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# MORNING READING

## 1 Chronicles 16:7-18 NIV

**7** That day David first appointed Asaph and his associates to give praise to the LORD in this manner:

**8** Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**9** Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

**10 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts  
of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

**11 Look to the LORD and his strength;  
seek his face always.**

**12 Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he  
pronounced,**

**13 you his servants, the descendants of  
Israel, his chosen ones, the children of  
Jacob.**

**14 He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.**

**15 He remembers[a] his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations,**

**16 the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.**

**17 He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant:**

**18 “To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit.”**

## **1 Corinthians 1:27 King James Bible**

**But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;**

**12 Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he  
pronounced,**

**15 He remembers[a] his covenant forever,  
the promise he made, for a thousand  
generations,**

**16 the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac.**

# Main Reading

## Ruth 1 NAB (Revised Edition)

### Chapter 1

**Naomi in Moab.** 1 Once back in the time of the judges[a] there was a famine in the land; so a man from Bethlehem of Judah left home with his wife and two sons to reside on the plateau of Moab. 2 The man was named Elimelech, his wife Naomi, and his sons Mahlon and Chilion;

**they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem of Judah. Some time after their arrival on the plateau of Moab, 3 Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 They married Moabite women, one named Orpah, the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, 5 both Mahlon and Chilion died also, and the woman was left with neither her two boys[b] nor her husband.**



**6 She and her daughters-in-law then prepared to go back from the plateau of Moab because word had reached her there that the LORD had seen to his people's needs[c] and given them food. 7 She and her two daughters-in-law left the place where they had been living. On the road back to the land of Judah, 8 Naomi said to her daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you to your mother's house.**

**[d] May the LORD show you the same kindness as you have shown to the deceased and to me. 9 May the LORD guide each of you to find a husband and a home in which you will be at rest.” She kissed them good-bye, but they wept aloud, 10 crying, “No! We will go back with you, to your people.” 11 Naomi replied, “Go back, my daughters. Why come with me?**

**Have I other sons in my womb who could become your husbands?[e] 12 Go, my daughters, for I am too old to marry again. Even if I had any such hope, or if tonight I had a husband and were to bear sons, 13 would you wait for them and deprive yourselves of husbands until those sons grew up? No, my daughters, my lot is too bitter for you, because the LORD has extended his hand against me.”**

**14 Again they wept aloud; then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth clung to her. 15 “See now,” she said, “your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her god. Go back after your sister-in-law!” 16 [f]But Ruth said, “Do not press me to go back and abandon you! and your God, my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there be buried. May the LORD do thus to me, and more, if even death separates me from you!” 18 Naomi then ceased to urge her, for she saw she was determined to go with her.**

## **Ruth 1: 8**

**Naomi said to her daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you to your mother’s house.[d] May the LORD show you the same kindness as you have shown to the deceased and to me. 9 May the LORD guide each of you to find a husband and a home in which you will be at rest.” She kissed them good-bye, but they wept aloud,**

## **The verses 15-17**

**we see verses of Loyalty, and Honor.**

**15 “See now,” she said, “your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her god. Go back after your sister-in-law!” 16 [f]But Ruth said, “Do not press me to go back and abandon you! Wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God, my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there be buried.**

**Ruth 2: 1-12** to show how God can change your Life when you humbly come to the right place, which is the place of Favor with God and Man.

## **Ruth Gleans in Boaz's Field**

**2** Now Naomi had [a]a relative of her husband, a [b]man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

**2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Please let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain following one in whose eyes I may find favor.” And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.” 3 So she left and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and [c]she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.**



**4 Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, “May the LORD be with you.” And they said to him, “May the LORD bless you.” 5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was [d]in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?” 6 And the servant [e]in charge of the reapers replied, “She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab.**

**7 And she said, ‘Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.’ So she came and has remained from the morning until now; she has been sitting in the house for a little while.”**

**8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, “[f]Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but join my young women here.**

**9 Keep your eyes on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have ordered the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the [g]water jars and drink from what the servants draw.” 10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?”**

**11 Boaz replied to her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know. 12 May the LORD reward your [h]work, and may your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”**

## **James 4:10**

**10 Humble yourselves before the Lord,  
and he will lift you up.**

## **Ruth 2:9**

**Keep your eyes on the field which they  
reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have  
ordered the servants not to touch you.  
When you are thirsty, go to the [g]water  
jars and drink from what the servants  
draw.”**

**Ruth 2: 11-12** Boaz replied to her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know. 12 May the LORD reward your [h]work, and may your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”

## **Ruth 3:3-5 Ruth gives detailed instructions**

**Wash yourself therefore, and anoint yourself and put on your best clothes, and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4 It shall be when he lies down, that you shall [c]notice the place where he lies, and you shall go and uncover his feet and lie down; then he will tell you what you shall do.” 5 She said to her, “All that you say I will do.”**

**V9 9** He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth your maid. So spread your covering over your maid, for you are a [e]close relative.”

**Ruth 3:10** Then he said, “May you be blessed of the LORD, my daughter. You have shown your last kindness to be better than the first by not going after young men, whether poor or rich.



**11 Now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you whatever you [f]ask, for all my people in the [g]city know that you are a woman of excellence. (Reputation means a lot in every relationship)**

# Ruth 4 NASB 1995

## The Marriage of Ruth

**1** Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there, and behold, the [a]close relative of whom Boaz spoke was passing by, so he said, “Turn aside, [b]friend, sit down here.” And he turned aside and sat down. **2** He took ten men of the elders of the city and said, “Sit down here.” So they sat down.

**3 Then he said to the [c]closest relative,  
“Naomi, who has come back from the  
land of Moab, has to sell the piece of land  
which belonged to our brother Elimelech.  
4 So I thought to [d]inform you, saying,  
‘Buy it before those who are sitting here,  
and before the elders of my people. If you  
will redeem it, redeem it; but if [e]not, tell  
me that I may know; for there is no one  
but you to redeem it, and I am after you.’”  
And he said, “I will redeem it.”**

**5 Then Boaz said, “On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also acquire Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of the deceased, in order to raise up the name of the deceased on his inheritance.” 6 The [f]closest relative said, “I cannot redeem it for myself, because I would [g]jeopardize my own inheritance. Redeem it for yourself; you may have my right of redemption, for I cannot redeem it.”**

**Ruth 3:8-10** So the [h]closest relative said to Boaz, “Buy it for yourself.” And he removed his sandal.

9 Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses today that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon 10 Moreover, I have acquired Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, to be my wife in order to raise up the name of

the deceased will not be cut off from his brothers or from the [i]court of his birth place; you are witnesses today.”

**Ruth 4:13** So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife, and he went in to her. And the LORD [n]enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. 14 Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a [o]redeemer today, and may his name [p]become famous in Israel.



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