

Ruth: Pictures of God's Provision When Hope Is Lost

A Picture of Blessing

Ruth 4:13-22

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Introduction:

The book of Ruth seems to have come full circle. A story that began with the loss of hope now seems full of hope. A woman worried about security and provision has witnessed a relative willing to provide for her and ensure an heir is provided for Elimelech's property. However, not everything is resolved. In these verses that close the book, we find that God has provided more than what was lost. His blessings are new and they will renew the widow's hope in the Lord.

I. Blessings R_____ (vv. 13-15)

"Then her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her His great mercy, and they rejoiced with her."
Luke 1:58

Walking Point:

Emptiness Made F_____!

II. Blessings R_____ (vv. 16-17)

"For His anger lasts only a moment,
but His favor, a lifetime.
Weeping may spend the night,
but there is joy in the morning."
Psalm 30:5

Walking Point:

Emptiness Made W_____!

III. Blessings R _____ (vv. 18-22)

“Abraham fathered Isaac, Isaac fathered Jacob, Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers, ³Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez fathered Hezron, Hezron fathered Aram, ⁴Aram fathered Aminadab, Aminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, ⁵Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab, Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth, Obed fathered Jesse, ⁶and Jesse fathered King David... ¹⁶and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, who gave birth to Jesus who is called Messiah.”

Matthew 1:2-6, 16

Walking Point:

Emptiness Made C _____ !