

redeeming *Ruth*

**Week 5**  
The City Gate

Read Ruth 4:1-12 for an overview of the passage.

**Context**

According to the Law, Boaz was not the first in line to the obligation of marrying the wife of Elimelech's sons and to redeem their land. (See Lev 25, Deut. 25) To receive the land the redeemer must marry the widow.

**Setting things straight**

Reread Ruth 4:1-6 considering the motivations of Boaz and his obligation to obedience and righteousness.

Why did Boaz go through the trouble of informing the close kinsman of his obligation?

Why is it important that Boaz did this by the book?

What was the motivation of the other redeemer? How is this indicated?

Contrast his motivation with that of Boaz?

Which of these two do you relate to better?

How is God's providence again displayed in this passage?

Do think Boaz knew that the kinsman would pass on his obligation?

How does that answer change the relationship between his faith and actions?

**Redemption**

Reread Ruth 4:7-12 reflecting upon the engagement of God with His creation and His providential Hand.

What relationship is their between Elimelech and the fate of his name?

How is that a reflection of your own salvation?

How is the blessing of the elders eventually fulfilled?

How does this section encourage you?

**Reflection and Prayer**

Reflect on the attributes of God and the elements of the Gospel you see in this passage.

How do your thoughts and actions testify to the truth you see in these Scriptures?

Pray that this scripture would transform your life and renew your mind.