

## **Ruth 4:9 (NIV)**

Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon.

## **Ruth 4:10 (NIV)**

I have also acquired Ruth the Moabitess, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from the town records. Today you are witnesses!"

## **Ruth 4:13-14 (NIV)**

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. <sup>14</sup> The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you..."

## **Ruth 4:14-15 (NIV)**

...without a kinsman-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel!

<sup>15</sup> He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth."

**Better Than  
SEVEN Sons**

**Ruth 4:1-22**

Ruth 3:18 (NIV)

Then Naomi said, WAIT, my daughter,  
until you find out what happens.

For the man **WILL NOT REST**  
until the **matter is settled today.**

**→ IN our DARKEST Times  
God is THERE**

Isaiah 45:5-7 (NIV)

**I AM the LORD**, and there is no other;  
**APART from ME there is no God.**

I will strengthen you, though you have not  
acknowledged me, <sup>6</sup> so that from the rising of  
the sun to the place of its setting...

<sup>6</sup> ...men may **know** there is **NONE** besides  
**ME. I AM the LORD**, and there is no  
other. <sup>7</sup> I form the light and create darkness,  
I bring prosperity and create disaster;  
I, the LORD, **DO ALL** these things.



→ **MY PLAN** will be carried out -  
**MY PURPOSES** will be accomplished

Romans 8:31 (NIV)

...If God is **FOR US**, who can be  
**AGAINST** us?

# How Should we Respond to Our Redeeming God?

- **TRUST** Him **THROUGH** the Struggle
- **SUBMIT** to Him
- **ACCEPT** what God is Doing

# TERMS OF THE CONTRACT...

- I bought the **RIGHT** to Redeem the Land
- I acquired the **WIDOW** of Mahlon as  
**MY WIFE**
- I will **REDEEM** the Land
- the **LAND** will be **RETURNED** to Naomi's  
Family

→ **Ruth shows On-Going Daily  
FAITHFULNESS**

Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

And whatever you **DO** or **SAY**,  
do it **AS** a **REPRESENTATIVE** of the  
Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him  
to God the Father.

# → God works **THROUGH** the Trauma and Heartache

Matthew 1:22-23 (NLT)

**ALL** of this occurred to **FULFILL**

the Lord's message through his prophet:

<sup>23</sup> Look! The **virgin will conceive a child.**

She will give birth to a SON, and they  
will call Him **Immanuel**, which means

**God is with us.**

## The Kinsman-Redeemer had...

- a **RIGHT** to Redeem
- the **RESOURCES** to Redeem
- to have the **RESOLVE** to Redeem

→ We have a **REDEEMER** too  
our Lord Jesus Christ

Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)

Your attitude should be the same as that  
of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in  
**very nature God,**  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be grasped,



<sup>7</sup> but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself** and became **OBEDIENT** to **DEATH** - even death on a cross!

# JESUS HAS...

...the **RIGHT** to Redeem us

Hebrews 2:14 (NLT)

Because God's children are human beings - made of flesh and blood - **the SON also became flesh and blood**. For **ONLY** as a **HUMAN** being could **He DIE**, and **ONLY BY DYING** could He break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

## ...the **RESOURCES** to Redeem us

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV)

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that

**you were REDEEMED**

from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the

**precious BLOOD of Christ,**

a lamb without blemish or defect.

**...the RESOLVE to Redeem us**

Mark 14:36 (NLT)

Abba, Father, he cried out, everything  
is possible for you. Please take this  
cup of suffering away from me.

Yet I want **YOUR** will to be **DONE**,  
not Mine.

Mark 14:41-42 (NLT)

...The Son of Man is **BETRAYED**  
into the hands of sinners.

<sup>42</sup> Up, let's be going.

**Look, MY betrayer is here.**