

Restorer of Life

- 1. Boaz and Ruth Are Married and Have a Son (13).**

- 2. The Women Celebrate God's Grace with Naomi (14-17).**

- 3. God Reveals Part of the Bigger Picture (17b).**

Conclusion: Naomi's bitterness has been transformed to joy by the God who delights in His people. Not only is Ruth officially made a part of God's visible people on earth, married to a loving man, and able to bear a son, but her child is part of God's redeeming work in bringing Messiah that will be the source of life for Naomi and countless others. God blesses Naomi with fullness spiritually and physically. And so she, and by extension we, are called to bless the Lord. Indeed, let us bless the Lord!

Isaiah 45:22-25

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

²³ By myself I have sworn;

from my mouth has gone out in righteousness

a word that shall not return:

‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’

²⁴ “Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,

are righteousness and strength;

to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him.

²⁵ *In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory.”*

Romans 14:7-12

⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do *far more abundantly than all that we ask or think*, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus *throughout all generations*, forever and ever. Amen.

James 1:26-27

²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but *deceives his heart*, this person’s religion is *worthless*. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: *to visit orphans and widows in their affliction*, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

1 Timothy 5:3-8

³ Honor widows who are truly widows. ⁴ But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to *show godliness to their own household* and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God. ⁵ She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, ⁶ but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. ⁷ Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach. ⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.