

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:1-22

Naomi Returned to Bethlehem

Naomi, the wife of Elimelech had two sons Mahlon and Chilion. The family lived in Bethlehem, Judah. When there was a severe famine in the land of Judah, this family went to the country of Moab rejecting the land of Israel that God had given to his people. Since they had good provision of food, clothing, shelter and good jobs at Moab, they made it their dwelling place. After a few days, Elimelech died there. Later, Naomi got her sons married to Moabite women. In a short while, even her sons died. Not knowing what to do, Naomi asks her two daughter-in-laws to return their own homes. Orpah went back. But since Ruth wanted to live with Naomi she stayed back despite being insisted to return.

Question:

What do we learn from the records in the book of Ruth?

Answer:

God desires to teach us through the characters of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz mentioned in this book. In a time where even own daughters abandon their parents, what made Ruth to hold on to her mother-in-law Naomi though they been together for a very short period? Though Naomi would have had questions as to why God allowed such things in her life, she continued to pray each day and show God's love to Ruth and Orpah. That's the reason they wanted to stay with her. It was her Godly character that made way for Ruth to receive her blessings. Though she had lost her husband and children, she sought after the goodness of her daughter-in-laws and lived with the fear of God. This Godly character turned Ruth, Moabite women into a child of God. Your good character will lead many into the kingdom of God.

"For the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth" Ephesians 5:9

Prayer:

In the midst of losses and pain we will still worship our God. May the God of peace comfort us and lead us. Amen.