



Ruth 4 “My Redeemer (The Well)”

Intro:

As this wonderful story comes to an end we finally see who this story is really about. Our precious Savior and Redeemer who was to come, Jesus. As we observe Boaz our goal is to see the character of Christ expressed through Boaz’s redemption of Ruth. Giving us a picture of the great love, grace and mercy our God was to have on His people, both Jews and Gentiles.

1. **My Redeemer Gave It All**

In Israel, God had made a provision to protect both the land and the name of a family. If a man died without a son, a close relative could step in as a redeemer. He would buy back the land (Leviticus 25:25), marry the widow, and raise up a child **in the name of the deceased** so that his name would not be cut off from Israel (Deuteronomy 25:5–6). At first, the closer redeemer is willing—because he is thinking about gaining land. **But when he realizes that he also needs to marry Ruth and that the child born would legally carry the name of Mahlon, not his own, everything changes.** That child would inherit the land, meaning *the redeemer would pay the cost, but the long-term inheritance would not remain with his own family line.* This is why he says it would ‘jeopardize his inheritance.’ It could divide his estate, reduce what would go to his own children, and invest his resources into a line that would not bear his name. So in the end, he refuses.

On the contrary, our Redeemer gave it ALL to in order to redeem us. Even His the Son. Our God is not like this other redeemer, self interested. Our God is a selfless and sacrificial Redeemer, who gave his Son to redeem sinners, to redeem his enemies. What a great Redeemer we have.

- “If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; *knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.*” 1 Peter 1:17-19 NASB2020 (consider: Phil. 2:2-8, Rom. 8:32)

2. **My Redeemer Gave Me An Inheritance**

Boaz makes it clear that he is not choosing to be the redeemer for the land but to marry Ruth and raise up an inheritance to deceased Mahlon. In the same way, Christ, through His sacrifice and resurrection, has brought us—who were once dead in sin—to life and has guaranteed an inheritance for us. We have been adopted as children of God, sealed with His Spirit, and now we wait for glorified bodies and to dwell in a sinless, eternal relationship with our God.

- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy **has caused us to be born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,**” 1 Peter 1:3-4 NASB2020
- “In him you also, *when you heard the word of truth*, the gospel of your salvation, and *believed in him*, **were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it**, to the praise of his glory.” Ephesians 1:13-14 ESV (consider: Romans 8:15-17, Hebrews 9:15)

3. **My Redeemer Restores**

My original design—to be in relationship with God—is restored through the redemption of my soul. Though I was once dead in sin and His enemy, He has now redeemed me and restored me, bringing me to life spiritually, closing the gap between God and me, making me His child, and giving me a relationship with Him.

- “Therefore, *since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*” Romans 5:1-2 ESV
- “Therefore *if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,*” 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 NASB2020
- “And although **you were previously alienated and hostile in attitude, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His body of flesh through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—**” Colossians 1:21-22 NASB2020

4. **My Redeemer Is JESUS**

Read Mathew 1:1-16. My Redeemer has a name, and His name is JESUS! How incredible it is to see God’s sovereignty and to see Jesus at the end of this genealogy. Through a redeemed Moabite and a simple farmer, the Lord God came into this world. And the same could be said of many other broken but redeemed individuals on this list.

Conclusion:

Something beautiful to notice is that the name of Mahlon is not mentioned in Christ’s—or even David’s—genealogy, which legally should have been there, but the name of Boaz is. The original potential redeemer chose not to redeem Ruth in order to preserve his name and “protect” his inheritance—yet Scripture leaves him nameless. On the other hand, Boaz gave up both his name and his earthly inheritance, and though his name should not have been included, it is. And beyond that, he received the greatest inheritance of all—being in the lineage of Christ. Once again:

- “And He summoned the crowd together with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wants to come after Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it benefit a person to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?” Mark 8:34-36 NASB2020

Memory Verse:

“Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel!” Ruth 4:14 ESV

