**God Bless Mothers**

**Happy Mothers Day**

**9 May 2021**

**Ruth**

This is a story of a young Moabite woman who was **unconditionally committed** to taking care of her mother-in-law and in the process discovering the blessings of God when living the **obedient life** God recognizes.

A famine forced Elimelech and Naomi to leave their home in Israel and relocate to the country of Moab. Elimelech dies and Naomi is left with her two sons who soon marry Orpah and Ruth who are Moabites.

Later on, both sons die and Naomi is left with just Orpah and Ruth in Moab. Naomi releases them and Orpah leaves and stays in Moab but Ruth says in chapter **1 verse 16: “… for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: 17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried…”,** in other words, only death would separate Ruth from Naomi which shows **how determined** she was to stay with her mother-in-law.

Ruth returns with Naomi to Bethlehem and continues to care for Naomi. Ruth requests of Naomi that she go to the field of Boaz and “glean” from the field and find grace in his sight. Naomi told her to “Go”.

Boaz notices Ruth and inquires of her and tells her not to glean from another field **(1:8)** but stay in his field. Ruth falls to the ground and says, “Why have I found grace in thine eyes…?” **Boaz knew all that she had done for Naomi** and how she had left possibly her immediate family (her mother and father, brothers, sisters, etc.) and her native land and come unto a people which she didn’t know **(1:11).**

In verse 12 of chapter 1, Boaz blesses her by saying, **“The Lord recompense thy work and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under who’s wings thou have come to trust.”** And Ruth very loyally, devotedly, and obediently says, “Let me find favor in thy sight…”, though she was not like one of Boaz’s handmaidens.

Naomi gives Ruth instructions on how to approach Boaz **so that Boaz will redeem Ruth** and Ruth did exactly what Naomi said to do which is another example of **Ruth’s obedience, devotion, and loyalty** not only to her mother-in-law but also to God. **The trust Ruth show’s God,** in carrying herself in a proper way, as described in **chapter 3 verse 10.**

Boaz then properly redeems the estate of Elimelech, according to Jewish law and confirmed by witnesses, purchased Ruth to be his wife. So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife.

In turn for her faith, Ruth was rewarded for her love not only by being obedient, devoted, and loyal, but **most of all by trusting in God. And by trusting in God, the Lord gave her a son, Obed** who was the grandfather of **David in the Messianic line that led to Christ.** Obey, be devoted, be loyal, and most of all, trust in the Lord and He will bless you.

**The Unconditional Love of a Mother**

Introduction: **What does the Bible say about Mothers?**

* “Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” – **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**
* “Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.” – **Proverbs 23:22-25** • “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” – **Galatians 5:22-23**
* “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.” – **Exodus 20:12**
* “Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’” – **Proverbs 31:28-31** • “Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father.” – **Leviticus 19:3**
* “The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.” – **Genesis 3:20** • “Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.” – **Proverbs 31:25-28**
* “And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed.’” **– Luke 1:46-48**
* “A gracious woman gets honor…” – **Proverbs 11:16**•
* “Hear, my son, your father’s instruction, and forsake not your mother’s teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.” – **Proverbs 1:8-9**
* “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make 9 May 2021 Rankin 5 them known to your children and your children’s children…” – **Deuteronomy 4:9**
* “When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.” – **John 19:26-27**
* “As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.” – **Isaiah 66:1**3
* “Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.” – **1 Peter 4:8**
* “And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.” – **Luke 2:51**
* “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” • – **3 John 1:4**
* “So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” – **1 Corinthians 13:13**
* “Then the mother of the child said, ‘As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So he arose and followed her.” – **2 Kings 4:30**
* **Proverbs 31:10-12** Who could ever find a wife like this one- she is a woman of strength and mighty valor! She’s full of wealth and wisdom, the price paid for her was greater than many jewels. Her 9 May 2021 Rankin 6 husband has entrusted his heart to her, for she brings him the rich spoils of victory. All throughout her life she brings him what is good, and not evil.
* **I. Mothers need our prayers** Paul tells us to pray for all men. King and those in authority such as government officials and would also bring to mind the incredibly important responsibility of being a mother.
* The Greek word for Men here is (anthropos -> ανθρωπος) which means human so this would include men and women, mankind.
* ***Pray for All Men 2*** Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who **are** in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. **2 Timothy 2;1-2**
* **In Romans, Paul says,**
* 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due,* customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.**Romans 13:7**
* **II. Mothers of All Types Who Love Their Children**
* 1. Mothers who are able to bare their own children
* 2. Mothers who go through the adoption process
* 3. Mothers who become mothers because their is no-one else to take care of a child or children such as in a children’s home.
* ***Children and Parents 6*** Children, **obey** your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 *“****Honor*** *your father and mother,”* which is the first commandment with promise: 3 *“that it may be well with you* ***and you may live long on the earth.”*** 4 And you, fathers, do not **provoke** your children to wrath, but **bring** them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

**Ephesians 6:1-4**

* **4. Grandparents who become parents again to their grandchildren**
* **III. Mothers Who Put God First in Their Lives**
* 33 But **seek** first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day *is* its own trouble.
* A. Please God
* B. Earn the respect of their neighbor
* C. Earn the respect of their family, husband and children
  + - 1. Helping husbands with honeydews
    - 2. Children with homework and school projects.
* **In Conclusion:** I hope those of you out their today truly appreciate the mother God gave you.
* That in the most genuine and loving way, you let here know how much you love her and appreciate her everyday of her life.
* Finally, thanks be to the Lord, for those mothers who were and are bold enough to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ to their friends and loved ones outside of Christ and continue to be a great Christian example to whom all they’re around.
* **The plan of Salvation:**
* 1. **Hear the word:** Romans 10:17; Matthew 7:24-27
* 2. **Believe in what you have been taught (faith):** Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:15-16; (Not faith only - James 2:24; John 12:42)
* 3. **Repent:** Acts 2:38; 17:30; Luke 13:3
* 4. **Confess:** Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:36-37
* 5. **Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins:**
  + - **Purpose:** Acts 2:38; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20-21; Acts 10:48; John 3:5; Luke 7:30; Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 with Galatians 3:27
    - **Action:** Romans 6:3-5; Acts 8:36-38; Mark 1:9-10; John 3:23
    - **Candidates:** Those taught -> Matthew 28:19 (Read Isaiah 28:9);
      * + **Believers:** Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:36-37
        + **Must Repent:** Acts 2:38
        + **Must Confess Faith:** Acts 8:36-37; Matthew 10:32-33