

Book of Ruth
God's Redemptive Love



Part 4 – Covered Under His Wings!

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Ruth 1:1-2
"In the days when the judges ruled,
Amidst the cycle of apostasy...



Deliverance *Idolatry*
Crying Out *Correction*

"everyone doing what's right in his own eyes..."
Judges 21:25

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Ruth 1:1-2
"In the days when the judges ruled,
there was a famine in the land.

"Beth-lehem"




No Bread!

"House of Bread"

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Ruth 1:1-2
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Amidst her loss, brokenness & desperation...
She Hears!

"God has visited His people by
providing food for them!"
Ruth 1:6

"I am the bread come down from heaven!"
John 6:35-38

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Ruth 1:14
"But Ruth clung!"



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Ruth 1:22

"They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest!"



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Ruth 1:22

"And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, 'Let me go to the fields and glean!'"



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Leviticus 19:9-10

"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God."

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Ruth 1

10+ years!

Ruth 2
24 hours!**Sovereign God!**

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*Ruth 2:3**"...As it happened...*

Ruth found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelech."

*"Boaz" – "in him there is strength!"***Sovereign God!**

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Ruth 2:11-12

"Boaz replied, 'I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband - how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.'"

"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

Psalms 91:4

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Ruth 3

"Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor..."



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2 Key concepts today...

"Threshing floor"

&

"Under His wings!"

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"Threshing floor"

The threshing floor was flat and hardened by the passing of oxen over the sheaves, sometimes pulling a sled designed to separate the grain from the husks. After the threshing process, the stalks and grain were thrown up into the air so that the wind might blow the unwanted chaff away and leave the valuable kernels. This was known as winnowing.



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"Threshing floor"

Place of blessing!
Place of separation!
Place of judgment!

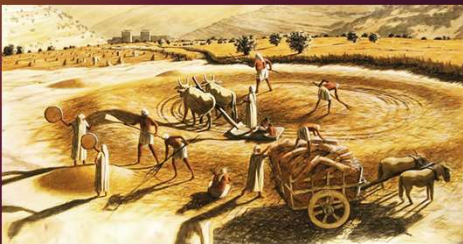


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"Threshing floor"

"So David purchased the threshing floor of Araunah for six hundred shekels of gold by weight. And David built there an altar unto the Lord..."

2 Samuel 24:24

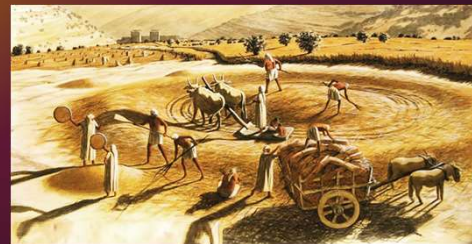


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"Threshing floor"

"Then Solomon began to build the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to his father David. It was on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, the place provided by David."

2 Chronicles 3:1



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*“Threshing floor “
Place of worship!
Place of intimacy!”*



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Ruth 3

“Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.”

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Ruth 3

‘I will do whatever you say,’ Ruth answered. So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do. 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.

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Ruth 3

Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. In the middle of the night something startled the man; he turned – and there was a woman lying at his feet! ‘Who are you?’ he asked. ‘I am your servant Ruth,’ she said. ‘Spread the skirt of your garment over me, since you are a kinsman-redeemer of our family.’”



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Ruth 3

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Kanaph - kaw-nawf'

Corner, covering, garment, skirt, wing, hem, tassel, edge, end, extremity...

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Ruth 3

“Spread the skirt of your garment over me”

Kanaph - kaw-nawf'

Corner, covering, garment, skirt, wing, hem, tassel, edge, end, extremity...

The “hem” was not a simple fold of the cloth, sewn down to prevent the edge from fraying...

It represented the rank, status or authority of the wearer!



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Ruth 3

"Spread the *skirt of your garment* over me"

Kanaph - kaw-nawf'

"Then David arose,
and cut off the **hem**
of Saul's robe..."

1 Sam 24:3-4



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Ruth 3

"Spread the *skirt of your garment* over me"

Kanaph - kaw-nawf'

"...the Sun of
Righteousness will rise
with healing in his **wings**."

Malachi 4:2

"...she reached out
and grabbed the **hem of**
His garment."

Matthew 9:20



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Ruth 3

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he turned - and there was a woman lying at his feet!

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'I am your servant Ruth,' she said.

'Spread the **skirt of your garment** over me,
since you are a kinsman-redeemer of our family.'



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Ruth 3

"Spread the *skirt of your garment* over me"

Ruth was asking Boaz to put the authority of his house over her.
She is invoking her right under the laws of Israel for him to take
her to wife.



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Ruth 3

"Spread the *skirt of your garment* over me"

Kinsman-Redeemer
"goel"



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Kinsman-Redeemer
"goel"

Leviticus 25:23-28

"A male relative who, as a near relative of
another, is charged with the duty to act on behalf
of a relative who was in trouble, danger, or need
so as to restore the lost rights..."

(E.g. property, servitude, avenge a slaying...)

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Kinsman-Redeemer "goel"

When a widow requested the next of kin to perform the role of the *goel*, or kinsman-redeemer, he wasn't forced to. In fact, there were three conditions to be met:

- He had to be **qualified** as a kinsman
- He had to be **able** to perform
- He had to be **willing**

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Ruth 3

"Spread the *skirt of your garment* over me"

Boaz was delighted to accommodate her...

"And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do whatever you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a virtuous woman!"

Ruth 3:11



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Ruth 3

"The Lord bless you, my daughter," he replied. "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier. You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character."



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Ruth 3

At the threshing floor...

Ruth is proclaimed "a woman of virtue!"
She had been winnowed and found valuable!



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Ruth 2:11-12

"Boaz replied, 'I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband - how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.'"

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"He shall cover you with His feathers and under His wings you may seek refuge..."
Psalms 91:4

אָבָר כָּנָף

(“EBAR KANAPH)

“Feathers and wings”

Psalms 91:4

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"He shall cover you with His feathers and under His wings you may seek refuge..."
Psalms 91:4

Cover!
Hide!
Surround!
Protect!
Provide!

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Consider...

Lot's move to Sodom/Gomorrah...
Elimelek's move to Moab...
Prodigal son's move to a "foreign land"

Stepped out from God's "covering!"

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Vs...

Abraham
Noah

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Vs...

Elijah

1 Kings 17

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Vs...

Woman with issue of blood

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Vs...

Ruth

EACH...
Stepped INTO God's "covering!"

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God's "commands" had already gone before...

She simply "stepped under" His covering!

Gleaning!
Kinsman-Redeemer!




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The Lord goes before us...
And follows after us!

"You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power. Your knowledge of me is too deep; it is beyond my understanding."

Psalm 139: 5-6



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When we are taken to the threshing floor...

Will we abide under His covering?

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We too will be taken to the "threshing floor"

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat."
Luke 22:31

"But I have prayed for you!"

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Matthew 24-25

"As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?'"

And Jesus answered them...

- Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many... false prophets will arise
- Wars and rumors of wars... nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom
- Famines, **pestilences*** and earthquakes

* **loimoj** (loy'-mos) - a plague, disease, or pest

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- Wars and rumors of wars... nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom
- Famines, pestilences, and earthquakes
- Do not be troubled because of these things, for all these things must take place.
- But he who endures to the end, he will be saved.

"See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place!"
(Mt 24:6) ... love will

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Philippians 4: 19

*"And my God will meet all your
needs according to the riches of
his glory in Christ Jesus!"*