



Hope for the Hopeless: Writing a Better Chapter for Your Life

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Ruth 4

Introduction





I. The Providence of God (vs 1-3)

- Sovereignty/providence of God = When God uses natural circumstances to bring about His supernatural plans.
- “*Behold*” (4:1) – it just so happen by the providence of God, that God was working through natural circumstances to bring about His supernatural will.



I. The Providence of God (vs 1-3)

- “Friend” – “*Paloney Alimony*” in Hebrew, which literally means “a muted name” or “Mr. No Name”
- (Reading Hebrew is backwards, from right to left) – providence of God is like reading Hebrew; it’s best understood when read backwards.



II. Strategic Plans (vs. 4-10)

- One of the most spiritual things you can do is make a plan. The man of God has a plan. Plans and prays; prays and plans.
- *The mind of man plans his way,
But the Lord directs his steps.*

Prov. 16:9



III. Faith-filled Prayers (vs. 11-12)

- Throughout Ruth, you see ongoing conversation of prayer:
 - Naomi, “*May the Lord grant rest and a husband.*” (1:9)
 - Ruth, “*May the Lord do to me, and worse, if I leave you.*” (1:17)
 - Boaz, “*May the Lord bless you.*” (2:4)
 - Naomi, “*May he who took notice of you be blessed.*” (2:19)

III. Faith-filled Prayers (vs. 11-12)



¹¹ But All the people who were in the court, and the elders, said, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, both of whom built the house of Israel; and may you achieve wealth in Ephrathah and become famous in Bethlehem.

Ruth 4:11



Conclusion (vs. 13-22)

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the Lord [a]enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.

Ruth 4:13



Conclusion (vs. 13-22)

- Kinsman Redeemer is a metaphor of the relative whose role is to come in and provide for someone who's experienced significant loss. So, the kinsman redeemer protects and provides for her.
- In the New Testament, we have a kinsman redeemer, and His name is Jesus, who protects us and provides for us, paying the debt of our sins by dying for us on the cross. Jesus takes what's broken and loss and makes us new.