

Ruth

(5) Christ, our Kinsman-Redeemer

Ruth 3:7-9

When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. 8 In the middle of the night something startled the man, and he turned and discovered a woman lying at his feet. 9 "Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer." NIV

Understanding the levirate marriage and the kinsman-redeemer

Review: What is a major truth behind the kinsman-redeemer? Lev.25:23

The land of Israel is the unique property of the Lord. The land is Mine! You are aliens.

As application for us, what would we do well to remember? Lu.12:13-21; Jn.2:17; Mt.6:19-21

We, too, are aliens. Just passing thru! Invest in heaven, not focused here.

As the owner of the land what does He demand of it? Lev.25:23-28

The land shall not be sold permanently. It can be redeemed by the nearest kinsman.

But what if there were no children? What then? Deut.25:5-6; Mt.22:23-33 (levirate marriage)

The widow was to marry nearest kin to husband. First born son had deceased name/land.

But what if the nearest kinsman could/would not do this? Deut.25:7-10

The widow would publicly remove his sandal, spit, declare him unwilling! Disgraced.

What was the situation for Naomi and Ruth? Ruth 1:3-5; 2:1; 3:12

Both widowed. Land sold. Needed heir (levirate marriage) and redeemer for land.

What were the "qualifications" required for a kinsman-redeemer? (for childless deceased)

Nearest kinsman, able to redeem (buy back) the land, willing to marry the widow.

Christ as our kinsman-redeemer

How did Christ become our "near" kinsman? Phil.2:5-11; Heb.2:14-15

He emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant... became 'like' us.

How is the true Church like Ruth? Rev.19:7; Eph.5:22-23; **2:11-13**

Separate from Christ, excluded from Israel/covenants. No hope, without God, in the world.

Was He able to be our Redeemer? Did He have the price? IPet.1:18-19

Absolutely! Our redemption was only possible by the blood of Christ. Only.

Was He willing to be our Redeemer? Titus 2:11-14; Jn.10:14-18

Absolutely! He gave Himself for us to redeem us... 'I lay it down of my own initiative...'

What does redeem mean in the Scriptures? Rev.5:9-10 see Ps.49:5-9

"to set free by paying a price". The price was the blood of the Lamb of God, IPet.1:18-19

How does all of this apply to believers today? Eph.1:7; Titus 2:14; Heb.9:12; Gal.3:13,4:5

Christ, our Kinsman-Redeemer has redeemed us from the curse, by His blood! Amen!!