

Character Study: Ruth

Part 4 – Ruth’s Great Reward

Ruth 4

What’s happening?

- Boaz informed Ruth’s closest relative of his right to buy Naomi’s land and marry Ruth. The relative was unable to do both, so he abandoned his rights to Boaz. (4:1-8)
- Boaz gladly filled the role of a kinsman-redeemer. All the people who were present, along with the elders of the city, acted as witnesses and requested God’s blessing on the marriage. (4:9-12)
- Ruth bore a son, Obed, who was not only a blessing to Ruth, but was also a blessing to her mother-in-law, Naomi. (4:13-16)
- Obed would eventually have a son, named Jesse, and Jesse would be the father of King David. Thus, Ruth would be the great-grandmother of King David, Israel’s greatest king! (4:17-22)

What’s God doing?

> Despite the difficult times and apparent setbacks that Ruth experienced, we see in the end that God was working out a plan for her life which resulted in some truly amazing things!

> Because of Ruth’s obedience, she was able to experience God’s great hand of blessing on her life. Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David, placing her in the family line of Jesus Christ!

What’s to learn?

→ Ruth and Naomi finally understood how God was working in their lives by looking at the “big picture.” We must not forget the “big picture” when we look to see what God is doing in our lives as well.

→ Ruth was an ordinary person who experienced ordinary events in life. But through these ordinary things, God brought about awesome results. We may see ourselves and the events of our lives as ordinary, yet we must remember that we serve a great God who accomplishes great things through that which is seemingly ordinary. May we be faithful, like Ruth, to be obedient to God in all aspects of life so that we may see His great purposes fulfilled!