

路得记结晶读经

第十篇

路得拣选她的目标，
使用她的权利，寻找她的安息，
并得着赏赐来为着神的经纶

诗歌：

读经：得一～四

- 得 1:1 当士师秉政的时候，以色列地遭遇饥荒。有一个人带着妻子和两个儿子，从犹大的伯利恒往摩押乡间去寄居。
- 得 1:2 这人名叫以利米勒，他妻子名叫拿俄米；他两个儿子，一个名叫玛伦，一个名叫基连，都是犹大伯利恒的以法他人。他们到了摩押乡间，就住在那里。
- 得 1:3 后来拿俄米的丈夫以利米勒死了，剩下妇人和她两个儿子。
- 得 1:4 这两个儿子娶了摩押女子为妻，一个名叫俄珥巴，一个名叫路得，在那里住了约有十年。
- 得 1:5 玛伦和基连二人也死了，剩下妇人拿俄米，两个孩子没有了，丈夫也没有了。
- 得 1:6 她就与两个儿媳起身，要从摩押乡间归回；因为她在摩押乡间听见耶和華眷顾祂的百姓，赐粮食与他们。
- 得 1:7 于是她带同两个儿媳，起行离开所在的地方，上路回犹大地去。
- 得 1:8 拿俄米对两个儿媳说，你们各人回娘家去罢。愿耶和華以恩慈待你们，象你们以恩慈待已死的人与我一样。
- 得 1:9 愿耶和華使你们各在新夫家中寻得安息。于是拿俄米与她们亲嘴，她们就放声而哭，
- 得 1:10 说，不然，我们必与你一同回你本民那里去。
- 得 1:11 拿俄米说，我女儿们哪，回去罢。为何要跟我去呢？我腹中还有儿子可以作你们的丈夫么？
- 得 1:12 我女儿们哪，回去罢；我年纪老迈，不能再有丈夫。即或我说，我还有指望，今夜有丈夫可以生子，

CRYSTALLIZATION-STUDY OF RUTH

Message Ten

Ruth's Choosing for Her Goal,
Exercising Her Right, Seeking for Her Rest,
and Receiving a Reward for God's Economy

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1—4

- Ruth 1:1 Now in the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. And a man from Bethlehem in Judah went down to dwell as a sojourner in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.
- Ruth 1:2 And the man's name was Elimelech, and his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there.
- Ruth 1:3 And Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons.
- Ruth 1:4 And they took wives for themselves from among the Moabite women. One's name was Orpah, and the second's name was Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years.
- Ruth 1:5 And both Mahlon and Chilion died, and the woman was left without her two children and her husband.
- Ruth 1:6 Then she rose up with her daughters-in-law in order to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that Jehovah had visited His people by giving them food.
- Ruth 1:7 So she went forth from the place where she had been, along with her two daughters-in-law; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.
- Ruth 1:8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go and return, each of you, to your mother's house. May Jehovah deal kindly with you, just as you have dealt with the dead and with me.
- Ruth 1:9 May Jehovah grant you to find rest, each of you in the house of your husband. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice and wept.
- Ruth 1:10 And they said to her, No, we will return with you to your people.
- Ruth 1:11 And Naomi said, Return, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?
- Ruth 1:12 Return, my daughters, go; for I am too old to have a husband. If I said, I have hope; even if I had a husband tonight and even bore sons;

得 1:13 你们岂能等着他们长大呢？你们岂能为他们守身不嫁人呢？我女儿们哪，不要这样。我比你们更是愁苦，因为耶和華伸手攻击我。

得 1:14 两个儿媳又放声而哭；俄珥巴与婆婆亲嘴而别，只是路得紧紧随着婆婆。

得 1:15 拿俄米说，看哪，你嫂子已经回她本民和她的神那里去了，你也跟着你嫂子回去罢。

得 1:16 路得说，不要催我离开你回去不跟随你。你往哪里去，我也往哪里去；你在哪里住宿，我也在哪里住宿；你的民就是我的民，你的神就是我的神。

得 1:17 你在哪里死，我也在哪里死，也葬在哪里。除非死能使我与你相离，不然，愿耶和華重重地降罚与我。

得 1:18 拿俄米见路得定意要跟随自己去，就不再对她说什么了。

得 1:19 于是二人同行，来到伯利恒。她们到了伯利恒，合城的人就都因她们惊动；妇人们说，这不是拿俄米么？

得 1:20 拿俄米对她们说，不要叫我拿俄米，要叫我玛拉，因为全足者使我受了大苦。

得 1:21 我满满地出去，耶和華使我空空地回来。耶和華使我受苦，全足者以祸患待我。既是这样，你们为何还叫我拿俄米呢？

得 1:22 拿俄米和她儿媳摩押女子路得，从摩押乡间回来；她们到了伯利恒，正是动手割大麦的时候。

得 2:1 拿俄米在她丈夫以利米勒的家族中，有一个相识的人，是个大财主，名叫波阿斯。

得 2:2 摩押女子路得对拿俄米说，请你让我往田间去，我在谁的眼中蒙恩，就在谁的身后拾取麦穗。拿俄米说，女儿啊，你只管去。

得 2:3 路得就去了。她来到田间，在收割的人身后拾取麦穗，恰巧是在以利米勒家族的人波阿斯那块田里。

得 2:4 波阿斯正从伯利恒来，对收割的人说，愿耶和華与你们同在。他们回答说，愿耶和華赐福与你。

得 2:5 波阿斯对监管收割之人的仆人说，那是谁家的女子？

得 2:6 监管收割之人的仆人回答说，是那摩押女子，随同拿俄米从摩押乡间回来的。

得 2:7 她说，请你让我在收割的人身后，拾取打捆剩下的麦穗。她早晨就来了，直到如今，除了在屋子里坐一会儿，一直留在这里。

得 2:8 波阿斯对路得说，女儿啊，听我说，不要往别人田里拾取麦穗，也不要离开这里，要紧随着我的使女们。

得 2:9 你要留意她们在那块田收割，你就跟着她们去。我已经吩咐仆人不可触犯你；你若渴了，就可以到器皿那里喝仆人打来的水。

得 2:10 路得就面伏于地叩拜，对他说，我既是外邦人，怎么在你眼中蒙恩，使你这样顾恤我呢？

得 2:11 波阿斯回答说，自从你丈夫死后，凡你向婆婆所行的，并你离开父母和出生地，到素不认识的民中，这一切事人全都告诉我了。

Ruth 1:13 Would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from having a husband? No, my daughters; it has been far more bitter for me than it should be for you, for the hand of Jehovah has gone forth against me.

Ruth 1:14 And they lifted up their voice and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

Ruth 1:15 And she said, Your sister-in-law has now returned to her people and to her gods; return with your sister-in-law.

Ruth 1:16 But Ruth said, Do not entreat me to leave you and turn away from following after you. For wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you dwell, I will dwell; and your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.

Ruth 1:17 Where you die, I will die; and there will I be buried. Jehovah do so to me, and more as well, if anything but death parts me from you.

Ruth 1:18 And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she ceased speaking to her about it.

Ruth 1:19 So the two of them traveled until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, all the city was stirred because of them; and the women said, Is this Naomi?

Ruth 1:20 And she said to them, Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara; for the All-sufficient One has dealt very bitterly with me.

Ruth 1:21 I went out full, but Jehovah has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, when Jehovah has afflicted me and the All-sufficient One has dealt harshly with me?

Ruth 1:22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Ruth 2:1 Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a man of great wealth, from Elimelech's family; and his name was Boaz.

Ruth 2:2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I find favor. And she said to her, Go, my daughter.

Ruth 2:3 So she went. And she came and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to glean in a portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was from Elimelech's family.

Ruth 2:4 And just then Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, Jehovah be with you. And they said to him, Jehovah bless you.

Ruth 2:5 And Boaz said to his young man who was set over the reapers, Whose young woman is that?

Ruth 2:6 And the young man who was set over the reapers answered and said, She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the country of Moab;

Ruth 2:7 And she said, Let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. So she has come and continued since morning until now, and she has sat in the house for only a little while.

Ruth 2:8 And Boaz said to Ruth, Listen, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field, and also do not pass from here but stay close to my young women.

Ruth 2:9 Keep your eyes on the field that they reap; follow after them. I have charged my young men not to touch you. And when you are thirsty, you shall go to the vessels and drink of what the young men have drawn.

Ruth 2:10 And she fell upon her face and bowed herself to the ground, and she said to him, Why have I found favor in your sight that you regard me, though I am a foreigner?

Ruth 2:11 And Boaz answered and said to her, All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, as well as how you left your father and mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people whom you did not know before.

得 2:12 愿耶和華照你所行的報答你；你來投靠耶和華以色列神的翅膀下，愿你滿得祂的酬報。

得 2:13 路得說，我主啊，愿我在你眼前蒙恩；我雖然不及你的一個婢女，你還安慰我，親切地與你的婢女說話。

得 2:14 到了吃飯的時候，波阿斯對路得說，你到這里來吃點餅，將餅蘸在醋里。路得就在收割的人旁邊坐下；波阿斯把烘了的穗子遞給她。她吃飽了，還有剩餘的。

得 2:15 她起來又拾取麥穗，波阿斯吩咐僕人說，她就是在禾捆中拾取麥穗，也可以容她，不可羞辱她；

得 2:16 並要从捆里抽出些來，留給她拾取，不可斥責她。

得 2:17 這樣，路得在田間拾取麥穗，直到晚上；將所拾取的打了，約有一伊法大麥。

得 2:18 她就將所拾取的帶進城去給婆婆看，又把她吃飽了所剩的拿出來給婆婆。

得 2:19 婆婆對她說，你今日在哪里拾取麥穗，在哪里工作呢？愿那顧恤你的蒙福。路得就告訴婆婆她在誰那里工作，說，我今日在一個名叫波阿斯的人那里工作。

得 2:20 拿俄米對儿媳說，愿那人蒙耶和華賜福，因為他不斷以慈愛待活人和死人。拿俄米又說，那人与我們相近，是我們的親人。

得 2:21 摩押女子路得說，他也對我說，你要緊隨我的僕人拾取麥穗，直等他們收完了我的莊稼。

得 2:22 拿俄米對儿媳路得說，女兒啊，你跟著他的使女出去，不叫人遇見你在別人田間，這才為好。

得 2:23 于是路得緊隨波阿斯的使女拾取麥穗，直到收完了大麥和小麥；路得仍與婆婆同住。

得 3:1 路得的婆婆拿俄米對她說，女兒啊，我不當為你找個安身之處，使你享福么？

得 3:2 你與波阿斯的使女常在一處，波阿斯不是我們相識的人么？看哪，他今夜在禾場上簸大麥。

得 3:3 你要沐浴抹膏，換上衣服，下到禾場上，却不要使那人認出你來，直等他吃喝完了。

得 3:4 到他躺下的時候，你看准他躺臥的地方，就進去掀開他腳上的被，躺臥在那裡；他必告訴你所當作的事。

得 3:5 路得說，凡你所说的，我必遵行。

得 3:6 路得就下到禾場上，照她婆婆所吩咐她的一切而行。

得 3:7 波阿斯吃喝完了，心里欢暢，就到麥堆盡邊去躺下。路得便悄悄地來掀開他腳上的被，躺臥在那裡。

得 3:8 到了夜半，那人忽然惊醒，翻过身來，不料有女子躺在他的脚邊。

得 3:9 他就說，你是誰？她回答說，我是你的婢女路得。請你展開你的衣邊遮盖你的婢女，因為你是我的親人。

得 3:10 波阿斯說，女兒啊，愿你蒙耶和華賜福。你末后所顯出的恩慈比先前的更美；因為少年人無論貧富，你都沒有跟從。

得 3:11 女兒啊，現在不要懼怕；凡你所说的，我必為你行，因我

Ruth 2:12 May Jehovah recompense your work, and may you have a full reward from Jehovah the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

Ruth 2:13 And she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me and have spoken kindly to your servant girl, though I am not like even one of your servant girls.

Ruth 2:14 And Boaz said to her at mealtime, Come here and eat some food; and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers, and he extended some parched grain to her. And she ate and was satisfied, and she had some left.

Ruth 2:15 And when she rose up to glean, Boaz charged his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her.

Ruth 2:16 And also pull out some from the bundles for her, and leave it for her to glean; and do not rebuke her.

Ruth 2:17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. And she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

Ruth 2:18 And she took it up and went into the city. And her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. Ruth also brought out and gave to her what she had left after she had been earlier satisfied.

Ruth 2:19 And her mother-in-law said to her, Where did you glean today, and where did you work? Blessed be he who paid such attention to you. And she told her mother-in-law whom she had worked with and said, The name of the man whom I worked with today is Boaz.

Ruth 2:20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he of Jehovah, whose lovingkindness has not failed for the living and for the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man is close to us; he is one of our kinsmen.

Ruth 2:21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He also said to me, You shall stay close by my young men who are with me until they have completed the whole harvest that I have.

Ruth 2:22 And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, so that others do not meet you in any other field.

Ruth 2:23 So she stayed close to Boaz's young women and gleaned until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest, and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

Ruth 3:1 And Naomi, her mother-in-law, said to her, My daughter, I must seek some resting place for you, that it may go well with you.

Ruth 3:2 And now is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you have been? Behold, he is winnowing the barley tonight at the threshing floor.

Ruth 3:3 Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes; and go down to the threshing floor. But do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

Ruth 3:4 And when he lies down, notice the place where he lies, and go and uncover his feet, and lie down. And he will tell you what you should do.

Ruth 3:5 And she said to her, All that you say, I will do.

Ruth 3:6 And she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had charged her.

Ruth 3:7 And Boaz ate and drank, and his heart was merry. And he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. And she came in secretly and uncovered his feet and lay down.

Ruth 3:8 Then at midnight the man was startled; and he turned over, and a woman was there, lying at his feet.

Ruth 3:9 And he said, Who are you? And she said, I am Ruth, your female servant. Spread your cloak over your female servant, for you are a kinsman.

Ruth 3:10 And he said, Blessed be you of Jehovah, my daughter. You have shown your latter kindness to be better than your first by not going after the choice young men, whether poor or rich.

Ruth 3:11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. All that you say, I will do for you; for all the assembly of my

本城的人都知道你是个贤德的女子。
得 3:12 我实在是你的亲人，只是还有一个亲人比我更近。
得 3:13 你今夜在这里住宿，明早他若肯为你尽亲人的本分，就由他尽好了。倘若不肯，我指着永活的耶和華起誓，我必为你尽亲人的本分，你只管躺到黎明。
得 3:14 路得便在他脚边躺到黎明，人彼此还不能辨认的时候就来了；因为波阿斯说，不可使人知道有女子到禾场上来。
得 3:15 他又说，把你所披的外衣拿来打开。她打开了，波阿斯就量了六簸箕大麦，放在她肩上，他便进城去了。
得 3:16 路得回到婆婆那里，婆婆说，女儿啊，怎么样了？路得就将那人为她所行的一切都告诉婆婆，
得 3:17 又说，他给了我这六簸箕大麦，因他说，你不可空手回去见你的婆婆。
得 3:18 婆婆说，女儿啊，你只管安坐等候，看这事怎样成就，因为那人今日不办成这事必不休息。
得 4:1 波阿斯上城门去，坐在那里，恰巧波阿斯所说的那亲人经过。
得 4:2 波阿斯又从本城的长老中选取了十个人，对他们说，请你们坐在这里。他们就都坐下。
得 4:3 波阿斯对那亲人说，从摩押乡间回来的拿俄米，现在要卖我们弟兄以利米勒的那块田地；
得 4:4 我想我应当向你表明，说，你可以在这里坐着的人面前和我族人的长老面前买这块田地。你若肯赎就赎，若不肯赎就告诉我，让我知道；因为只有你可以赎，其次就是我。那人回答说，我肯赎。
得 4:5 波阿斯说，你从拿俄米手中买这田地的时候，也当娶死人的妻摩押女子路得，叫死人的名得以在他的产业上存立。
得 4:6 那亲人说，这样我自己就不能赎了，恐怕于我的产业有损。你自己可以赎我所当赎的，因我不能赎了。
得 4:7 从前，在以色列中要确立什么事，或赎回，或交易，这人就脱鞋给那人。以色列中乃是以此为证据。
得 4:8 那亲人对波阿斯说，你自己买罢；于是将鞋脱下来了。
得 4:9 波阿斯对长老和众民说，你们今日作见证，凡属以利米勒和基连、玛伦的，我都从拿俄米手中置买了；
得 4:10 我又娶了玛伦的妻摩押女子路得为妻，好叫死人的名得以在他的产业上存立，免得死人的名从他的弟兄中，并从他本乡灭绝。你们今日可以作见证。
得 4:11 在城门坐着的众民和长老都说，我们作见证。愿耶和華使进你家的这女子，象建立以色列家的拉结、利亚二人一样。又愿你在以法他得财富，在伯利恒得名声。
得 4:12 愿耶和華从这少年女子赐你后裔，使你的家象他玛从犹大所生法勒斯的家一般。
得 4:13 于是，波阿斯娶了路得为妻，与她同房。耶和華使她怀孕，她就生了一个儿子。
得 4:14 妇人们对拿俄米说，耶和華是当受颂赞的，祂今日没有撇

people know that you are a worthy woman.
Ruth 3:12 And now it is true that I am a kinsman, yet there is a kinsman closer than I.
Ruth 3:13 Stay for the night; and in the morning if he will do the kinsman's duty, fine; let him do it. But if he is not willing to do the kinsman's duty for you, I will do it for you, as Jehovah lives. Lie down until morning.
Ruth 3:14 And she lay at his feet until morning, then rose up before one could recognize another; for he said, Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.
Ruth 3:15 And he said, Bring the cloak that is on you, and hold it open. And she held it open, and he measured out six measures of barley and laid it on her. And he went into the city.
Ruth 3:16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, How are you, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done for her.
Ruth 3:17 And she said, These six measures of barley he gave me, for he said, Do not go to your mother-in-law empty-handed.
Ruth 3:18 And she said, Stay here, my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter today.
Ruth 4:1 Then Boaz went up to the gate and sat there. And just then the kinsman of whom Boaz had spoken came by. And Boaz said, Turn aside and sit here, friend. And he turned aside and sat down.
Ruth 4:2 And he took ten men from among the elders of the city and said, Sit here. And they sat down.
Ruth 4:3 And he said to the kinsman, Naomi, who has returned from the country of Moab, has put up for sale the portion of the field that belonged to our brother Elimelech.
Ruth 4:4 So I thought that I should disclose this to you and say, Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you can redeem it, redeem it; but if you cannot redeem it, tell me so that I will know; for there is no one to redeem it ahead of you, and I am after you. And he said, I will redeem it.
Ruth 4:5 Then Boaz said, On the day you buy the field from Naomi's hand, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead man, in order to raise up the dead man's name upon his inheritance.
Ruth 4:6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, or else I will mar my own inheritance. You redeem for yourself what I should redeem, for I cannot redeem it.
Ruth 4:7 Now such was the custom formerly in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging that to establish any matter a man would draw off his sandal and give it to his neighbor; this was the way of attesting it in Israel.
Ruth 4:8 So when the kinsman said to Boaz, Buy it for yourself, he drew off his sandal.
Ruth 4:9 And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, You are witnesses today, that I buy from Naomi's hand all that was Elimelech's and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's.
Ruth 4:10 Furthermore Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, I acquire as my own wife so that I may raise up the dead man's name upon his inheritance and the dead man's name may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses today.
Ruth 4:11 And all the people who were in the gate and the elders said, We are witnesses. May Jehovah make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, the two who built the house of Israel. And prosper in Ephrathah, and gain a name in Bethlehem.
Ruth 4:12 And may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, through the seed that Jehovah gives you by this young woman.
Ruth 4:13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife; and he went in unto her, and Jehovah made her conceive; and she bore a son.
Ruth 4:14 And the women said to Naomi, Blessed be Jehovah, who has not left you today without a

下你使你无亲人；愿这孩子以色列中得名声。

得 4:15 他必使你的精神复苏，并且奉养你的老，因为他是那爱你的儿媳所生的；有这儿媳比有七个儿子还好。

得 4:16 拿俄米就把孩子抱在怀中，作他的养母。

得 4:17 邻舍的妇人给孩子起名，说，拿俄米得儿子了；就给他起名叫俄备得。这俄备得是耶西的父，耶西是大卫的父。

得 4:18 法勒斯的后代记在下面：法勒斯生希斯仑，

得 4:19 希斯仑生兰，兰生亚米拿达，

得 4:20 亚米拿达生拿顺，拿顺生撒门，

得 4:21 撒门生波阿斯，波阿斯生俄备得，

得 4:22 俄备得生耶西，耶西生大卫。

壹 士师记是一卷以色列惨痛历史的书，黑暗而腐臭；路得记是士师记的附录，记载一对夫妇佳美的故事，明亮而芬芳；这故事里的角色一路得—犹如荆棘中长出的百合花，又如黑夜里明亮的星—得一~四。

得一~四 见本篇首读经部分。

贰 路得记一章说到以利米勒偏离神经纶中的安息，（1~2，）拿俄米回归神经纶中的安息，（3~7，19~22，）以及路得拣选她的目标（8~18）：

得 1:1 当士师秉政的时候，以色列地遭遇饥荒。有一个人带着妻子和两个儿子，从犹大的伯利恒往摩押乡间去寄居。

得 1:2 这人名叫以利米勒，他妻子名叫拿俄米；他两个儿子，一个名叫玛伦，一个名叫基连，都是犹大伯利恒的以法他人。他们到了摩押乡间，就住在那里。

得 1:3 后来拿俄米的丈夫以利米勒死了，剩下妇人和她两个儿子。

得 1:4 这两个儿子娶了摩押女子为妻，一个名叫俄珥巴，一个名叫路得，在那里住了约有十年。

得 1:5 玛伦和基连二人也死了，剩下妇人拿俄米，两个孩子没有了，丈夫也没有了。

得 1:6 她就与两个儿媳起身，要从摩押乡间回归；因为她在摩押乡间听见耶和華眷顾祂的百姓，赐粮食与他们。

得 1:7 于是她带同两个儿媳，起行离开所在的地方，上路回犹大地去。

得 1:19 于是二人同行，来到伯利恒。她们到了伯利恒，合城的人就都因她们惊动；妇人们说，这不是拿俄米么？

得 1:20 拿俄米对她们说，不要叫我拿俄米，要叫我玛拉，因为全

kinsman; and may his name be famous in Israel.

Ruth 4:15 And he will be to you as a restorer of life and a sustainer in your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has borne him.

Ruth 4:16 And Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and she became his nurse.

Ruth 4:17 And the women neighbors gave him a name, saying, A son has been born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth 4:18 Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez begot Hezron,

Ruth 4:19 And Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot Amminadab,

Ruth 4:20 And Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon,

Ruth 4:21 And Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed,

Ruth 4:22 And Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David.

I. **Judges is a book of Israel's miserable history, dark and foul; Ruth, as an appendix to the book of Judges, is the record of a couple's excellent story, bright and aromatic; the main character in this story, Ruth, is like a lily growing out of brambles and a bright star in the dark night—Ruth 1—4.**

Ruth 1—4 See the verses listed under *Scripture Reading* of this message.

II. **Chapter 1 of the book of Ruth speaks of Elimelech's swerving from the rest in God's economy (vv. 1-2), Naomi's returning to the rest in God's economy (vv. 3-7, 19-22), and Ruth's choosing for her goal (vv. 8-18):**

Ruth 1:1 Now in the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. And a man from Bethlehem in Judah went down to dwell as a sojourner in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

Ruth 1:2 And the man's name was Elimelech, and his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem in Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there.

Ruth 1:3 And Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left with her two sons.

Ruth 1:4 And they took wives for themselves from among the Moabite women. One's name was Orpah, and the second's name was Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years.

Ruth 1:5 And both Mahlon and Chilion died, and the woman was left without her two children and her husband.

Ruth 1:6 Then she rose up with her daughters-in-law in order to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that Jehovah had visited His people by giving them food.

Ruth 1:7 So she went forth from the place where she had been, along with her two daughters-in-law; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.

Ruth 1:19 So the two of them traveled until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, all the city was stirred because of them; and the women said, Is this Naomi?

Ruth 1:20 And she said to them, Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara; for the All-sufficient One has dealt

足者使我受了大苦。

- 得 1:21 我满满地出去，耶和華使我空空地回来。耶和華使我受苦，全足者以病患待我。既是这样，你们为何还叫我拿俄米呢？
- 得 1:22 拿俄米和她儿媳摩押女子路得，从摩押乡间回来；她们到了伯利恒，正是动手割大麦的时候。
- 得 1:8 拿俄米对两个儿媳说，你们各人回娘家去罢。愿耶和華以恩慈待你们，象你们以恩慈待已死的人与我一样。
- 得 1:9 愿耶和華使你们各在新夫家中寻得安息。于是拿俄米与她们亲嘴，她们就放声而哭，
- 得 1:10 说，不然，我们必与你一同回你本民那里去。
- 得 1:11 拿俄米说，我女儿们哪，回去罢。为何要跟我去呢？我腹中还有儿子可以作你们的丈夫么？
- 得 1:12 我女儿们哪，回去罢；我年纪老迈，不能再有丈夫。即或我说，我还有指望，今夜有丈夫可以生子，
- 得 1:13 你们岂能等着他们长大呢？你们岂能为他们守身不嫁人呢？我女儿们哪，不要这样。我比你们更是愁苦，因为耶和華伸手攻击我。
- 得 1:14 两个儿媳又放声而哭；俄珥巴与婆婆亲嘴而别，只是路得紧紧随着婆婆。
- 得 1:15 拿俄米说，看哪，你嫂子已经回她本民和她的神那里去了，你也跟着你嫂子回去罢。
- 得 1:16 路得说，不要催我离开你回去不跟随你。你往哪里去，我也往哪里去；你在哪里住宿，我也在哪里住宿；你的民就是我的民，你的神就是我的神。
- 得 1:17 你在哪里死，我也在哪里死，也葬在哪里。除非死能使我与你相离，不然，愿耶和華重重地降罚与我。
- 得 1:18 拿俄米见路得定意要跟随自己去，就不再对她说什么了。

一 路得记是一卷安息的书；安息日的安息，就是基督作我们的安息，由迦南美地所预表——申十二9，来四8~9：

- 申 12:9 因为直到如今，你们还没有进入耶和華你神所赐你的安息，所给你的产业。
- 来 4:8 若是约书亚已经使他们得了安息，此后神就不会提起别的日子了。
- 来 4:9 这样，必有一安息日的安息，为神的子民存留。

1 神在第七日安息了，因为祂达到了祂所愿望的；神的心愿是要在地上得着人在祂的形像上彰显祂，并有祂的管治权代表祂——创一26~28，罗八28~29，林后三18，罗五17，21，启五9~10，二二5。

- 创 1:26 神说，我们要按着我们的形像，照着我们的样式造人，使他们管理海里的鱼、空中的鸟、地上的牲畜、和全地、并地上所爬的一切爬物。

very bitterly with me.

- Ruth 1:21 I went out full, but Jehovah has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, when Jehovah has afflicted me and the All-sufficient One has dealt harshly with me?
- Ruth 1:22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.
- Ruth 1:8 And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go and return, each of you, to your mother's house. May Jehovah deal kindly with you, just as you have dealt with the dead and with me.
- Ruth 1:9 May Jehovah grant you to find rest, each of you in the house of your husband. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice and wept.
- Ruth 1:10 And they said to her, No, we will return with you to your people.
- Ruth 1:11 And Naomi said, Return, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?
- Ruth 1:12 Return, my daughters, go; for I am too old to have a husband. If I said, I have hope; even if I had a husband tonight and even bore sons;
- Ruth 1:13 Would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from having a husband? No, my daughters; it has been far more bitter for me than it should be for you, for the hand of Jehovah has gone forth against me.
- Ruth 1:14 And they lifted up their voice and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.
- Ruth 1:15 And she said, Your sister-in-law has now returned to her people and to her gods; return with your sister-in-law.
- Ruth 1:16 But Ruth said, Do not entreat me to leave you and turn away from following after you. For wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you dwell, I will dwell; and your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.
- Ruth 1:17 Where you die, I will die; and there will I be buried. Jehovah do so to me, and more as well, if anything but death parts me from you.
- Ruth 1:18 And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she ceased speaking to her about it.

A. Ruth is a book of rest; the Sabbath rest is Christ as our rest, typified by the good land of Canaan—Deut. 12:9; Heb. 4:8-9:

- Deut. 12:9 For until now you have not come to the rest and to the inheritance that Jehovah your God is giving you.
- Heb. 4:8 For if Joshua had brought them into rest, He would not have spoken concerning another day after these things.
- Heb. 4:9 So then there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

1. God rested on the seventh day because He had attained what He desired; the desire of God's heart is to have man on earth expressing Him in His image and representing Him with His dominion—Gen. 1:26-28; Rom. 8:28-29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 5:17, 21; Rev. 5:9-10; 22:5.

- Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

创 1:27 神就按着自己的形像创造人，乃是按着神的形像创造他；创造他们有男有女。
创 1:28 神就赐福给他们；又对他们说，要繁衍增多，遍满地面，并制伏这地，也要管理海里的鱼、空中的鸟、和地上各样行动的活物。
罗 8:28 还有，我们晓得万有都互相效力，叫爱神的人得益处，就是按祂旨意被召的人。
罗 8:29 因为神所预知的人，祂也预定他们模成神儿子的形像，使祂儿子在许多弟兄中作长子。
林后 3:18 但我们众人既然以没有帕子遮蔽的脸，好象镜子观看并返照主的荣光，就渐渐变化成为与祂同样的形像，从荣耀到荣耀，乃是从主灵变化成的。
罗 5:17 若因一人的过犯，死就借着这一人作了王，那些受洋溢之恩，并洋溢之义恩赐的，就更要借着耶稣基督一人，在生命中作王了。
罗 5:21 使罪怎样在死中作王，恩典也照样借着义作王，叫人借着我们的主耶稣基督得永远的生命。
启 5:9 他们唱新歌，说，你配拿书卷，配揭开它的七印，因为你曾被杀，用自己的血从各支派、各方言、各民族、各邦国中，买了人来归与神，
启 5:10 又叫他们成为国度，作祭司，归与我们的神；他们要在地上执掌王权。
启 22:5 不再有黑夜，他们也不需要灯光日光，因为主神要光照他们；他们要作王，直到永永远远。

2 在旧约里，美地是安息，因为圣殿能建造在那里；圣殿是以色列人进入美地终极的完成；神有了圣殿，就能为着祂的国度、管理和行政，得着祂的彰显和代表—王上八 1 ~ 11。

王上 8:1 那时，所罗门将以色列的长老们和各支派的首领，就是以色列人宗族的首领，招聚到耶路撒冷所罗门王那里，要把耶和华的约柜从大卫城，就是锡安，运上来。
王上 8:2 以他念月，就是七月，在节期的时候，以色列人都聚集到所罗门王那里。
王上 8:3 以色列的众长老来到，祭司便抬起约柜；
王上 8:4 他们将耶和华的约柜、会幕、和会幕里的一切圣器具，都运上来，是祭司和利未人将这一切运上来的。
王上 8:5 所罗门王和聚集到他那里的以色列全会众，一同在约柜前献牛羊为祭，多得无法计算，无法数点。
王上 8:6 祭司将耶和华的约柜抬进所预备的地方，就是圣殿的内殿，也就是至圣所，放在两个基路伯的翅膀底下。
王上 8:7 因为基路伯张着翅膀在约柜所在之处以上，遮掩约柜和抬

Gen. 1:27 And God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
Gen. 1:28 And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.
Rom. 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
Rom. 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;
2 Cor. 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
Rom. 5:17 For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.
Rom. 5:21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Rev. 5:9 And they sing a new song, saying: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain and have purchased for God by Your blood men out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
Rev. 5:10 And have made them a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth.
Rev. 22:5 And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.

2. In the Old Testament the good land was a rest because the temple could be built there; the temple was the ultimate consummation of the entering into the good land by the children of Israel; with the temple God could have His expression and His representation for His kingdom, government, and administration—1 Kings 8:1-11.

1 Kings 8:1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, before King Solomon in Jerusalem in order to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah from the city of David, which is Zion.
1 Kings 8:2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves before King Solomon at the feast in the month of Ethanim, which is the seventh month.
1 Kings 8:3 And when all the elders of Israel came, the priests took up the Ark;
1 Kings 8:4 And they brought up the Ark of Jehovah and the Tent of Meeting and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; and the priests and Levites brought them up.
1 Kings 8:5 And King Solomon and all the assembly of Israel, who had assembled before him and were with him before the Ark, were sacrificing sheep and oxen which could not be counted or numbered for multitude.
1 Kings 8:6 And the priests brought the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah to its place, into the innermost sanctuary of the house, into the Holy of Holies under the wings of the cherubim.
1 Kings 8:7 For the cherubim had their wings spread out over the place of the Ark, and the cherubim

柜的杠。

王上 8:8 这两根杠甚长，杠头在内殿前的圣所可以看见，在殿外却不能看见，直到今日还在那里。

王上 8:9 约柜里只有两块石版，就是以色列人出埃及地后，耶和华与他们立约的时候，摩西在何烈山所放的；除此以外，并无别物。

王上 8:10 祭司从圣所出来的时候，有云充满耶和华的殿；

王上 8:11 因着那云的缘故，祭司不能站立供职，因为耶和华的荣光充满了耶和华的殿。

3 基督作众圣徒的安息，分为三个阶段：

a 在召会时代，属天的基督，就是那彰显、代表、并满足了神的一位，歇了一切的工，坐在诸天之上神的右边，现今在我们灵里是我们的安息；祂作我们的安息，乃是我们完全的平安和完满的满足——太十一 28 ~ 29。

太 11:28 凡劳苦担重担的，可以到我这里来，我必使你们得安息。

太 11:29 我心里柔和谦卑，因此你们要负我的轭，且要跟我学，你们魂里就必得安息；

b 在千年国里，撒但地上除去之后，（启二十 1 ~ 3，）神要因基督和得胜的圣徒，而得着彰显、代表并满足；然后基督连同国度，将是得胜圣徒更完满的安息，他们要与基督一同作王，（4，6，）有分于并享受祂的安息。

启 20:1 我又看见一位天使从天降下，手里拿着无底坑的钥匙，和一条大锁链。

启 20:2 他捉住那龙，就是古蛇，也就是魔鬼，撒但，把他捆绑一千年，

启 20:3 扔在无底坑里，关起来，封上印，使他不得再迷惑列国，等那一千年完了；以后必须暂时释放他。

启 20:4 我又看见几个宝座和坐在上面的，有审判的权柄赐给他们。我又看见那些为耶稣的见证、并为神的话被斩者，以及那些没有拜过兽与兽像，额上和手上也没有受过它印记之人的魂，他们都活了，与基督一同作王一千年。

启 20:6 在头一次复活有分的有福了，圣别了，第二次的死在他们身上没有权柄；他们还要作神和基督的祭司，并要与基督一同作王一千年。

c 在新天新地里，所有的仇敌，包括最后的仇敌，

covered the Ark and its poles overhead.

1 Kings 8:8 And the poles extended out so that the ends of the poles could be seen from the Holy Place before the innermost sanctuary, but they were not seen outside; and they are there to this day.

1 Kings 8:9 There was nothing in the Ark except the two stone tablets, which Moses placed there at Horeb when Jehovah made a covenant with the children of Israel when they came out of the land of Egypt.

1 Kings 8:10 And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, the cloud filled the house of Jehovah;

1 Kings 8:11 And the priests were not able to stand and minister because of the cloud, for the glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah.

3. Christ is rest to the saints in three stages:

a. In the church age the heavenly Christ, the One who has expressed, represented, and satisfied God and who rests from His work and sits at the right hand of God in the heavens, is the rest to us in our spirit; as our rest, He is our perfect peace and full satisfaction—Matt. 11:28-29.

Matt. 11:28 Come to Me all who toil and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matt. 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

b. In the millennial kingdom, after Satan has been removed from the earth (Rev. 20:1-3), God will be expressed, represented, and satisfied by Christ and the overcoming saints; then Christ with the kingdom will be the rest in a fuller way to the overcoming saints, who will be co-kings with Him (vv. 4, 6) and share and enjoy His rest.

Rev. 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

Rev. 20:2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years

Rev. 20:3 And cast him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, that he might not deceive the nations any longer until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be loosed for a little while.

Rev. 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Rev. 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

c. In the new heaven and new earth, after all the enemies, including

死，都被基督征服之后，（林前十五 24 ~ 27，）祂这位全胜者，将是神所有赎民最完满的安息，直到永远。

林前 15:24 再后，是末期，那时基督要将国交与神，就是父，那时祂已将一切执政的、掌权的、有能的都废除了。

林前 15:25 因为基督必要作王，直到神把一切仇敌都放在祂的脚下。

林前 15:26 最后所废除的仇敌，就是死，

林前 15:27 因为神已叫万有都服在祂的脚下。祂既说万有都服了，明显那叫万有服祂的，就不在其内了。

二 以利米勒离开美地，意思是他偏离了神经纶中的安息，使自己与神的经纶断绝；他从犹大（美地最好的部分—创四九 8 ~ 10，出三 8 下，申八 7 ~ 10）的伯利恒（要来之基督的出生地—弥五 2，路二 4 ~ 7），偏离到摩押这拜偶像之地。（士十 6。）

创 49:8 犹大啊，你弟兄们必赞美你；你手必掐住仇敌的颈项；你父亲的儿子们必向你下拜。

创 49:9 犹大是个小狮子；我儿啊，你抓了食便上山去。他蹲伏如公狮，又如母狮，谁敢惹他？

创 49:10 杖杖必不离犹大，王杖必不离他两脚之间，直到细罗来到，万民都必归顺。

出 3:8 我下来要救他们脱离埃及人的手，领他们从那地出来，上到美好、宽阔、流奶与蜜之地，就是到迦南人、赫人、亚摩利人、比利洗人、希未人、耶布斯人的地方。

申 8:7 因为耶和华你神领你进入美地，那地有川，有泉，有源，从谷中和山上流出水来；

申 8:8 那地有小麦、大麦、葡萄树、无花果树、石榴树；那地有出油的橄榄树，有蜜。

申 8:9 你在那地不缺食物，你必一无所缺；那地的石头是铁，山内可以挖铜。

申 8:10 你吃得饱足，就要颂赞耶和华你的神，因祂将那美地赐给你了。

弥 5:2 （伯利恒以法他啊，你在犹大诸城中为小，将来必有一位从你那里为我而出，在以色列中作掌权者；祂是从亘古，从太初而出。）

路 2:4 约瑟也从加利利的拿撒勒城上犹太去，到了大卫的城，名叫伯利恒，因他本是大卫一家一族的人，

路 2:5 要和许配给他，已有身孕的马利亚，一同申报户口。

路 2:6 他们在那里的时候，马利亚的产期到了，

路 2:7 就生了头胎的儿子，用布包起来，放在马槽里，因为客店里没有为着他们的地方。

士 10:6 以色列人又行耶和华眼中看为恶的事，去事奉诸巴力和亚

death, the last enemy, have been made subject to Him (1 Cor. 15:24-27), Christ, as the all-conquering One, will be the rest in the fullest way to all of God's redeemed for eternity.

1 Cor. 15:24 Then the end, when He delivers up the kingdom to His God and Father, once He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

1 Cor. 15:25 For He must reign until God puts all His enemies under His feet.

1 Cor. 15:26 Death, the last enemy, is being abolished.

1 Cor. 15:27 For He has subjected all things under His feet. But when He says that all things are subjected, it is evident that all things are except Him who has subjected all things to Him.

B. For Elimelech to leave the good land meant that he was swerving from the rest in God's economy, thus cutting himself off from God's economy; he swerved from Bethlehem, the birthplace of the coming Christ (Micah 5:2; Luke 2:4-7), in Judah, the top part of the good land (Gen. 49:8-10; Exo. 3:8b; Deut. 8:7-10), to Moab, a country of idolatry (Judg. 10:6).

Gen. 49:8 Judah, your brothers will praise you; / Your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; / Your father's sons will bow down before you.

Gen. 49:9 Judah is a young lion; / From the prey, my son, you have gone up. / He couches, he stretches out like a lion, / And like a lioness; who will rouse him up?

Gen. 49:10 The scepter will not depart from Judah, / Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, / Until Shiloh comes, / And to Him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

Exo. 3:8 And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

Deut. 8:7 For Jehovah your God is bringing you to a good land, a land of waterbrooks, of springs and of fountains, flowing forth in valleys and in mountains;

Deut. 8:8 A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees with oil and of honey;

Deut. 8:9 A land in which you will eat bread without scarcity; you will not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.

Deut. 8:10 And you shall eat and be satisfied, and you shall bless Jehovah your God for the good land which He has given you.

Micah 5:2 (But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, / So little to be among the thousands of Judah, / From you there will come forth to Me / He who is to be Ruler in Israel; / And His goings forth are from ancient times, / From the days of eternity.)

Luke 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to David's city, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,

Luke 2:5 To be registered with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant.

Luke 2:6 And while they were there, the days were fulfilled for her to bear,

Luke 2:7 And she bore her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn.

Judg. 10:6 Then the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah. And they

斯他录，并亚兰的神、西顿的神、摩押的神、亚扪人的神、非利士人的神，离弃耶和华，不事奉祂。

served the Baals and the Ashtaroth and the gods of Aram and the gods of Sidon and the gods of Moab and the gods of the children of Ammon and the gods of the Philistines, and they forsook Jehovah and did not serve Him.

三 拿俄米回到圣地，就是从摩押这拜偶像之地回到犹大这以马内利之地，（赛八 8，）到了伯利恒这基督出生之地；（得一 19 上，22 下；）她带着她的儿媳路得回来；路得是神赐给她的，为着完成神关于基督的经纶。（22 上。）

赛 8:8 必冲入犹大，涨溢泛滥，直到颈项；以马内利啊，那河展开翅膀，遍满你的地。

得 1:19 于是二人同行，来到伯利恒。她们到了伯利恒，合城的人就都因她们惊动；妇人们说，这不是拿俄米么？

得 1:22 拿俄米和她儿媳摩押女子路得，从摩押乡间回来；她们到了伯利恒，正是动手割大麦的时候。

四 路得所拣选的目标，乃是与神的选民一同有分于对基督的享受；她成为基督重要的先祖，有助于将基督生到人类里；这乃是她拣选神和神的国，使神关于基督的经纶得以完成—太一 5~6。

太 1:5 撒门从喇合氏生波阿斯，波阿斯从路得氏生俄备得，俄备得生耶西，

太 1:6 耶西生大卫王。大卫从作过乌利亚妻子的生所罗门，

叁 路得记二章说到路得这位从异邦背景归向神的人，使用她的权利，好有分于神选民产业的丰富出产：

得 2:1 拿俄米在她丈夫以利米勒的家族中，有一个相识的人，是个大财主，名叫波阿斯。

得 2:2 摩押女子路得对拿俄米说，请你让我往田间去，我在谁的眼中蒙恩，就在谁的身后拾取麦穗。拿俄米说，女儿啊，你只管去。

得 2:3 路得就去了。她来到田间，在收割的人身后拾取麦穗，恰巧是在以利米勒家族的人波阿斯那块田里。

得 2:4 波阿斯正从伯利恒来，对收割的人说，愿耶和华与你们同在。他们回答说，愿耶和华赐福与你。

得 2:5 波阿斯对监管收割之人的仆人说，那是谁家的女子？

得 2:6 监管收割之人的仆人回答说，是那摩押女子，随同拿俄米从摩押乡间回来的。

C. Naomi's returning to the Holy Land was her returning to the rest in God's economy from Moab, the country of idolatry, to Judah, the land of Immanuel (Isa. 8:8), to arrive at Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ (Ruth 1:19a, 22b); she returned with Ruth, her daughter-in-law given to her by God for the accomplishing of His economy concerning Christ (v. 22a).

Isa. 8:8 It will sweep through Judah; it will overflow and rise / Until it reaches the neck; / And the spreading out of its wings / Will fill the breadth of Your land, O Immanuel.

Ruth 1:19 So the two of them traveled until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, all the city was stirred because of them; and the women said, Is this Naomi?

Ruth 1:22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

D. Ruth chose the goal of participating with God's elect in the enjoyment of Christ, and she became an important ancestor of Christ, one who helped bring forth Christ into mankind; this was her choosing God and His kingdom for the carrying out of God's economy concerning Christ—Matt. 1:5-6.

Matt. 1:5 And Salmon begot Boaz of Rahab, and Boaz begot Obed of Ruth, and Obed begot Jesse,

Matt. 1:6 And Jesse begot David the king. And David begot Solomon of her who had been the wife of Uriah,

III. Chapter 2 of the book of Ruth speaks of Ruth, as one who had returned to God from her heathen background, exercising her right to partake of the rich produce of the inheritance of God's elect:

Ruth 2:1 Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a man of great wealth, from Elimelech's family; and his name was Boaz.

Ruth 2:2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I find favor. And she said to her, Go, my daughter.

Ruth 2:3 So she went. And she came and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to glean in a portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was from Elimelech's family.

Ruth 2:4 And just then Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, Jehovah be with you. And they said to him, Jehovah bless you.

Ruth 2:5 And Boaz said to his young man who was set over the reapers, Whose young woman is that?

Ruth 2:6 And the young man who was set over the reapers answered and said, She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the country of Moab;

得 2:7 她说，请你让我在收割的人身后，拾取打捆剩下的麦穗。她早晨就来了，直到如今，除了在屋子里坐一会儿，一直留在这里。

得 2:8 波阿斯对路得说，女儿啊，听我说，不要往别人田里拾取麦穗，也不要离开这里，要紧随着我的使女们。

得 2:9 你要留意她们在那块田收割，你就跟着她们去。我已经吩咐仆人不可触犯你；你若渴了，就可以到器皿那里喝仆人打来的水。

得 2:10 路得就面伏于地叩拜，对他说，我既是外邦人，怎么在你眼中蒙恩，使你这样顾恤我呢？

得 2:11 波阿斯回答说，自从你丈夫死后，凡你向婆婆所行的，并你离开父母和出生地，到素不认识的民中，这一切事人都告诉我了。

得 2:12 愿耶和華照你所行的报答你；你来投靠耶和華以色列神的翅膀下，愿你满得祂的酬报。

得 2:13 路得说，我主啊，愿我在你眼前蒙恩；我虽然不及你的一个婢女，你还安慰我，亲切地与你的婢女说话。

得 2:14 到了吃饭的时候，波阿斯对路得说，你到这里来吃点饼，将饼蘸在醋里。路得就在收割的人旁边坐下；波阿斯把烘了的穗子递给她。她吃饱了，还有余剩的。

得 2:15 她起来又拾取麦穗，波阿斯吩咐仆人说，她就是在禾捆中拾取麦穗，也可以容她，不可羞辱她；

得 2:16 并要从捆里抽出些来，留给她拾取，不可斥责她。

得 2:17 这样，路得在田间拾取麦穗，直到晚上；将所拾取的打了，约有一伊法大麦。

得 2:18 她就把所拾取的带进城去给婆婆看，又把她吃饱了所剩的拿出来给婆婆。

得 2:19 婆婆对她说，你今日在哪里拾取麦穗，在哪里作工呢？愿那顾恤你的蒙福。路得就告诉婆婆她在谁那里作工，说，我今日在一个名叫波阿斯的人那里作工。

得 2:20 拿俄米对儿媳说，愿那人蒙耶和華赐福，因为他不断以慈爱待活人和死人。拿俄米又说，那人与我们相近，是我们的亲人。

得 2:21 摩押女子路得说，他也对我说，你要紧随我的仆人拾取麦穗，直等他们收完了我的庄稼。

得 2:22 拿俄米对儿媳路得说，女儿啊，你跟着他的使女出去，不叫人遇见你在他人的田间，这才为好。

得 2:23 于是路得紧随波阿斯的使女拾取麦穗，直到收完了大麦和小麦；路得仍与婆婆同住。

Ruth 2:7 And she said, Let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. So she has come and continued since morning until now, and she has sat in the house for only a little while.

Ruth 2:8 And Boaz said to Ruth, Listen, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field, and also do not pass from here but stay close to my young women.

Ruth 2:9 Keep your eyes on the field that they reap; follow after them. I have charged my young men not to touch you. And when you are thirsty, you shall go to the vessels and drink of what the young men have drawn.

Ruth 2:10 And she fell upon her face and bowed herself to the ground, and she said to him, Why have I found favor in your sight that you regard me, though I am a foreigner?

Ruth 2:11 And Boaz answered and said to her, All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, as well as how you left your father and mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people whom you did not know before.

Ruth 2:12 May Jehovah recompense your work, and may you have a full reward from Jehovah the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

Ruth 2:13 And she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me and have spoken kindly to your servant girl, though I am not like even one of your servant girls.

Ruth 2:14 And Boaz said to her at mealtime, Come here and eat some food; and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers, and he extended some parched grain to her. And she ate and was satisfied, and she had some left.

Ruth 2:15 And when she rose up to glean, Boaz charged his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her.

Ruth 2:16 And also pull out some from the bundles for her, and leave it for her to glean; and do not rebuke her.

Ruth 2:17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. And she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

Ruth 2:18 And she took it up and went into the city. And her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. Ruth also brought out and gave to her what she had left after she had been earlier satisfied.

Ruth 2:19 And her mother-in-law said to her, Where did you glean today, and where did you work? Blessed be he who paid such attention to you. And she told her mother-in-law whom she had worked with and said, The name of the man whom I worked with today is Boaz.

Ruth 2:20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he of Jehovah, whose lovingkindness has not failed for the living and for the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man is close to us; he is one of our kinsmen.

Ruth 2:21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He also said to me, You shall stay close by my young men who are with me until they have completed the whole harvest that I have.

Ruth 2:22 And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, so that others do not meet you in any other field.

Ruth 2:23 So she stayed close to Boaz's young women and gleaned until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest, and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

一 路得按着她那寄居者、穷人、和寡妇的三重身分，使用她的权利，拾取收割时所遗落的；她拾取麦穗不是她的乞讨，乃是她的权利。

二 关于收割庄稼的事，神的条例乃是：以色列人

A. According to her threefold status as a sojourner, a poor one, and a widow, Ruth exercised her right to glean the harvest; her gleaning was not her begging but her right.

B. God's ordinance concerning the reaping of the harvest was that Jehovah

若将田角和收割时所遗落的留给穷人、寄居的和孤儿寡妇，耶和華就要賜福與他們——利二三 22，十九 9～10，申二四 19。

利 23:22 你们收割地的庄稼时，不可割尽田角，也不可拾取收割时所遗落的，要留给穷人和寄居的；我是耶和華你们的神。

利 19:9 你们收割地的庄稼时，不可割尽田角，也不可拾取收割时所遗落的。

利 19:10 不可摘尽葡萄园的果子，也不可拾取葡萄园所掉的果子，要留给穷人和寄居的；我是耶和華你们的神。

申 24:19 你在田间收割庄稼，若忘下一捆在田里，不可回去拾取，要留给寄居的与孤儿寡妇；这样，耶和華你神必在你手所办的一切事上，賜福与你。

三 波阿斯顺从这条例，由此见证他对耶和華大有信心；在神的主宰权柄之下，这条例似乎是为路得一人写的。

四 路得来到美地以后，就有权利享受那地的出产；照样，我们信入基督以后，也有权利享受祂作我们的美地；路得使用她的权利，得着并据有美地的出产，这表征我们信入基督，在我们与祂“联合”的灵里（罗八 16，林前六 17）与祂有生机的联结之后，就必须开始追求基督，以得着、据有、经历并享受祂。（腓三 7～16。）

罗 8:16 那灵自己同我们的灵见证我们是神的儿女。

林前 6:17 但与主联合的，便是与主成为一灵。

腓 3:7 只是从前我以为对我是赢得的，这些，我因基督都已经看作亏损。

腓 3:8 不但如此，我也将万事看作亏损，因我以认识我主基督耶稣为至宝；我因祂已经亏损万事，看作粪土，为要赢得基督，

腓 3:9 并且给人看出我是在祂里面，不是有自己那本于律法的义，乃是有那借着信基督而有的义，就是那基于信、本于神的义，

腓 3:10 使我认识基督、并祂复活的大能、以及同祂受苦的交通，模成祂的死，

腓 3:11 或者我可以达到那从死人中杰出的复活。

腓 3:12 这不是说，我已经得着了，或已经完全了，我乃是竭力追求，或者可以取得基督耶稣所以取得我的。

腓 3:13 弟兄们，我不是以为自己已经取得了，我只有一件事，就是忘记背后，努力面前的，

would bless the children of Israel if they left the corners of their fields and the gleanings for the poor, the sojourners, the orphans, and the widows— Lev. 23:22; 19:9-10; Deut. 24:19.

Lev. 23:22 And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not completely reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner; I am Jehovah your God.

Lev. 19:9 And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

Lev. 19:10 And you shall not glean your vineyard nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner; I am Jehovah your God.

Deut. 24:19 When you reap your harvest in your field and you forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not turn back to gather it; it shall be for the sojourner, the orphan, and the widow, in order that Jehovah your God may bless you in all your undertakings.

C. Boaz obeyed this ordinance, thereby testifying to his great faith in Jehovah; under God's sovereignty, this ordinance seems to have been written for one person—Ruth.

D. Just as Ruth had the right to enjoy the produce of the good land after coming into the land, so we have the right to enjoy Christ as our good land after believing into Him; Ruth's exercising of her right to gain and possess the produce of the good land signifies that, after believing into Christ and being organically joined to Him in our "joined" spirit (Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 6:17), we must begin to pursue Christ in order to gain, possess, experience, and enjoy Him (Phil. 3:7-16).

Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

1 Cor. 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Phil. 3:7 But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.

Phil. 3:8 But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

Phil. 3:9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith,

Phil. 3:10 To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Phil. 3:11 If perhaps I may attain to the out-resurrection from the dead.

Phil. 3:12 Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

Phil. 3:13 Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing I do: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

腓 3:14 向着标竿竭力追求，要得神在基督耶稣里，召我向上去得的奖赏。

腓 3:15 所以我们凡是长成的人，都要思念这事；你们若思念任何别的事，神也必将这事启示你们。

腓 3:16 然而，我们无论到了什么地步，都当按着那同一规则而行。

五 路得记描绘罪人有分于基督并享受基督的路、地位、资格和权利；照着神的定命，我们信入基督的人有资格和地位，可以支取我们享受基督的权利。（西一 12，启二 7，二二 14。）

西 1:12 感谢父，叫你们够资格在光中同得所分给众圣徒的分；

启 2:7 那灵向众召会所说的话，凡有耳的，就应当听。得胜的，我必将神乐园中生命树的果子赐给他吃。

启 22:14 那些洗净自己袍子的有福了，可得权柄到生命树那里，也能从门进城。

六 路得记这个故事是可爱、感人、折服人、并征服人的；在二章这芬芳的故事里，含示四个预表：

得 2:1 拿俄米在她丈夫以利米勒的家族中，有一个相识的人，是个大财主，名叫波阿斯。

得 2:2 摩押女子路得对拿俄米说，请你让我往田间去，我在谁的眼中蒙恩，就在谁的身后拾取麦穗。拿俄米说，女儿啊，你只管去。

得 2:3 路得就去了。她来到田间，在收割的人身后拾取麦穗，恰巧是在以利米勒家族的人波阿斯那块田里。

得 2:4 波阿斯正从伯利恒来，对收割的人说，愿耶和华与你们同在。他们回答说，愿耶和华赐福与你。

得 2:5 波阿斯对监管收割之人的仆人说，那是谁家的女子？

得 2:6 监管收割之人的仆人回答说，是那摩押女子，随同拿俄米从摩押乡间回来的。

得 2:7 她说，请你让我在收割的人身后，拾取打捆剩下的麦穗。她早晨就来了，直到如今，除了在屋子里坐一会儿，一直留在这里。

得 2:8 波阿斯对路得说，女儿啊，听我说，不要往别人田里拾取麦穗，也不要离开这里，要紧随着我的使女们。

得 2:9 你要留意她们在那块田收割，你就跟着她们去。我已经吩咐仆人不可触犯你；你若渴了，就可以到器皿那里喝仆人打来的水。

得 2:10 路得就面伏于地叩拜，对他说，我既是外邦人，怎么在你眼中蒙恩，使你这样顾恤我呢？

得 2:11 波阿斯回答说，自从你丈夫死后，凡你向婆婆所行的，并你离开父母和出生地，到素不认识的民中，这一切事人都告诉我了。

Phil. 3:14 I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

Phil. 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as are full-grown, have this mind; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, this also God will reveal to you.

Phil. 3:16 Nevertheless whereunto we have attained, by the same rule let us walk.

E. The book of Ruth portrays the way, the position, the qualification, and the right of sinners to participate in Christ and to enjoy Christ; according to God's ordination, we who have believed into Christ have been qualified and positioned to claim our right to enjoy Christ (Col. 1:12; Rev. 2:7; 22:14).

Col. 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

Rev. 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.

Rev. 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

F. As a narration, the book of Ruth is lovely, touching, convincing, and subduing; in the aromatic story in chapter 2, four types are implied:

Ruth 2:1 Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a man of great wealth, from Elimelech's family; and his name was Boaz.

Ruth 2:2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I find favor. And she said to her, Go, my daughter.

Ruth 2:3 So she went. And she came and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to glean in a portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was from Elimelech's family.

Ruth 2:4 And just then Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, Jehovah be with you. And they said to him, Jehovah bless you.

Ruth 2:5 And Boaz said to his young man who was set over the reapers, Whose young woman is that?

Ruth 2:6 And the young man who was set over the reapers answered and said, She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the country of Moab;

Ruth 2:7 And she said, Let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. So she has come and continued since morning until now, and she has sat in the house for only a little while.

Ruth 2:8 And Boaz said to Ruth, Listen, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field, and also do not pass from here but stay close to my young women.

Ruth 2:9 Keep your eyes on the field that they reap; follow after them. I have charged my young men not to touch you. And when you are thirsty, you shall go to the vessels and drink of what the young men have drawn.

Ruth 2:10 And she fell upon her face and bowed herself to the ground, and she said to him, Why have I found favor in your sight that you regard me, though I am a foreigner?

Ruth 2:11 And Boaz answered and said to her, All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, as well as how you left your father and mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people whom you did not know before.

得 2:12 愿耶和華照你所行的報答你；你來投靠耶和華以色列神的翅膀下，愿你滿得祂的酬報。

得 2:13 路得說，我主啊，愿我在你眼前蒙恩；我雖然不及你的一个婢女，你还安慰我，親切地與你的婢女說話。

得 2:14 到了吃飯的時候，波阿斯對路得說，你到這里來吃點餅，將餅蘸在醋里。路得就在收割的人旁邊坐下；波阿斯把烘了的穗子遞給她。她吃飽了，還有剩餘的。

得 2:15 她起來又拾取麥穗，波阿斯吩咐仆人说，她就是在禾捆中拾取麥穗，也可以容她，不可羞辱她；

得 2:16 并要从捆里抽出些來，留给她拾取，不可斥責她。

得 2:17 这样，路得在田间拾取麥穗，直到晚上；將所拾取的打了，約有一伊法大麥。

得 2:18 她就把所拾取的帶進城去給婆婆看，又把她吃飽了所剩的拿出來給婆婆。

得 2:19 婆婆對她說，你今日在哪里拾取麥穗，在哪里工作呢？愿那顧恤你的蒙福。路得就告訴婆婆她在誰那里工作，說，我今日在一个名叫波阿斯的人那里工作。

得 2:20 拿俄米對儿媳說，愿那人蒙耶和華賜福，因为他不斷以慈愛待活人和死人。拿俄米又說，那人与我們相近，是我們的亲人。

得 2:21 摩押女子路得說，他也對我說，你要緊隨我的仆人拾取麥穗，直等他們收完了我的庄稼。

得 2:22 拿俄米對儿媳路得說，女儿啊，你跟着他的使女出去，不叫人遇見你在別人田间，这才为好。

得 2:23 于是路得緊隨波阿斯的使女拾取麥穗，直到收完了大麥和小麥；路得仍與婆婆同住。

1 波阿斯大有財富，（1，）預表基督富于神的恩典。（林后十二 7 ~ 9。）

得 2:1 拿俄米在她丈夫以利米勒的家族中，有一个相识的人，是个大財主，名叫波阿斯。

林后 12:7 又恐怕我因所得启示的超越，就过于高抬自己，所以有一根刺，就是撒但的使者，加在我的肉体上，为要攻击我，免得我过于高抬自己。

林后 12:8 为这事，我三次求过主，叫这刺离开我。

林后 12:9 祂對我說，我的恩典够你用的，因为我的能力，是在人的软弱上显得完全。所以我极其喜欢夸我的软弱，好叫基督的能力覆庇我。

2 神应许之美地的田，（得二 2 ~ 3，）預表包罗万有的基督，祂是一切属灵神圣出产的源头，作神选民的生命供应。（腓一 19 ~ 21 上。）

得 2:2 摩押女子路得对拿俄米說，请你让我往田间去，我在誰的眼中蒙恩，就在誰的身后拾取麥穗。拿俄米說，女儿啊，你只管去。

Ruth 2:12 May Jehovah recompense your work, and may you have a full reward from Jehovah the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.

Ruth 2:13 And she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me and have spoken kindly to your servant girl, though I am not like even one of your servant girls.

Ruth 2:14 And Boaz said to her at mealtime, Come here and eat some food; and dip your morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers, and he extended some parched grain to her. And she ate and was satisfied, and she had some left.

Ruth 2:15 And when she rose up to glean, Boaz charged his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her.

Ruth 2:16 And also pull out some from the bundles for her, and leave it for her to glean; and do not rebuke her.

Ruth 2:17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. And she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

Ruth 2:18 And she took it up and went into the city. And her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. Ruth also brought out and gave to her what she had left after she had been earlier satisfied.

Ruth 2:19 And her mother-in-law said to her, Where did you glean today, and where did you work? Blessed be he who paid such attention to you. And she told her mother-in-law whom she had worked with and said, The name of the man whom I worked with today is Boaz.

Ruth 2:20 And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he of Jehovah, whose lovingkindness has not failed for the living and for the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man is close to us; he is one of our kinsmen.

Ruth 2:21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He also said to me, You shall stay close by my young men who are with me until they have completed the whole harvest that I have.

Ruth 2:22 And Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, so that others do not meet you in any other field.

Ruth 2:23 So she stayed close to Boaz's young women and gleaned until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest, and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

1. Boaz, rich in wealth (v. 1), typifies Christ, who is rich in the divine grace (2 Cor. 12:7-9).

Ruth 2:1 Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a man of great wealth, from Elimelech's family; and his name was Boaz.

2 Cor. 12:7 And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up.

2 Cor. 12:8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

2 Cor. 12:9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

2. The field of the God-promised good land (Ruth 2:2-3) typifies the all-inclusive Christ, who is the source of all the spiritual and divine products for the life supply of God's elect (Phil. 1:19-21a).

Ruth 2:2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I find favor. And she said to her, Go, my daughter.

得 2:3 路得就去了。她来到田间，在收割的人身后拾取麦穗，恰巧是在以利米勒家族的人波阿斯那块田里。

腓 1:19 因为我知道，这事借着你们的祈求，和耶稣基督之灵全备的供应，终必叫我得救。

腓 1:20 这是照着我所专切期待并盼望的，就是没有一事会叫我羞愧，只要凡事放胆，无论是生，是死，总叫基督在我身体上，现今也照常显大，

腓 1:21 因为在我，活着就是基督，死了就有益处。

3 大麦和小麦（得二 23）预表基督是作成神和祂子民食物的材料。（利二，约六 9，33，35。）

得 2:23 于是路得紧随波阿斯的使女拾取麦穗，直到收完了大麦和小麦；路得仍与婆婆同住。

利 2:1 若有人献素祭为供物给耶和華，就要用细面浇上油，加上乳香，

利 2:2 带到亚伦子孙作祭司的那里；祭司就要从细面中取出一把来，并取些油和所有的乳香，然后把所取的这些作为素祭纪念的部分，烧在坛上，是献与耶和華為怡爽香气的火祭。

利 2:3 素祭所剩的要归给亚伦和他的子孙；这是献与耶和華的火祭中为至圣的。

利 2:4 你若献炉中烤的物为素祭作供物，就要用细面，作成调油的无酵饼，或抹油的无酵薄饼。

利 2:5 你的供物若用煎盘上作的物为素祭，就要用调油的无酵细面，

利 2:6 分成块子，浇上油；这是素祭。

利 2:7 你的供物若用锅里作的物为素祭，就要用油与细面作成。

利 2:8 你要把这些东西作的素祭带到耶和華面前，奉给祭司，带到坛前。

利 2:9 祭司要从素祭中取出纪念的部分，烧在坛上，是献与耶和華為怡爽香气的火祭。

利 2:10 素祭所剩的要归给亚伦和他的子孙；这是献与耶和華的火祭中为至圣的。

利 2:11 你们献给耶和華的素祭都不可搀酵；因为你们不可烧一点酵、一点蜜当作火祭献给耶和華。

利 2:12 这些物可以献给耶和華作为初熟的供物，只是不可献在坛上为怡爽的香气。

利 2:13 凡献为素祭的供物都要用盐调和，在素祭上不可缺了你神立约的盐；你一切的供物都要配盐而献。

利 2:14 你若向耶和華献初熟之物为素祭，就要献上烘过的青穗粒，就是轧下的新穗粒，当作初熟之物的素祭。

利 2:15 并要加上油，放上乳香；这是素祭。

利 2:16 祭司要把其中作为纪念的部分，就是一些轧下的穗粒和一些油，并所有的乳香，都焚烧，当作火祭献给耶和華。

约 6:9 这里有一个孩童，他有五个大麦饼、两条鱼，只是供给这么多人，还算什么？

Ruth 2:3 So she went. And she came and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to glean in a portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was from Elimelech's family.

Phil. 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

Phil. 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

3. Barley and wheat (Ruth 2:23) typify Christ as the material for making food for both God and His people (Lev. 2; John 6:9, 33, 35).

Ruth 2:23 So she stayed close to Boaz's young women and gleaned until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest, and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

Lev. 2:1 And when anyone presents an offering of a meal offering to Jehovah, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil on it and put frankincense on it.

Lev. 2:2 Then he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests, and he shall take from it his handful of its fine flour and of its oil with all its frankincense. And the priest shall burn it as its memorial portion on the altar, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.

Lev. 2:3 And what is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a thing most holy of Jehovah's offerings by fire.

Lev. 2:4 And when you present an offering of a meal offering baked in the oven, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened cakes mingled with oil or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.

Lev. 2:5 And if your offering is a meal offering baked on a flat plate, it shall be of fine flour mingled with oil, unleavened.

Lev. 2:6 You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it; it is a meal offering.

Lev. 2:7 And if your offering is a meal offering made in a pot, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.

Lev. 2:8 And you shall bring to Jehovah the meal offering that is made of these things and present it to the priest, and he shall bring it to the altar.

Lev. 2:9 And the priest shall take up from the meal offering its memorial portion and shall burn it on the altar, an offering by fire, a satisfying fragrance to Jehovah.

Lev. 2:10 And that which is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'; it is a thing most holy of Jehovah's offerings by fire.

Lev. 2:11 No meal offering that you present to Jehovah shall be made with leaven, for you shall not burn any leaven or any honey as an offering by fire to Jehovah.

Lev. 2:12 You may present them to Jehovah, as an offering of firstfruits, but they shall not be offered up for a satisfying fragrance on the altar.

Lev. 2:13 And every offering of your meal offering you shall season with salt, and you shall not omit the salt of the covenant of your God from your meal offering; with all your offerings you shall present salt.

Lev. 2:14 And if you present a meal offering of firstfruits to Jehovah, you shall present for the meal offering of your firstfruits new grain roasted with fire, crushed grain of the fresh ear.

Lev. 2:15 And you shall put oil on it and place frankincense on it; it is a meal offering.

Lev. 2:16 And the priest shall burn as its memorial portion some of its crushed grain and some of its oil, with all its frankincense, as an offering by fire to Jehovah.

John 6:9 There is a little boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are these for so many?

约 6:33 因为神的粮，就是那从天上降下来赐生命给世人的。
约 6:35 耶稣对他们说，我就是生命的粮，到我这里来的，必永远不饿；信入我的，必永远不渴。

4 路得这摩押女子，是与神的应许隔绝的异邦罪人，（申二三 3，参弗二 12，）竟然得着权利有分于神选民收割时所遗落的，这预表外邦的“狗”得着特权，有分于神选民儿女的分落在桌子下的碎渣。（太十五 21～28 与 27 注 1。）

申 23:3 亚扪人或摩押人不可入耶和华的会；他们的子孙，即使到第十代，也永不可入耶和华的会。
弗 2:12 那时，你们在基督以外，和以色列国民隔绝，在所应许的诸约上是局外人，在世上没有指望，没有神。
太 15:21 耶稣离开那里，退到推罗、西顿的境内去。
太 15:22 看哪，有一个迦南妇人从那地区出来，喊着说，主啊，大卫的子孙，可怜我！我女儿被鬼附得很苦。
太 15:23 耶稣却一言不答。门徒就进前来，求祂说，请打发她走罢，因为她在我们后面直喊。
太 15:24 耶稣回答说，我奉差遣，不过是到以色列家迷失的羊那里去。
太 15:25 那妇人来拜祂，说，主啊，帮助我！
太 15:26 祂回答说，不好拿儿女的饼丢给小狗。
太 15:27 妇人说，主啊，是的，就是小狗也吃主人桌子上掉下来的碎渣¹。
太 15:28 于是耶稣回答她说，妇人，你的信心真大！照你所愿的给你成全罢。从那时候，她的女儿就得了医治。
太 15:27 注 1 迦南妇人没有被主的话激怒，反倒承认自己是外邦的狗。她认为基督既被儿女犹太人弃绝，就成了桌子下的碎渣，作了外邦人的分。以色列人的圣地是桌子，其上有基督这属天的饼，作以色列子民的分；但他们把祂扔到桌子下，落在地上，就是外邦人之地，因此主成了碎渣，作了外邦人的分。当时这外邦妇人有这样的领悟，真是了不起！难怪属天的王称赞她的信心。（28。）

肆 路得记三章说到路得寻找她的安息：

得 3:1 路得的婆婆拿俄米对她说，女儿啊，我不当为你找个安身之处，使你享福么？
得 3:2 你与波阿斯的使女常在一处，波阿斯不是我们相识的人么？看哪，他今夜在禾场上簸大麦。
得 3:3 你要沐浴抹膏，换上衣服，下到禾场上，却不要使那人认出你来，直等他吃喝完了。
得 3:4 到他躺下的时候，你看准他躺卧的地方，就进去掀开他脚上的被，躺卧在那里；他必告诉你所当作的事。

John 6:33 For the bread of God is He who comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world.
John 6:35 Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst.

4. Ruth, a Moabitess, a heathen sinner alienated from God's promises (Deut. 23:3; cf. Eph. 2:12), being given the right to partake of the gleanings of the harvest of God's elect typifies the Gentile "dogs" who are privileged to partake of Christ as the crumbs under the table of the portion of God's elect children (Matt. 15:21-28 and footnote 1 on v. 27).

Deut. 23:3 An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter the congregation of Jehovah; even to the tenth generation, no descendant of theirs shall enter the congregation of Jehovah forever;
Eph. 2:12 That you were at that time apart from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.
Matt. 15:21 And Jesus went from there and withdrew into the parts of Tyre and Sidon.
Matt. 15:22 And behold, a Canaanite woman came out from those borders and cried out, saying, Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter suffers terribly from demon possession.
Matt. 15:23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, Send her away, for she is crying out after us.
Matt. 15:24 But He answered and said, I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
Matt. 15:25 But she came and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, help me!
Matt. 15:26 But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs.
Matt. 15:27 And she said, Yes, Lord, for even the little dogs eat of the crumbs¹ which fall from their masters' table.
Matt. 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, great is your faith! Be it done to you as you wish. And her daughter was healed from that hour.
Matt. 15:27 footnote 1 The Canaanite woman, not offended by the Lord's word but admitting that she was a heathen dog, considered that at that time Christ, after being rejected by the children, the Jews, became crumbs under the table as a portion to the Gentiles. The holy land of Israel was the table on which Christ, the heavenly bread, had come as a portion to the children of Israel. But they threw Him off the table to the ground, the Gentile land, so that He became broken crumbs as a portion to the Gentiles. What a realization this Gentile woman had at that time! No wonder the heavenly King admired her faith (v. 28).

IV. Chapter 3 of the book of Ruth speaks of Ruth's seeking for her rest:

Ruth 3:1 And Naomi, her mother-in-law, said to her, My daughter, I must seek some resting place for you, that it may go well with you.
Ruth 3:2 And now is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you have been? Behold, he is winnowing the barley tonight at the threshing floor.
Ruth 3:3 Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes; and go down to the threshing floor. But do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.
Ruth 3:4 And when he lies down, notice the place where he lies, and go and uncover his feet, and lie down. And he will tell you what you should do.

得 3:5 路得说，凡你所说的，我必遵行。
得 3:6 路得就下到禾场上，照她婆婆所吩咐她的一切而行。
得 3:7 波阿斯吃喝完了，心里欢畅，就到麦堆尽边去躺下。路得便悄悄地来掀开他脚上的被，躺卧在那里。
得 3:8 到了夜半，那人忽然惊醒，翻过身来，不料有女子躺在他的脚边。
得 3:9 他就说，你是谁？她回答说，我是你的婢女路得。请你展开你的衣边遮盖你的婢女，因为你是我的亲人。
得 3:10 波阿斯说，女儿啊，愿你蒙耶和華賜福。你末后所显出的恩慈比先前的更美；因为少年人无论贫富，你都没有跟从。
得 3:11 女儿啊，现在不要惧怕；凡你所说的，我必为你行，因我本城的人都知道你是个贤德的女子。
得 3:12 我实在是你的亲人，只是还有一个亲人比我更近。
得 3:13 你今夜在这里住宿，明早他若肯为你尽亲人的本分，就由他尽好了。倘若不肯，我指着永活的耶和華起誓，我必为你尽亲人的本分，你只管躺到黎明。
得 3:14 路得便在他脚边躺到黎明，人彼此还不能辨认的时候就起来了；因为波阿斯说，不可使人知道有女子到禾场上来。
得 3:15 他又说，把你所披的外衣拿来打开。她打开了，波阿斯就量了六簸箕大麦，放在她肩上，他便进城去了。
得 3:16 路得回到婆婆那里，婆婆说，女儿啊，怎么样了？路得就将那人为她所行的一切都告诉婆婆，
得 3:17 又说，他给了我这六簸箕大麦，因他说，你不可空手回去见你的婆婆。
得 3:18 婆婆说，女儿啊，你只管安坐等候，看这事怎样成就，因为那人今日不办成这事必不休息。

一 “路得的婆婆拿俄米对她说，女儿啊，我不当为你找个安身之处，使你享福么？”——1 节：

得 3:1 路得的婆婆拿俄米对她说，女儿啊，我不当为你找个安身之处，使你享福么？

- 1 拿俄米知道，作路得丈夫合式的人，乃是波阿斯；因此，拿俄米充当“中间人”，以促成路得结婚。
- 2 真正的新约执事就象拿俄米，激动在基督里的信徒爱祂，以祂作新郎，好接受祂作丈夫——林后十一 2，后十九 7，二一 9 ~ 10。

林后 11:2 我以神的妒忌，妒忌你们，因为我曾把你们许配一个丈夫，要将一个贞洁的童女献给基督。
启 19:7 我们要喜乐欢腾，将荣耀归与祂；因为羔羊婚娶的时候到了，新妇也自己预备好了。
启 21:9 拿着七个金碗，盛满末后七灾的七位天使中，有一位来对

Ruth 3:5 And she said to her, All that you say, I will do.
Ruth 3:6 And she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had charged her.
Ruth 3:7 And Boaz ate and drank, and his heart was merry. And he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. And she came in secretly and uncovered his feet and lay down.
Ruth 3:8 Then at midnight the man was startled; and he turned over, and a woman was there, lying at his feet.
Ruth 3:9 And he said, Who are you? And she said, I am Ruth, your female servant. Spread your cloak over your female servant, for you are a kinsman.
Ruth 3:10 And he said, Blessed be you of Jehovah, my daughter. You have shown your latter kindness to be better than your first by not going after the choice young men, whether poor or rich.
Ruth 3:11 And now, my daughter, do not fear. All that you say, I will do for you; for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman.
Ruth 3:12 And now it is true that I am a kinsman, yet there is a kinsman closer than I.
Ruth 3:13 Stay for the night; and in the morning if he will do the kinsman's duty, fine; let him do it. But if he is not willing to do the kinsman's duty for you, I will do it for you, as Jehovah lives. Lie down until morning.
Ruth 3:14 And she lay at his feet until morning, then rose up before one could recognize another; for he said, Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.
Ruth 3:15 And he said, Bring the cloak that is on you, and hold it open. And she held it open, and he measured out six measures of barley and laid it on her. And he went into the city.
Ruth 3:16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, How are you, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done for her.
Ruth 3:17 And she said, These six measures of barley he gave me, for he said, Do not go to your mother-in-law empty-handed.
Ruth 3:18 And she said, Stay here, my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter today.

A. “Naomi, her [Ruth's] mother-in-law, said to her, My daughter, I must seek some resting place for you, that it may go well with you”——v. 1:

Ruth 3:1 And Naomi, her mother-in-law, said to her, My daughter, I must seek some resting place for you, that it may go well with you.

1. Naomi realized that the proper person to be Ruth's husband was Boaz; hence, Naomi acted as a “middleman” in order to prod Ruth to get married.
2. The genuine ministers of the New Testament are like Naomi in that they stir up the believers in Christ to love Him as their Bridegroom that they may take Him as their Husband—2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7; 21:9-10.

2 Cor. 11:2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.
Rev. 19:7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.
Rev. 21:9 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and

我说，你来，我要将新妇，就是羔羊的妻，指给你看。

启 21:10 我在灵里，天使带我到一座高大的山，将那由神那里从天而降的圣城耶路撒冷指给我看。

3 我们得着安息唯一的路乃是接受基督作我们的丈夫；我们必须认识祂是我们的丈夫并接受祂作我们的丈夫，活在与祂最亲近、最密切的接触里——林前二 9，参十六 22。

林前 2:9 只是如经上所记：“神为爱祂的人所预备的，是眼睛未曾看见，耳朵未曾听见，人心也未曾想到的。”

林前 16:22 若有人不爱主，他就是可咒可诅的。主来了！

4 我们若嫁给基督，以祂为我们的丈夫，我们的生活就要改变；我们会领悟，我们必须有妻子的贞洁，并且会学习如何享受基督作我们的生命和人位，与祂在一里行事为人——林后二 10。

林后 2:10 你们饶恕谁什么，我也饶恕；我若曾有所饶恕，我所已经饶恕的，是在基督的面前，为你们饶恕的；

二 路得来到美地，使用她的权利享受美地丰富的出产，还需要一个家使她得着安息；这样的安息只能借着婚姻而得：

1 虽然我们得救并爱主，但我们若要得着一个家作我们的安息，就必须嫁给主耶稣，以祂为我们的丈夫，以召会为我们的家，在其中与祂一同生活——罗七 4，林后十一 2，弗五 25 ~ 27。

罗 7:4 我的弟兄们，这样说来，你们借着基督的身体，向着律法也已经是死的了，叫你们归与别人，就是归与那从死人中复活的，使我们结果子给神。

林后 11:2 我以神的妒忌，妒忌你们，因为我曾把你们许配一个丈夫，要将一个贞洁的童女献给基督。

弗 5:25 作丈夫的，要爱你们的妻子，正如基督爱召会，为召会舍了自己，

弗 5:26 好圣化召会，借着话中之水的洗涤洁净召会，

弗 5:27 祂好献给自己，作荣耀的召会，没有斑点、皱纹、或任何这类的病，好使她成为圣别、没有瑕疵。

2 基督作我们的丈夫，召会作我们的家，合起来乃是一个完整的单位，使我们得着正确、充分的安息。(32。)

spoke with me, saying, Come here; I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.

Rev. 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

3. The only way for us to have rest is to take Christ as our Husband; we must know Him as our Husband and take Him as our Husband, living in the closest and most intimate contact with Him—1 Cor. 2:9; cf. 16:22.

1 Cor. 2:9 But as it is written, “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and which have not come up in man’s heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

1 Cor. 16:22 If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed! The Lord comes!

4. If we marry Christ, taking Him as our Husband, our life will be changed; we will realize that we must have a wife’s fidelity, and we will learn how to enjoy Christ as our life and our person, walking and behaving in oneness with Him—2 Cor. 2:10.

2 Cor. 2:10 But whom you forgive anything, I also forgive; for also what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, it is for your sake in the person of Christ;

B. After coming to the good land and exercising her right to enjoy its rich produce, Ruth still needed a home so that she could have rest; this kind of rest could come only through marriage:

1. Although we may be saved and love the Lord, in order to have a home for our rest we must marry the Lord Jesus, taking Him as our Husband, and live together with Him in the church as our home—Rom. 7:4; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-27.

Rom. 7:4 So then, my brothers, you also have been made dead to the law through the Body of Christ so that you might be joined to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit to God.

2 Cor. 11:2 For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her

Eph. 5:26 That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,

Eph. 5:27 That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

2. Christ as our Husband and the church as our home are a complete unit for us to have a proper and adequate rest (v. 32).

弗 5:32 这是极大的奥秘，但我是指着基督与召会说的。

三 从马太一章五至六节和十六节的观点看，路得寻找她的安息，实际上是为着家谱的延续，以带进基督。

太 1:5 撒门从喇合氏生波阿斯，波阿斯从路得氏生俄备得，俄备得生耶西，

太 1:6 耶西生大卫王。大卫从作过乌利亚妻子的生所罗门，

太 1:16 雅各生约瑟，就是马利亚的丈夫，那称为基督的耶稣，是从马利亚生的。

四 波阿斯告诉路得：“我实在是你的亲人，还有一个亲人比我更近”——得三 12:

得 3:12 我实在是你的亲人，只是还有一个亲人比我更近。

1 在本节，路得丈夫的第一个亲人，就是路得最近的亲人，预表我们天然的人，不能也不愿把我们旧人的债务（罪）里赎回。（四 1～6。）

得 4:1 波阿斯上城去，坐在那里，恰巧波阿斯所说的那亲人经过。波阿斯说，某人哪，你转过坐在这里。他就转过坐下了。

得 4:2 波阿斯又从本城的长老中选取了十个人，对他们说，请你们坐在这里。他们就都坐下。

得 4:3 波阿斯对那亲人说，从摩押乡间回来的拿俄米，现在要卖我们弟兄以利米勒的那块田地；

得 4:4 我想我应当向你表明，说，你可以在这里坐着的人面前和我族人的长老面前买这块田地。你若肯赎就赎，若不肯赎就告诉我，让我知道；因为只有你可以赎，其次就是我。那人回答说，我肯赎。

得 4:5 波阿斯说，你从拿俄米手中买这田地的时候，也当娶死人的妻摩押女子路得，叫死人的名得以在他的产业上存立。

得 4:6 那亲人说，这样我自己就不能赎了，恐怕于我的产业有损。你自己可以赎我所当赎的，因我不能赎了。

2 波阿斯，路得丈夫的第二个亲人，预表基督，祂有分于血肉之体，（来二 14，）成为我们的亲人，能救赎我们脱离罪，恢复我们在神创造里天然之人所失去的权利，在祂与我们神圣生机的联结里作我们的新丈夫，并娶我们作祂的配偶，使祂得着扩增。（得四 7～13。）

来 2:14 儿女既同有血肉之体，祂也照样亲自自有分于血肉之体，为要借着死，废除那掌死权的，就是魔鬼，

得 4:7 从前，在以色列中要确立什么事，或赎回，或交易，这人

Eph. 5:32 This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church.

C. Considered in the light of Matthew 1:5-6 and 16, Ruth's seeking for her rest was actually for the continuation of the genealogy to bring in Christ.

Matt. 1:5 And Salmon begot Boaz of Rahab, and Boaz begot Obed of Ruth, and Obed begot Jesse,

Matt. 1:6 And Jesse begot David the king. And David begot Solomon of her who had been the wife of Uriah,

Matt. 1:16 And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

D. Boaz told Ruth, "I am a kinsman, yet there is a kinsman closer than I"—Ruth 3:12:

Ruth 3:12 And now it is true that I am a kinsman, yet there is a kinsman closer than I.

1. In this verse the first kinsman of Ruth's husband, Ruth's closest kinsman, typifies our natural man, who cannot and will not redeem us from the indebtedness (sin) of our old man (4:1-6).

Ruth 4:1 Then Boaz went up to the gate and sat there. And just then the kinsman of whom Boaz had spoken came by. And Boaz said, Turn aside and sit here, friend. And he turned aside and sat down.

Ruth 4:2 And he took ten men from among the elders of the city and said, Sit here. And they sat down.

Ruth 4:3 And he said to the kinsman, Naomi, who has returned from the country of Moab, has put up for sale the portion of the field that belonged to our brother Elimelech.

Ruth 4:4 So I thought that I should disclose this to you and say, Buy it in the presence of those sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you can redeem it, redeem it; but if you cannot redeem it, tell me so that I will know; for there is no one to redeem it ahead of you, and I am after you. And he said, I will redeem it.

Ruth 4:5 Then Boaz said, On the day you buy the field from Naomi's hand, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead man, in order to raise up the dead man's name upon his inheritance.

Ruth 4:6 And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, or else I will mar my own inheritance. You redeem for yourself what I should redeem, for I cannot redeem it.

2. Boaz, the second kinsman of Ruth's husband, typifies Christ, who partook of blood and flesh (Heb. 2:14) to be our Kinsman and who can redeem us from our sin, recover the lost right of our natural man in God's creation, be our new Husband in His divine organic union with us, and take us as His counterpart for His increase (Ruth 4:7-13).

Heb. 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

Ruth 4:7 Now such was the custom formerly in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging that to

就脱鞋给那人。以色列中乃是以此为证据。

- 得 4:8 那亲人对波阿斯说，你自己买罢；于是将鞋脱下来了。
得 4:9 波阿斯对长老和众民说，你们今日作见证，凡属以利米勒和基连、玛伦的，我都从拿俄米手中置买了；
得 4:10 我又娶了玛伦的妻摩押女子路得为妻，好叫死人的名得在他的产业上存立，免得死人的名从他的弟兄中，并从他本乡灭绝。你们今日可以作见证。
得 4:11 在城门坐着的众民和长老都说，我们作见证。愿耶和華使进你家的这女子，象建立以色列家的拉结、利亚二人一样。又愿你在以法他得财富，在伯利恒得名声。
得 4:12 愿耶和華从这少年女子赐你后裔，使你的家象他玛从犹大所生法勒斯的家一般。
得 4:13 于是，波阿斯娶了路得为妻，与她同房。耶和華使她怀孕，她就生了一个儿子。

伍 路得记四章说到路得得着赏赐，来为着神的经纶：

- 得 4:1 波阿斯上城门去，坐在那里，恰巧波阿斯所说的那亲人经过。波阿斯说，某人哪，你转过来坐在这里。他就转过来坐下。
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得 4:7 从前，在以色列中要确立什么事，或赎回，或交易，这人就脱鞋给那人。以色列中乃是以此为证据。
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得 4:10 我又娶了玛伦的妻摩押女子路得为妻，好叫死人的名得在他的产业上存立，免得死人的名从他的弟兄中，并从他本乡灭绝。你们今日可以作见证。
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V. Chapter 4 of the book of Ruth speaks of Ruth's receiving a reward for God's economy:

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一 路得得着赏赐为着神的经纶，其中一部分是赢得一位赎她的丈夫；这丈夫预表基督是救赎信徒的丈夫；如今我们这些在基督里的信徒有一位丈夫，祂是我们永远、现在、和每日的救赎主，搭救我们，拯救我们，救拔我们，脱离一切的难处。

二 除了赢得赎她的丈夫以外，路得也清偿已死丈夫所负的债；（1～9；）这预表信徒蒙救赎，脱离他们旧人的罪：

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- 得 4:2 波阿斯又从本城的长老中选取了十个人，对他们说，请你们坐在这里。他们就都坐下。
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- 得 4:4 我想我应当向你们表明，说，你可以在这里坐着的人面前和我族人的长老面前买这块田地。你若肯赎就赎，若不肯赎就告诉我，让我知道；因为只有你可以赎，其次就是我。那人回答说，我肯赎。
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A. As part of her reward for God's economy, Ruth gained a redeeming husband, who typifies Christ as the redeeming Husband of the believers; now as believers in Christ, we have a Husband who is our eternal, present, and daily Redeemer, rescuing us, saving us, delivering us, from all our troubles.

B. In addition to gaining a redeeming husband, Ruth was redeemed from the indebtedness of her dead husband (vv. 1-9); this typifies the believers being redeemed from the sin of their old man:

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1 照着罗马六章六节与七章二至四节，这已死的丈夫，就是我们的旧丈夫，乃是我们的旧人；神造我们作祂的妻子，但我们背叛了祂；我们丢弃祂，并且擅自取了作丈夫的地位。

罗 6:6 知道我们的旧人已经与祂同钉十字架，使罪的身体失效，叫我们不再作罪的奴仆，

罗 7:2 女人有了丈夫，丈夫还活着，就受律法约束，归与丈夫；丈夫若死了，就脱离了丈夫的律法。

罗 7:3 所以，丈夫活着，她若归与别的男人，便叫淫妇；丈夫若死了，她就脱离了那律法，虽然归与别的男人，也不是淫妇。

罗 7:4 我的弟兄们，这样说来，你们借着基督的身体，向着律法也已经是死的了，叫你们归与别人，就是归与那从死人中复活的，使我们结果子给神。

2 我们罪恶的丈夫用许多债务缠累我们；但在我们嫁给基督那天，我们得着了一位丈夫，祂是我们全能、无所不能的救赎主；我们都需要基督作我们这样的丈夫，并且该习惯地来到祂面前，简单地说，“主耶稣，我需要你。”

三 路得所得着赏赐的另一方面，是她成为基督家谱中重要的先祖，带进大卫的王室，为着产生基督；（得四 13 下~ 22，太一 5~ 16；）这指明她所赢得的，是包罗万有、延展无限的，使她有地位、有资格将基督带到人类中；因此，在将基督带到地的每一角落这条联线上，她是重要的环节。

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1. According to Romans 6:6 and 7:2-4, the dead husband, our old husband, is our old man; God created us to be His wife, but we rebelled against Him; we gave Him up and assumed the position of a husband for ourselves.

Rom. 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

Rom. 7:2 For the married woman is bound by the law to her husband while he is living; but if the husband dies, she is discharged from the law regarding the husband.

Rom. 7:3 So then if, while the husband is living, she is joined to another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man.

Rom. 7:4 So then, my brothers, you also have been made dead to the law through the Body of Christ so that you might be joined to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit to God.

2. Our sinful husband encumbered us with many debts, but on the day we married Christ, we received a Husband who is our almighty, omnipotent Redeemer; we all need Christ to be such a Husband to us, and we should habitually come to Him and simply say, "Lord Jesus, I need You."

C. Another aspect of Ruth's reward is that she became a crucial ancestor in the genealogy to bring in the royal house of David for the producing of Christ (Ruth 4:13b-22; Matt. 1:5-16); this indicates that she had an all-inclusive and all-extensive gain with the position and capacity to bring Christ into the human race; she is thus a great link in the chain that is bringing Christ to every corner of the earth.

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 Matt. 1:6 And Jesse begot David the king. And David begot Solomon of her who had been the wife of Uriah,
 Matt. 1:7 And Solomon begot Rehoboam, and Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa,
 Matt. 1:8 And Asa begot Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah,
 Matt. 1:9 And Uzziah begot Jotham, and Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah,
 Matt. 1:10 And Hezekiah begot Manasseh, and Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah.
 Matt. 1:11 And Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the deportation to Babylon.
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 Matt. 1:13 And Zerubbabel begot Abiud, and Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor,
 Matt. 1:14 And Azor begot Zadok, and Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud,
 Matt. 1:15 And Eliud begot Eleazar, and Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob,
 Matt. 1:16 And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

四 路得不仅成为家谱中重要的先祖，为着产生基督，她也延续神所创造的人类这条线，使基督能成为肉体；基督的成为肉体，乃是将祂从永远里带到时间里，并将祂的神性带到人性里：

1 我们基督徒生活的每一天，都该是基督成为肉体的延续，有基督生出来，好借着我们将基督作为那灵供应给人，使祂生到他们里面—林后三 6。

林后 3:6 祂使我们够资格作新约的执事，这些执事不是属于字句，乃是属于灵，因为那字句杀死人，那灵却叫人活。

2 若要这事发生，我们都需要为基督说话，说出基督，并且将基督说到人里面；这样供应基督，必然会以新陈代谢的方式改变我们和我们所照顾的人，使我们变化成为祂的形像—18 节，四 1。

林后 3:18 但我们众人既然以没有帕子遮蔽的脸，好象镜子观看并返照主的荣光，就渐渐变化成为与祂同样的形像，从荣耀到荣耀，乃是从主灵变化成的。

林后 4:1 因此，我们既照所蒙的怜悯，受了这职事，就不丧胆，

D. Ruth not only became a crucial ancestor in the genealogy for the producing of Christ, but she also continued the line of the God-created humanity for the incarnation of Christ; the incarnation of Christ was a matter of His being brought out of eternity into time and with His divinity into humanity:

1. Every day of our Christian life should be a continuation of Christ's incarnation, with Christ being brought forth in order to be born into others through our ministering Christ as the Spirit into them—2 Cor. 3:6.

2 Cor. 3:6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2. In order for this to happen, we all need to speak for Christ, to speak forth Christ, and to speak Christ into others; ministering Christ in this way will surely change us, and the ones for whom we care, in a metabolic way for our transformation into His image—v. 18; 4:1.

2 Cor. 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

2 Cor. 4:1 Therefore having this ministry as we have been shown mercy, we do not lose heart;