

Sunday February 28th 2016
Ruth
Part Six
Study Questions

1). As we think about Ruth's journey to Bethlehem picturing our journey towards spiritual maturity look at Ephesians 4:11-15 – What do these verses teach us about the process that leads to this maturity?

a). Can you see 'Naomi' in these verses?

b). Read Acts 2:42 + 46 – What do these verses add to the process to spiritual maturity that we have just seen in Ephesians and what do they look like in practice for us? Can you see this pictured in Ruth?

c). Which other scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

d). This whole process to spiritual maturity is so that we can realize the goal of our calling – what is this goal?

e). What does the fulfillment of the goal of our calling mean for Satan and his angels?

f). How do we describe Satan's response to this?

g). Does that pictured through the account of Ruth's experience show that the faithful Christian is exempt from the spiritual warfare?

h). Read Numbers 13:30 – Why is Caleb's response different to that of the other 10 spies?

i). How does that seen in Numbers 13:30 parallel what we see in Ruth 1:16-17 and Genesis 24:58?

j). Read Ephesians 6:14 – How does this verse connect with the verses we have just been studying and what does it teach us about how our own progress to spiritual maturity must begin?

h). How do we see the whole armor of God and victory in the spiritual warfare pictured for us through Ruth's experience?

i). What connection is there between Joshua 14:12 and Ruth 3:9?

2). Review briefly the significance of the barley harvest followed by the wheat harvest as it relates to our own fruit bearing.

a). Read Ruth 2:1-3 – How are we able to identify who Boaz pictures?

b). What do we learn from v2?

c). According to v3 where does Ruth find herself and what connection is there with the parable of the sower?

d). How can we explain 'the part of the field belonging to Boaz'?

e). Read Ruth 2:4-7 – Who does the servant in charge of the reapers picture, who do the reapers picture and how do we know?

f). Look at verses 5-6 again, also read v11 and Genesis 24:66 – what do you think about this?

g). Read Ruth 2:8-9 – what is the command given here and what do you think is the implied warning?

h). Read Psalm 45:8-11 – what is the promise here for those who listen?

i). Any final thoughts?