

Sunday February 21st 2016
Ruth
Part Five
Study Questions

1). Read Matthew 25:1-6 – write out these verses one at a time and after each verse write down the corresponding picture seen in Ruth and that seen in Genesis Chapter 24 -

For example - Mt 25:1 ¶ *"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.* – In Ruth that pictured here is presented this way.....

In Genesis 24 it's pictured this way.....

Mt 25:2.....

a). Do exactly the same thing for Matthew 25:10-12

2). Read Ruth 1:4 with the literal translations added – What is the significance of Orpah being mentioned first and where do we see this same truth elsewhere in the scriptures?

a). How do Orpah and Ruth picture our own present condition and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

b). How long do Orpah and Ruth remain together and what would this teach us about ourselves?

c). What is the only way by which a separation can be made between our soul and spirit and which scripture did we look at where we see this?

d). How is this pictured in the Book of Ruth?

e). Can we also see this in Genesis 24? [More than a 'yes', or 'no' answer]

3). Read Ruth 1:19-22 – In which city do Naomi and Ruth arrive? What is significant about this location and what does their arrival there teach us about the nature of our own journey and which scriptures did we look at?

a). What do you think v20-21 are all about?

b). Which scriptures did we look at that describe the purpose for this journey?

c). At what time do Naomi and Ruth arrive in Bethlehem and why is this so significant and what does it tell us about what is pictured in Ruth's work during the harvest?

d). Read Ruth 2:23 – what is added to the barley harvest in this verse?

e). Read John 12:23-25 – What does Jesus tell us about wheat in these verses?

f). Look at these verses again carefully – What is the subject of v23?

g). What is the subject of v25? And why is the verse about the grain of wheat placed between these two verses?

h). What do we learn from this for ourselves and which other verses did we look at in connection with this?

i). Read Genesis 1:9-13 – What is taking place in these verses? What do we learn from them and what first mention principle do they establish?

j). Which other OT type teaches this same thing and how does this type present this truth?

k). Read Romans 6:3-12 – What do we learn from these verses?

l). Taking all this into consideration can you see why barley harvest must be followed by wheat harvest? [Think about what each of these pictures for us and our own experience since becoming a Christian]

m). Any final thoughts?