

The One who Made the Resolution

Ruth 1:15-22

The covenant is the answer for mankind. Therefore, the spiritual illness that mankind has is that they do not live by the covenant. Since the covenant is the complete answer, the only spiritual illness that mankind faces is that they are not living by the covenant. During the time of the wilderness, they had to follow after the word. The reason why the Israelites were able to survive in the wilderness for 40 years was all because of God's grace. It is God who led them by His word, this is the same even now. God waits for you within the conclusion of the word which is Christ. All you need to do is enter into Christ. This is so rightful and something that mankind must absolutely do yet, most of the people of the world do not live like this. Even amidst this situation, the one who made the resolution of the covenant saw the evidence that surpassed their own efforts. The bible records many examples of this. It had nothing to do with their status or situation, the only thing that mattered was whether they chose the covenant or not. Joseph was a slave and Moses was a murder and fugitive. This is something that you must think deeply about at least once in a while. What is the covenant to you? Who is Christ to you? What does His death and bloodshed mean to you? Can His strength overturn and conquer all things for mankind? It is only possible for God to allow you to live a life of conquest, a life of victory without fighting, and a life where the crises are overturned into blessings.

1. The one who made the resolution

- 1) The message of today's bible passage is that curses will be upon you when you leave the promised land. However, God will restore you when you return back to Him. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem. There was one person that held onto the covenant and made the resolution to restore their blessings. That one person was Ruth.
- 2) Ruth made the resolution deeply in her heart. She made the resolution that the Israelites were her people and the God of Israel was her God. Ruth already made the resolution and set her place in her walk of faith after hearing the Gospel through Naomi.
- 3) It states, "But Ruth said, 'Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.'" (Verse 16-17)
- 4) In the midst of Naomi's hardships, she raised one precious disciple. Her disciple, Ruth, restored Naomi's family. Naomi's family land was restored through one of her relatives named Boaz. That holds a very important spiritual meaning.
- 5) Because Naomi's family sold their land when they went to Moab, there was no land when they returned. The land has a tremendous spiritual meaning for Israel. It means that it has God's salvation. So the land was redeemed.
- 6) Therefore, Leviticus 25:23 states, "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine." So even if they sold their land for whatever reason, in the year of the Jubilee, it would be returned to the previous owners. Because the land signifies the salvation of God, you cannot acquire it from anyone.
- 7) So, their land got passed down in the family through their son. Boaz, who was a worthy man, was able to repay the debt with his own finance to return the land to Naomi. Boaz was a kinsman redeemer.
- 8) There were no men in Naomi's household so Boaz married Ruth and bore a child to give the land to Naomi's family. The land will be granted to their son, however he will not be Boaz's son but will be the son of Naomi's family.
- 9) This is Israel's spiritual system that explains Christ who died for your sins and God who restores your land, which signifies your salvation.
- 10) This bible story is of Ruth who made the resolution to not return to other gods and restored a family line. It states, "Your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods." (Verse 15)
- 11) However, Ruth was a disciple and received the Gospel in which she became an evangelist that made a resolution. She was able to save all. Matthew 1:5-6 states, "and Salmon the father of

Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah.”

- 12) When you take a look at the genealogy, Ruth was the best female disciple during the time of Exodus. She became the daughter-in-law of Rahab, the great-grandmother of David the king, and became a part of a genealogy of world evangelism.
- 13) Today’s bible passage records how Ruth’s life was overturned as she made the resolution to God and God’s desire. At the time, there may have been many families that left the promised land because it was during a time of famine.
- 14) However, the reason why the Bible records the story of Naomi’s family is because of the astounding Gospel story in the relationship between Naomi and Ruth. Naomi was also a great disciple. God will surely work in your life towards conquest when you make the resolution of the Gospel and God’s desire.

2. **My covenant**

- 1) Ruth saw that Naomi’s family was cursed. The family was cursed because there was not a single man. However, that did not become a problem for Ruth to receive the Gospel and resolve in her heart. Even if she was a foreigner.
- 2) Ruth held to the content as her own to the extent that she made the resolution. That was through Naomi that she received the Gospel. The Gospel became her covenant. She made a resolution on how she must live. It was the mission and reason she had before God.
- 3) With this aspect, Ruth was sure of it. She was sure of it to the extent that she spoke her confession of faith to Naomi to which Naomi had nothing else to say. It became the door for world evangelization and a beginning for Ruth and Naomi to be in Jesus’ genealogy. The Bible passage clearly states her personal resolution and covenant.
- 4) “May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you” (Verse 17). This is not something easy for anyone to say. She meant that she will stake her life and follow the Gospel.
- 5) Ruth knew and believed in Jesus Christ. Naomi was attached to a disciple like Ruth because Naomi held to the accurate Gospel and it was relayed to Ruth. This can happen. As long as one accurately knows the Gospel.
- 6) Ruth had a better understanding of mankind, the covenant and God to which she made the resolution.
- 7) Also, Ruth held to the covenant to the extent that she was able to leave her own country, parents, siblings, and family. Ruth was never shaken even when her sister-in-law, Oprah departed. She was not shaken because she held to the covenant.
- 8) For those who have their covenant will be victorious and conquered. That the covenant will be the center of their prayers and be fulfilled. For Apostle Paul, he never lost hold of the covenant to save the Gentiles. For Moses, he held to the covenant of Canaan.
- 9) You must have your covenant as well. The covenant will be your strength, power, and spiritual weapon. Jesus Christ is the fundamental spiritual weapon within the spiritual battle against Satan. However, the covenant is given to specific people to which it can be their spiritual weapon as well. You must rightfully have your personal covenant as the spiritual weapon.
- 10) May you receive your personal covenant. That must be your prayer, reason, and your life journey. God does according to the covenant. That covenant will be fulfilled within your life journey. You must make a resolution to the covenant that God gives to you.
- 11) The one who has their covenant will succeed, be victorious and conquer. All the 7 remnants were like this. May this amazing blessing be upon you to which you make the resolution to the covenant.