

All Are Invited: Part 2 of 2

Lessons from Genealogy of Jesus

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Where We Are

- Perez, Boaz [Done in Part 1]
- Obed, and Solomon
- Selected persons from genealogy of Jesus
- God does not demand perfection
- To grant favors to a person
- Earned blessing and incurred punishment
- Are God's promises
- Could coexist in parallel for a person

Obed, son of Boaz

- Born by Ruth, a Moabite
- Moab: son Lot had with his first daughter
- Genesis 19:36-37

36 So both of Lot's daughters became pregnant by their father.

37 The older daughter had a son, and she named him Moab; he is the father of the Moabites of today.

Ruth, Mother of Obed

- Elimelech, from Bethlehem in Judah
- Moved to Moab with wife, Naomi
- And two sons
- Elimelech died
- Two sons married Moabites, Ruth and Orpah
- Then two sons died
- Ruth 1:1–5 [Not read in session]

Ruth, Mother of Obed cont'd

- Naomi tried to persuade daughters-in-law
- To leave her and seek different life
- Orpa was persuaded and left
- Ruth had compassion toward mother-in-law
- Vowed to stay with her till death
- Ruth 1:6–18

[16–17 read in session]

Ruth 1 (NIV)

16 But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.

17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.”

Ruth, Mother of Obed cont'd

- Ruth returned to Bethlehem with Naomi
- Boaz married Ruth as kinsman-redeemer
- Had a son, Obed
- Ruth's compassion toward Naomi
- Earned her blessing
- Fulfilled in part through Obed
- Any punishment she inherited as Moabite
- Did not diminish her blessing

Solomon, Son of David through Bathsheba Marriage

- Solomon was blessing to David through Bathsheba marriage
 - God's promise to Abraham: ...through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed [Genesis 22:18]
 - God's promise to David: ...I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom [2 Samuel 7:12]
- God punished David for his affair with Bathsheba and murder of Uriah

David's Blessing Fulfilled

- Earned blessing remained in effect despite the punishment
- Fulfilled in part through Solomon
 - Grandfather along lineage of Christ
 - Succeeded David as King of Israel
 - Great wisdom, wealth, and popularity

David's Punishment Fulfilled

- Incurred punishment remained in effect despite the blessing
- Fulfilled as promised
 - Child of affair with Bathsheba died
 - Absalom slept with David's concubines
 - In broad daylight witnessed by Israel
 - Adversity from Absalom rebellion
 - Could be the third punishment

What We Learned

Blessing and Punishment

- Earned blessing is a promise from God
- Incurred punishment is a promise from God
- Both coexist in parallel
- God fulfills his promise without condition
- God may forgive promise of punishment
- If sinner repents truly
- He will fulfill promise of blessing

What We Learned

God Doesn't Need Perfection

- A person does not need to be perfect
- To find favor with God
- One can earn blessing
- Even with existing incurred punishment
- And can incur punishment
- Even with existing earned blessing
- Both can exist in parallel

What We Learned: Summary

- Christ invites all
- Even if imperfect
- Existing promise of punishment
 - Will not prevent your earning blessing
 - According to Christ's promise
 - Will be forgiven if you repent
- Blessing and punishment
- Are Parallel promises from God