

Ch 1.

v.1. The time of the Judges. Judges 21 v. 25.

The danger of the unrulèd conscience.

v.1b – 5. Elimelech (God is King) and Naomi (Pleasantness) leave Bethlehem (House of Bread) and go to Moab (Deut 23. V 3)

The danger of looking for blessing in all the wrong places. (Compare Jer. 2 v.13)

v.6 & 19-21. The lonely road of repentance

Better the rod of God than the smile of evil.

v. 16-18. The marks of true commitment

YOUR way, home, people, God, end.

v. 22. Barley Harvest time

God's timing is amazing!

Ch 2.

v. 2. Gleaning

God's provision

v. 7b "From morning till now." (v.17 "till evening")

Ruth's diligence

v. 8. "Stay here, glean, watch, follow, drink"

"I am the bread of life...."(John 6.v.35)

v. 11. "I've been told...."

Ruth's reputation

v. 12. "May the Lord bless you....under whose wings."

Ruth's reward

v. 14. "At mealtime, Boaz said, 'Come, eat and drink'"

Strangers welcomed to special favor at the feast

v. 16. "Handfuls on purpose...."

The surprising joy of personal blessing

v. 17-18. An ephah of grain and left-overs!

Abundance

Ch 3.

The kinsman-redeemer (Deut. 25 v 5-10)

Provision for posterity and inheritance

Qualifications

Family, ability, willingness

v. 11. "The whole town knows...."

Public reputation is important

v. 17. "Don't go back to Naomi empty-handed"

Boaz respects Naomi's subjection to Ruth

Ch 4.

v. 2-5. The need, the opportunity

Provision and relationship

v. 6-8. The impossibility of the prior claim

The limit of the law without grace

v. 10. "I have acquired as my wife...."

The bride bought by our kinsman-redeemer

v.14. "Praise be to God...."

The song of redemption is the love song of eternity (How well do I sing it?)

v.15. "Loves you and is better than 7 sons..."

The highest praise in Israelite culture (How am I seen?)