

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:1-22

Virtue attracts people - Faith attracts God

After Naomi lost her husband and two sons, she decided to go back to Judah from Moab. She called her daughter-in-laws and told them "Go return each to her mother's house. The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord bless that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband". They lifted up their voice and wept after she had said them a good bye.

Later, Orpah left her and went her way to her mother's house. But Ruth did not leave Naomi. Ruth said to Naomi, "Do not force me to leave you. For wherever you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God, my God".

Question:

Though Orpah was a good girl, she left Naomi and went back her mother's house. But how did Ruth decide to stay back with Naomi?

Answer:

Here we could see the good character of Naomi, Ruth and Orpah. Naomi tries to send them off desiring their well being. Though Orpah is drawn by this virtue of Naomi and loves her, she later leaves her and walks her way. But since Ruth had understood the One behind Naomi's virtuous character, she desired to cling on to her God. She knew that it will not be possible for her to worship this God if she returned to her mother's home. Therefore, she decided to stay back with Naomi. Since she had the faith that this God is able to take care of the future, she was able to take care such a decision. In our following Meditations we shall see the physical and spiritual blessings she received because of taking this decision. Dear children, to whom do you cling on? Do you cling on to God or the blessings that comes from God? "The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, without painful toil for it." Proverbs 10:22

Prayer:

Father, help us to care for elders just a Ruth did. Amen.