

Ruth 3

King James Version (KJV)

3 Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? (She wanted to find Ruth a good home because she was getting old and wouldn't live forever)

² And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor. (Winnowing is to use a fan to blow the chaff off of the grain seeds. It was done on the threshing floor where the grain could easily be picked up. It was customary for the master to oversee the winnowing, to safeguard his grain from theft. Naomi knew that Boaz would be there)

See Deuteronomy-25:5-10 (The law of kinsman redeemer)

³ Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. (She is telling Ruth to get herself ready for a wedding night with Boaz)

(In those days, when a woman lay with a man, they were married)

⁴ And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. (Uncovering the feet – this means to offer herself as wife to Boaz. He would become the kinsman redeemer for the family)

⁵ And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do. (Ruth agreed)

⁶ And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

⁷ And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down. (his heart was merry – he was a little drunk)

(corn = grain; there was no corn in Israel. They harvested barley and wheat)

⁸ And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. (She surprised him)

⁹ And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman. (This would consummate the marriage of Ruth and Boaz)

¹⁰ And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. (She is obeying the law of kinsman redeemer; instead of pursuing young men as a future husband) Deuteronomy-25:4-10

¹¹ And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman. (They know that she is a good woman of good values)

¹² And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. (The nearer kinsman will have to refuse Ruth before Boaz can take her)

¹³ Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning. (Boaz will have to wait until the nearer kinsman refuses Ruth. If he does, then Boaz agrees to take her to wife)

¹⁴ And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor. (She left early so that there would be no witnesses. They did not consummate their marriage; but others might have gotten the idea that they had. That would have ruined Ruth's reputation)

¹⁵ Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city. (He gave her some food to take back home, for her and for Naomi)

¹⁶ And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.
(Naomi wanted to know if Ruth was married or still single)

¹⁷ And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law. (He intends to marry Ruth)

¹⁸ Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day. (Boaz will settle the matter of Ruth's availability as a wife with her other kinsman on that day. She is telling Ruth to be patient until Boaz settles the matter)

NOTE: (In the end days, antichrist will arrive at the 6th Trump. He will claim to be kinsman redeemer. He's a liar. Those who know God's Word will know to wait for the true kinsman redeemer – Jesus at the 7th Trump)