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Jesus Paid It All

1. I hear the Savior say,
Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and
pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.

Refrain

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

2. For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim,
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

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3. And now complete in Him
My robe His righteousness,
Close sheltered 'neath His side,
I am divinely blest.

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4. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
I'll lay my trophies down
All down at Jesus' feet.

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“Maturity, Purity, and Security”

Ruth 3:10-18

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3 Layers in the Book of Ruth

1. A Romantic Love Story

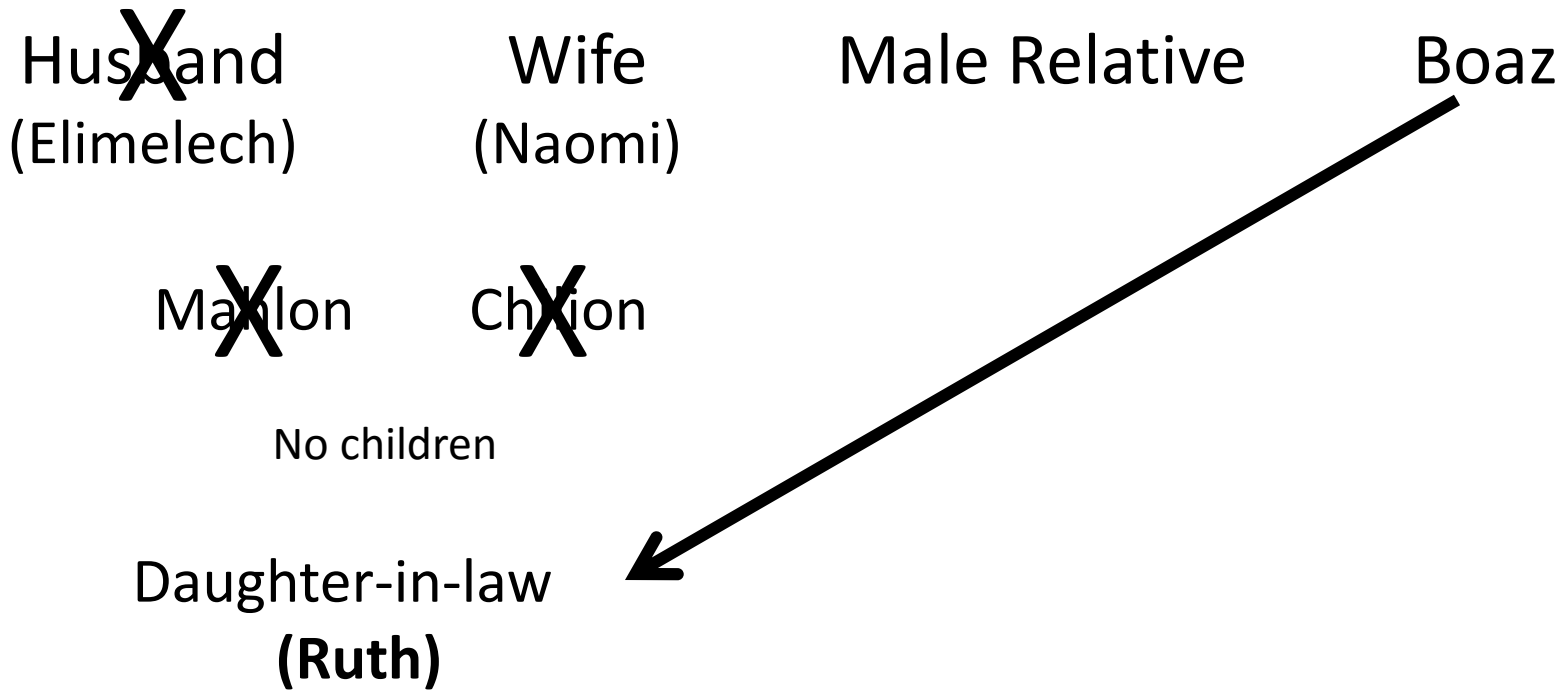
2. The Amazing Sovereignty and Providence of God

3. The Unlikely Selection of the Blood Line for the Messiah

Ruth 3:1-9

- 1 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?"
- 2 "Now is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maids you were? Behold, he winnows barley at the threshing floor tonight.
- 3 "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 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."
- 6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had commanded her.
- 7 When Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came secretly, and uncovered his feet and lay down.
- 8 It happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and bent forward; and behold, a woman was lying at his feet.
- 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 close relative."

Levirate Law As Applied to Ruth



Nearest male relative (lag = goel = “kinsman redeemer”, “a levir”) was to marry the widow . Why?

1. To father a child.
2. To perpetuate the name so that it would not be blotted out.
3. To retain possession of the property by receiving it or by paying the ransom for it.

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Maturity

1. Ruth and Boaz are believers who are growing in their faith which is part of the attraction that is drawing them together.
2. Spiritual maturity enables them to handle the hills and the valleys of a relationship.
3. Spiritual maturity will prevent them from committing a regrettable act.

Ruth – A Proverbs 31 Woman

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| Devoted to her family | Ruth 1:15-18 | Pr 31:10, 11, 12, 23 |
| Found delight in her work | Ruth 2:2 | Pr 31:13 |
| Labored diligently | Ruth 2:7 2:17; 2:23 | Pr 31:14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 27 |
| Godly in her speech | Ruth 2:10, 2:13 | Pr 31:26 |
| Trusted God | Ruth 2:12 | Pr 31:25b, 30 |
| Dressed with care | Ruth 3:3 | Pr 31:22, 25a |
| Pure in her actions | Ruth 3:6ff | Pr 31:11, 12, 23 |
| Blessed others with her work | Ruth 4:14; 4:15 | Pr 31:28, 29 |

Boaz – An Eph. 5 & 1 Pet. 3 Man

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| Lover | Ruth 3:11 | Eph. 5:25, 28, 33 |
| Provider | Ruth 2:9;3:17 | Eph. 5:25,29 |
| Protector | Ruth 2:8,9,21;3:13 | 1 Pet. 3:7 |
| Leader | Ruth 2:15,21;3:14;4:1,2 | Eph. 5:23,26,27 |
| Godly | Ruth 2:4,12;3:13 | Eph. 3:26 |
| Shows Honor | Ruth 2:11,12 | 1 Pet. 3:7 |
| Generous | Ruth 2:14-16;3:17 | Eph. 5:25 |
| Understanding | Ruth 2:11 | 1 Pet 3:7 |
| Pure in his actions | Ruth 3:13,14 | Eph. 5:3 |

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How does Boaz handle a difficult situation? –

1. Boaz did not withhold the truth from Ruth that there was another go'el (kinsman redeemer), for he did not want to give her false hope.
2. The greatest concern of Boaz was for Ruth's redemption, even if that meant another kinsman redeemer would accomplish the goal.
3. Boaz vowed to resolve this matter within hours and accept the results however it turned out.
4. Boaz was not willing to sacrifice his **integrity** for the sake of expediency. He sought to do God's will in God's way for God's glory. He knew that if it were really from the Lord, then he would be able to carry out the redemptive transaction in an orderly and proper way.
5. He did not tell her to leave and go home in the dark, thus exposing her to danger.
6. He did not touch her until she would be rightfully his in marriage.
7. He protected the rights of the kinsman that was a nearer relative than himself to the deceased Elimelech. He was careful for Ruth and her reputation, in order that he might hand her over unblemished to the man who had the undoubted right to claim her as his wife.

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Purity

1. Purity has as its goal the sanctification and honor of the body.

1 Thess 4:3-5

3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

4 that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

5 not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

2. Purity is kept by obeying the Word.

Ps 119:9

9 How can a young man keep his way pure?

By keeping it according to Your word.

3. In a world saturated with fornication, adultery, and every sexual perversion known to mankind, believers must be wise where they go, what they see, what they do.

Eph 5:15

15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,

4. Equally as dangerous to be careful of is “the appearance of evil”.

1 Thess 5:22

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

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6 ????? of Barley

6 ephahs, the equivalent of about 180 pounds.

6 seah (one third of an ephah) amounts to 2 ephahs, about 60 pounds.

6 omers (an omer being a tenth of an ephah) would have amounted to six-tenths of an ephah, about 18 pounds.

6 handfuls amounts to about 6 pounds.

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- Our security therefore rests not in the straightness of the road or in the car that we drive, but rather in the One who designed the road and the incredible experience we have by traveling it with Him.
- Security then does not get impatient with delays, stops, or detours, but rather security has the confidence that always the events of life are going exactly as planned.

Ps 46:10

10 Be still, and know that I am God;

(take your hands off)

Ecc1 7:13

13 Consider the work of God;

For who can make straight what He has made crooked?

Prov 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart

And do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him,

And He will make your paths straight.



Katharina von Schlegel
1697–1768

Katharina was born in Germany, on October 22, 1697, twelve years after Johann Sebastian Bach, who was born 80 miles away . Katharina's last name, von Schlegel, indicates that she was likely born to an aristocratic family. Germany, in the late 1600s and early 1700s was largely Lutheran and was experiencing a religious revival known as the Pietistic Revival. Philipp Jacob Spener was the leader of this movement, which encouraged small Bible study groups, personal works of righteousness and congregational hymn singing. The Pietists also encouraged laymen in the church to express their devotion by writing hymn texts. Katharina is said to have written 29 hymns and several were published in 1774 in a collection of spiritual songs, . Her writing was shaped

by the Pietist tradition of a deep personal relationship with, and commitment to, Jesus Christ and a deep grounding in the Scriptures.

Not much is known of Katharina. One fact though is certain: She knew her scriptures well, both the Old and the New Testaments.

Katharina was a poetess and her first known published work was in the 1752. In her most well known hymn, she wove together in a creative and remarkable way a whole series of scriptural themes and references to biblical events.

100 years after its first publication in the German language, her hymn was translated into English.

BE STILL, MY SOUL

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Application

1. Joy and peace based on ignorance of the truth is delusion and always leads to disappointment.
2. When people think you are crazy for not having sex outside of marriage, think of Boaz and Ruth, who knew what life is all about, who knew how purity relates to the grand purposes of God, and who said “we’re going to wait.”
3. If we play God in our lives, everything is going to fall apart. If we let Him be God in our lives, He will work it out for our good and for His glory.
4. God is never in a hurry but He is never late.
5. The point of biblical stories like Joseph, Job, Esther, and Ruth is to help us feel (not just know in our heads) that God is with us in all of the strange turns our lives take. He is plotting the course and managing the troubles with far-reaching purposes.
6. What circumstances make it hard for you to wait for the Lord?