

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?

2. What does this story teach me about myself?

3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?

4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?

5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



GOD PROVIDED FOR RUTH

WHAT IS THE FAIR PAYMENT FOR SIN? THE FAIR PAYMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH.

Naomi lived in Judah with her husband and two sons. There was a famine. so Naomi and her family decided to go to Moab. There, Naomi's husband died. Naomi's sons married women from Moab: Orpah and Ruth. Then Naomi's sons died. Since the famine was over, Naomi decided to go home to Judah. Orpah returned home, but Ruth clung to Naomi. Ruth said, "Wherever you go, I will go. Your God will be my God." Naomi and Ruth returned to Judah.

Ruth went into the fields to gather fallen grain. Boaz saw Ruth in his field. He had heard how she had been kind to Naomi. Boaz made sure Ruth was safe and had enough food.

Ruth went back to Naomi and told her about Boaz. "He is one of our family redeemers," Naomi explained. Naomi gave Ruth special instructions. Ruth showed Boaz that she hoped he would marry her. Ruth explained, "You are a family redeemer."

So Boaz stood before the elders in the town and made an agreement. He promised to redeem and marry Ruth.

Ruth and Boaz had a son named Obed. When Obed grew up, he was the father of Jesse, who was the father of King David.

Christ Connection: Boaz was a family redeemer. He helped his close relatives who were in trouble. Boaz cared for Ruth and Naomi because their husbands had died. In a similar way, Jesus is our Redeemer. We need help because we sin. Jesus bought our salvation for us by taking our punishment when He died on the cross

