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RUTH 4

**Summer Series 'Ruth and the
providence of God' #6**

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RUTH 4:1-2

- **Town gate: meeting place and place for administration of justice**
- **Behold! The guardian-redeemer...**
- **Elders are charged with jurisdiction in family matters – Deuteronomy 25:7-9**



RUTH 4:3-6

- Land purchase ... not mentioned before
- All this seems more like Boaz tactics
- *God's providence is expressed through outworking of our free human choices, decisions and responsibilities*
- Story of Ruth goes beyond legal duties and is about loving-kindness



RUTH 4:7-10

- **Note: name of first guardian-redeemer is not mentioned...**
- **Names of Elimelech, Kilion and Mahlon come to life – through Boaz' redemption**



RUTH 4:11-22

Vs11-12: Threefold prayer

Vs13: children are a gift from the LORD

Vs14: famous = name = *meaningful through being part of God's story with Israel*

Vs15: Ruth is better to Naomi than 7 sons

Vs16-17: Obed (=servant) – Naomi's son

Vs18-22: genealogy ending with David



TEACHING OF RUTH (1)

- No mention of living happily ever after
The Providence of God teaches us not so much about his loving care for us but about God writing His-Story with Israel
- Proverbs 16:1,4,9; 19:21; 20:24; 21:30,31



PROVERBS 19:21

‘Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.’



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TEACHING OF RUTH (2)

- In writing His Story with Israel, He calls men and women by name
- **NAME:** 7x | Ruth 1-3 and 7x in Ruth 4
- Naming gives meaning and purpose
- God is also writing His-Story through the church – are you in His-Story?



1 CORINTHIANS 8:3

*'But the man who loves God
is known by God.'*



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