am the way and the truth and the life

He knew he was a kinsman redeemer

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many



Jesus considered the poor

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor

He fulfills the redeemers role

Luk 4:18 He has sent Me to proclaim deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed

What motivates His behaviour/interest

For God so... thought it was good idea/ believed that it was the right thing to do/ etc What are examples of Jesus love?



Jesus & Boaz recap

Both knew and lived the Truth

Both knew they were the kinsman redeemer

Both considered the poor

Both fulfilled the redeemers role

Both were motivated by love

Law of Agency!!! You are agent!!!

The church partakes in the redemption process

nature of go'el: provision for unfortunate relative

Rom 12:3 Contribute to the needs of the saints & seek to show hospitality (strangers)

By God's grace we are a church that care for our brothers in need

Mat 25:40 And the King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.



The key to hospitality (strangers)

Biblical Love (Voddie Baucham)

Biblical Love is an act of the will accompanied by emotion that leads to action on behalf of its object.

You're not always going to feel like loving someone. Learning to love is a work of sanctification – it is not learned intuitively

What do we see when we look at a stranger?



How does God feel about strangers

Luke 6:35,36 ...he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful

Psalm 72:13 He will have compassion on the poor and needy and save the lives of the oppressed.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends



Love and interest go together

Christ identified with those whom he loved

Its time strangers become relatives







