

Grand Blessing for Ruth

Part 6: Great Grandmother Lineage of the Messiah

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What We Will Learn

- Lot's descendant Ruth married Abraham's descendant Boaz
- Gave birth to Obed→Jesse→David, great grandfather in lineage of the Messiah
- Ruth inherited blessing from Lot
- Her Godliness and human effort prepared her to receive the blessing
- Ready and prepared for God's intervention?

Lot Earned Blessing as Faithful Follower

- God called Abraham to a mission
- Lot followed Abraham
- Worked closely with him
- Until they separated
- Positioned himself as co-beneficiary of God's promise to Abraham
- Genesis 5:1–4

Genesis 12 (NKJV)

1 Now the Lord had said to Abram:

“Get out of your country,
From your family
And from your father's house,
To a land that I will show you.

2 I will make you a great nation;

I will bless you

And make your name great;

And you shall be a blessing.

Genesis 12 (NKJV)

3 I will bless those who bless you,
And I will curse him who curses you;
And in you all the families of the earth shall
be blessed.”

4 So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken
to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram
was seventy-five years old when he departed
from Haran.

God Rewards Faithful Follower

- Christ's teaching in "wisdom of other boat"
- Jesus entered one of two boats
- 2nd boat followed the chosen boat
- Jesus provided for the chosen and follower boats in the harvest he ordained
- God provides opportunities for the leader and follower in an alliance
- Luke 5:1–7

Luke 5 (NIV)

1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.

2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.

Luke 5 (NIV)

3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

Luke 5 (NIV)

5 Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”

6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

Luke 5 (NIV)

7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

- God provides opportunities for the leader and follower in an alliance
- By following Abraham on God's mission, Lot earned blessing similar to Abraham's
- All peoples will be blessed through you

Ruth Positioned Herself to Accept God's Intervention

- Compassion to mother-in-law
 - Recognized a need and the needy
 - Cared about the needy
 - Committed to doing what she could
 - To alleviate the needy's suffering
 - Recognize. Care. Commit. Persevere
- Ruth 1:16–17

Ruth 1 (NKJV)

16 But Ruth said:

“Entreat me not to leave you,
Or to turn back from following after you;
For wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people,
And your God, my God.

Ruth 1 (NKJV)

17 Where you die, I will die,
And there will I be buried.

The Lord do so to me, and more also,
If anything but death parts you and me.”

Ruth Positioned Herself to Accept God's Intervention

- Offered to glean for leftover grains to support her family
 - Recognized they were poor
 - Humbled herself to go gleaning
 - Found herself in Boaz's field
 - Worked hard and diligently at gleaning
 - Boaz accepted her in his field
- Ruth 2:3–7

Ruth 2 (NKJV)

3 Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

4 Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said to the reapers, “The Lord be with you!”

And they answered him, “The Lord bless you!”

Ruth 2 (NKJV)

5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?”

6 So the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered and said, “It is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.

Ruth 2 (NKJV)

7 And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' So she came and has continued from morning until now, though she rested a little in the house."

Ruth Marries Boaz

Guardian-Redeemer of Family

- Ruth married Boaz by law and process of guardian-redeemer
- Ruth and Boaz had a son
- Women of the neighborhood gathered
 - Named the son Obed
 - Praised God for Naomi
 - Prayed blessings on the son
- Ruth 4:13–17

Ruth 4 (NIV)

13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

14 The women said to Naomi: “Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel!

Ruth 4 (NIV)

15 He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth.”

16 Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him.

17 The women living there said, “Naomi has a son!” And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

What We Learned

- Ruth inherited blessing of Lot
- Her Godliness
 - Compassion (Sensitive to needs)
 - Humility
 - Respect (for people, law and custom)
- And commitment to human effort
- Placed her in position
- To receive God's intervention
- To fulfill the blessing in her