

Flawed Characters Pt9 (Ruth Pt2)

MATTHEW 1:-5a

1. The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
2. Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;
3. And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;
4. And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon;
- 5a. And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and **Booz begat Obed of Ruth**

RUTH 1:19-20

19. So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?
20. And she said unto them, Call me not **Naomi**, call me **Mara**: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.
 - Scofield note: Naomi means "*pleasant*"
 - Scofield note: Mara means "*bitter*"
 - NB note: The Bible **never** refers to her as 'Mara' again

HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1966

heylel {hay-lale'}

Lucifer = "light-bearer"

1) shining one, morning star, Lucifer

ISAIAH 14:12a

12a. How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer, son of the morning!**

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1228

diabolos {dee-ab'-ol-os}

AV -- devil

-- false accuser / slanderer

RUTH 1:21

21. I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

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Naomi wondered, "Why has the hand of the Lord been so cruel to me, my daughter-in-laws? God has cast me out. I'm an outcast. I don't know what I ever done, but I'm an outcast."

See, God was working His program. Because all things work together for good to them that love God, **no matter what it is.**

RUTH 1:22

22. So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

RUTH 2:1

1. And **Naomi had a kinsman** of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz.

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If it's just a love story, why would the writers and ancient sages accept this Book as inspired? Because **there's a hidden revelation in It.** And in this hidden revelation, you catch the real meaning, and **It'll bring you real close to God.**

And I pray my whole soul this morning, that God will catch every heart so spellbound, **till He'll reveal Himself just what He is in this story, what He is to you, how to accept Him.** And when you once see it, it's so simple you wonder how you ever went over the top of it. But it can only be revealed by the Holy Spirit.

RUTH 2:2-9

2. And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.
3. And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.
4. And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.
5. Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this?
6. And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:
7. And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.
8. Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? **Go not to glean in another field**, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:
9. Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn.

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He said, "Who are you?"

Said, "My name is Ruth."

"Oh, the Moabite that come to sojourn with us."

"Yes."

"I've heard of you. You don't go to another fields." I like that? Don't start mission-trotting. Stay right here in my field. Stay with mine. He loved her. Stay here. Stay with me. Don't go to running around from place to place. Stay here."

If you believe the Message, hang on to It. See? No matter what the price is, stay right with It. Go right on. "If it means sacrifice this, that, or the other, and I have to quit my drinking, have to quit my stealing, lying; I--**I'm going to stay right with It.**" See?

WHY LITTLE BETHLEHEM [58-1228]

Oh, how I would love to rest here for a few minutes, how I'd like to pick it up right here and show you, regardless of how many of the churches gone back, stay under the Blood; that's the place to abide. In or out, up or down, thick or thin, wherever it may be, stay under the Blood. But Naomi, she thought it would be better to go over and join another group, because they were having troubles, spiritual bleed--bread wasn't there. And--but God will restore it back, "I will restore, saith the Lord." **Stay in the field where It comes from.**

RUTH 2:10-12

10. Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, **Why have I found grace in thine eyes,** that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

11. And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

12. The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

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Boaz represented Christ, the rich man, the heir of all things, the Lord of the harvest. Oh, my. How when Boaz come riding out there in that carriage, looking around over the fields, and his eyes fell on Ruth. He was master. He was lord of the harvest. And she found grace in his sight.

That's what the church does today. While the Lord of the harvest is going by, He ain't looking to big buildings, big steeples, well trained choirs. **He's looking for individuals:** men and women who are dedicated and made a clean-cut for Christ, consecrated themselves to His service, "God, I believe It, every Word of It. When Your Word says anything, I stay right with It. That's Your Word. I believe It, every Word." **That's what He's looking for,** the Lord of the harvest.

RUTH 2:13-16

13. Then she said, **Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord**; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

14. And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left.

15. And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:

16. And **let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.**

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Said, "I want you angels, you reapers, every once in a while to drop a handful on purpose. (Oh, my.) Don't let it all be so tiresome for her. But every once in a while, let her hear a good message. Let a good power of the Holy Spirit cover over her once in a while to let her know that I'm still there. Do some kind of a healing amongst her. Show some kind of a sign or a wonder, that she'll know that I'm in her midst." That's it.

Don't you like to find them handfuls? I hope we find some this morning, don't you? A handful of fresh barley... The Lord do something that He used to do, something that we know He does. He's the Lord of the harvest. He's the only One that can drop the handful, "I command the angels to go down to that meeting this morning; I want them to do a certain-certain thing. I've commanded them, and they'll do it." Oh, my.