

GOD'S HAND IN OUR REDEMPTION

Ruth, Part 4

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Review

- God works through two hands, the visible hand of miracle and the invisible hand of providence.
- Boaz was Ruth's guardian-redeemer, and Jesus is our guardian-redeemer.
- God, in his providence, often allows obstacles to come into relationships:
 1. they test your devotion
 2. they reveal your depth of commitment

Chapter 4 Outline

- 4:1-2 Boaz arranges a meeting
- 4:3-8 Conversation of the guardian-redeemers
- 4:9-10 Boaz's commitment to Ruth
- 4:11-12 Blessing of the elders
- 4:13-17 God's blessing on the family
- 4:18-22 The family line to David

Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

Ruth 4:11-12

Am I living in such a way that it will lead toward the goal of my life?

Am I creating a legacy that one day I will be proud of?

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. 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! 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."

Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Ruth 4:13-17