

Ruth – Should Be Called Naomi

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New Covenant Presbyterian Church Sunday School

WSC #8 – How doth God execute his decrees?

Answer – God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence. (Ps. 148:8, Is. 40:26, Dan. 4:35, Acts 4:24-28, Rev. 4:11)

When is Ruth written? Why is it written? What covenant of grace are we under during this time setting?

Who are the main characters in the book of Ruth? What do we know about them?

Ch. 1 – The work of God in the darkest of times

God is sovereign & He is reigning, God's providence is mysterious/ very hard, God is purposing your good

Ch. 2 – The sweet providence of God breaking through

The *Lord's* kindness has not forsaken the living (Naomi and Ruth) or the dead (Elimelech and Chilion). It was the Lord who stopped the famine. It was the Lord who bound Ruth to Naomi in love. It was the Lord who preserved Boaz for Ruth. Ruth did not just *happen* to come to Boaz's field. The light of God's love has finally broken through bright enough for Naomi to see. The Lord is *kind*. He is good to all who take refuge under his wings. So let us fall on our faces, bow before the Lord, confess our unworthiness, take refuge under the wings of God, and be astonished at his grace.

Ch. 3 – Strategic Righteousness

A Zeal for doing what is appropriate when God is taken into account as sovereign & merciful.

Ch. 4 – The Best is yet to come

The life of the godly is not a straight line to glory, but they do get there—God sees to it. There is a hope for us beyond the cute baby and the happy grandmother. If there weren't, we would be of all men most miserable. The story points forward to David. David points forward to Jesus. And Jesus points forward to the resurrection of our mortal bodies (Romans 8:23) when "death will be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).