

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Indirectly, what kind of positive personal traits develop from being selfless?
2. How readily do we recognize God working through other people in our lives?
3. How should our actions impact the generations following us?
4. Can we stifle God's blessings toward us?

SUMMARY:

Boaz redeemed the inheritance of Mahlon, Ruth's husband who had died. In so doing he also purchased Ruth to be his wife, that he might raise the name of the dead, that Mahlon's name would not be cut off. God blessed their marriage and gave them a son whose name was Obed, and through him this was accomplished. Jesus, a descendent of Obed in like manner has redeemed an inheritance for all mankind, paid the price that we who were dead in sins should not have to be cut off forever from the eternal habitation. [\[SoF:4\]](#)

NOTES:

[\[SoF:4\]](#) We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

September 25, 2022

Third Quarter

RUTH'S REWARD

LESSON TEXT: *Ruth 4:1-17*

LESSON SETTING: Ruth meets Boaz, her future husband, in the wheat fields near Bethlehem.

TIME: Approximately 1312 B.C. (Just before the time of the Kings.)

- I. BOAZ REDEEMS AN INHERITANCE.** Ruth 4:1-6
 - A. His Right to Redeem. Deuteronomy 25:7-9; Ruth 3:12; 4:6
 - B. Redemption Costs. Ruth 4:9-10; Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 6:10; Hebrews 9:12; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 5:9
- II. BOAZ OBTAINS A WIFE.** Ruth 4:7-12
 - A. A Virtuous Woman. Ruth 3:11; Proverbs 31:10-31
 - B. Ancestor to Jesus. Luke 3:23-38
- III. BOAZ GAINS A SON.** Ruth 4:13-17
 - A. Given of God. Genesis 29:31; 30:21-23; Ruth 4:13
 - B. Raises the Name of the Dead. Ruth 4:10; Deuteronomy 25:6

GOLDEN TEXT: ...THEM THAT HONOR ME I WILL HONOR . . .

1 Samuel 2:30

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Mark 10:17-31

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Deuteronomy 8:1-20;
Matthew 19:16-30; Luke 18:18-30;
1 Timothy 6:10-19

QUARTERLY THEME: Early Days in Canaan

TOPIC: THE KING'S CHALLENGE TO DISCIPLESHIP

INTRODUCTION:

In this lesson text we find a young man who from all outward appearances was in a right relationship with both God and his fellow man. It would seem that his outward actions were indeed a product of right inner relationship. This, however, was not so. The young man knew it and God knew it.

Perhaps the young man in running to Jesus wanted to again be reassured of his goodness or perhaps he thought he had overlooked one or more additional outward actions that would produce the peace he desired. The solution was not that simple. Christ was able to look through all of the outward signs and see within this young man a trust in riches that stood as a wall between his heart and the heart of God.

Can we not visualize this scene? Picture an eager young man running to Christ with a desire to have all of the advantages of this world—**and** God. And can we not see the sorrow that was his when Christ indicated it was one or the other, not both? The price seemed too great to pay. How could a self-sufficient young man turn his life over completely to the hand of God? Only through faith without which it is impossible to please God. This young man paid a very high price for his independence—perhaps he is paying yet.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Christ demands wholehearted allegiance from His followers.

GOLDEN TEXT: . . . *COME, TAKE UP THE CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.*

Mark 10:21

The cross of the Christian is in many ways similar to the cross of Christ. In both instances, the cross is an instrument of death. In the one case it is the physical death of the Son of God. In the other it is to be the means through which the lusts of the flesh are crucified. In both cases, the trip to the cross is in reality a voluntary trip. Christ said it was in His power to call twelve legions of angels to His aid, but He did not. With the believer, the trip to the cross must also be taken out of a willingness to be a sacrifice.

Just as the cross was the means for Jesus to return again into the very presence of God, so is the cross that Jesus advocates for the child of God a means to enter into the spiritual presence of God.

Jesus holds out the cross for you and me. Through it we can be blessed beyond comprehension.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sept. 26 – Oct. 2

- M. *The King's Challenge to Discipleship. Mark 10:17-31
- T. Great Discipleship Defined. Matthew 20:20-29
- W. The King Teaches a Disciple. John 21:15-23
- T. The Disciples Serve. John 6:5-13
- F. A Disciple Sins and Repents. Mark 14:66-72
- S. The Cost of Discipleship. 1 Corinthians 4:10-20
- S. Disciples May Lose Lives. 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

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