

Theme: God renews, blesses and remembers those who are more concerned with honoring His Name than their own. They will be rewarded with the *name*.

Introduction & Background:

I. Boaz – a Man of His Word 1-10

A. Going to Court

1. “Up to the gate” literally and figuratively
2. The man with no name

B. Presenting the Case (3-8)

1. “Selling the field?”
 - Getting it back to the family line.
 - The “go’el” has that responsibility (Lev.25:25ff)
2. First right of refusal (3)
 - a. Redeem Elimelech’s field.
 - Protect Naomi
 - Provide for her from the land in question.
 - b. Decide here and now! (4)
 - c. “Guy” says, “Yes” I will redeem it.
 - Looks like a “win-win” deal
3. The Moabite Woman , included! (5)
 - Ruth is the “widow of the dead”
 - Provide an heir.

C. Case Decided!

1. “Throw in the Shoe” (6)
 - Guy changes his mind!
 - Nothing in it **“for myself”**.
 - concerned about his inheritance**
 - And he disappears from memory.*

D. Boaz, the “redeemer” (go’el) (9-10)

- This has never been about himself
 - He has an open heart for the poor
1. He will “buy” the land
 2. He will “preserve” the name (1 Sam.24:21; 2 Sam.14:7)
 - Get’s a young, precious wife in the deal.

II. Blessings Abound

A. On the House of Boaz and Ruth

1. Wife be like Rachel and Leah
2. “Worthy” Boaz
-**may his name live on in Bethlehem!!**
3. Like House of Perez
4. Tamar and Ruth?
-**Names are remembered famously!**

B. On Naomi (9 months later)

1. Fullness!!
2. **Name (pleasant) restored!**
3. She has a “redeemer”!

C. On the child??

-**Name “renowned in Israel”!! Wow!**

III. A Name To Remember

1. How do we think we will make a name for ourselves??

-What kind of name are you seeking?

2. Story is bigger than Naomi, Ruth, Boaz.

- a. David, the greater son
- b. Jesus, the true *redeemer*
-*Not concerned for his name.*
-Not afraid to be identified with sinners.
You aren't the first sinner Jesus was willing to associate with.
- c. How will your name be remembered?