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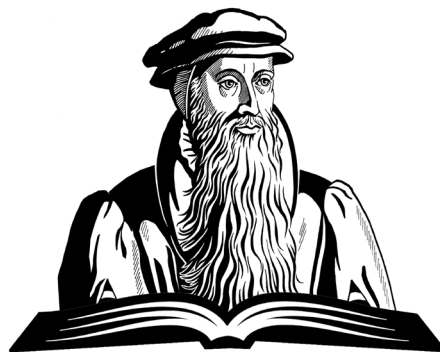
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Old Testament

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Ruth the Moabite

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Lesson 51

Ruth the Moabiteess

The Book of Ruth, chapters 1 through 4

Memory Verse

“The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to trust.”

Ruth 2:12

Looking in the Wrong Place

Hard times came upon the people of Israel. There was a famine in the land. What were people to do? Some, like Elimelech, sought for greener pastures elsewhere. Elimelech thought he would have better opportunities in the land of Moab. However, this move did not seem to bring happiness. Rather, it brought much bitterness. As Naomi was greeted upon her return to Bethlehem with Ruth, she said, “I went away full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty” (Ruth 1:21). Do you see that? They thought they were empty, and they went away full. Now, however, she realizes that she had been full, but now was empty. She lost her husband, she lost her sons, she had nothing with which to provide for herself or her daughters-in-law—too old for another husband, no sons for her daughters-in-law, no money to provide for their needs.

How like Elimelech are many in the world, especially those who have been blessed to come under the Word of God. In the Bible they read about God. They read about what he has made, what he has accomplished in his Son, and what he has promised to all them that put their trust in his Son. Sadly, however, they think it is better over there, in that other place, in the world. What will those gain who, having heard of his salvation, seek for their happiness in the things of the world? Should not the question of the Lord Jesus Christ be pondered seriously? Jesus said, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Mark. 8:36).

Boaz Full of Compassion

What hope was there? What expectation did Naomi have as she returned to the land of her people? None. It was for this reason that she pleaded with her daughters-in-law to leave her and return unto their own people. But the one named Ruth stayed with her and returned to Bethlehem with her.

Where would Ruth go to reap? Before she went out, Naomi told Ruth about Boaz (Ruth 2:1). While we are not told what was said, they must have been encouraging words, for Ruth says, “Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace” (Ruth 2:2). She had never met the man, but she was encouraged by what she heard of him. This speaks highly of the character of Boaz.

Boaz had compassion towards Ruth and Naomi and allowed Ruth to glean so she could take food to Naomi. And Boaz is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is full of compassion. Did Jesus not say to the Samaritan woman at the well, “If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water” (John 4:10)? Think too of that woman who had the issue of blood for twelve years (Mark 5:25–34) What hope did she have for a cure? Twelve years no remedy. Then she hears of Jesus. She must have heard good things, encouraging things, about Jesus. Hearing these things, she concluded, “If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole” (Mark 5:28). And what did she find? She found that all that she heard of him was true. She came, she touched, and she was made whole.

Questions

1. Elimelech and his family went to settle in _____ because there was a famine in the land.

- a. Gaza
- b. Ashkelon
- c. Moab
- d. Philistia

2. Upon their return to Israel in whose field did Ruth go to glean?

Discussions

1. Elimelech and his family had departed Israel to find greener pasture in a distant land, however, what they sought was not to be found there. They found the blessing, not in the place they went to, but in the place they left. With this in mind, explain why it is foolish to think that happiness can be found in departing from the Lord and from his Word.

2. Discuss how the story of the prodigal son and Elimelech are similar. What similar realization did the prodigal son and Naomi come to?

3. In Luke 13:34, Jesus says, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!” Focusing on Jesus’ referencing himself as a “hen”, read chapter 2 of Ruth and explain how Boaz was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ toward Ruth.
