

The Corner of His Garment

Sunday Morning, February 24, 2013

Thesis:

Choose to Live Under God's Protective Care

Introduction:

I. Seek the Love, Provision and Protection of God **(Ruth 3: 1 – 10)**

- 1 Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, shouldn't I find security for you, so that you will be taken care of?"
- 2 Now isn't Boaz our relative? Haven't you been working with his female servants? This evening he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor.
- 3 Wash, put on perfumed oil, and wear your best clothes. Go down to the threshing floor, but don't let the man know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking.
- 4 When he lies down, notice the place where he's lying, go in and uncover his feet, and lie down. Then he will explain to you what you should do."
- 5 So Ruth said to her, "I will do everything you say."
- 6 She went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law had instructed her.
- 7 After Boaz ate, drank, and was in good spirits, he went to lie down at the end of the pile of barley. Then she went in secretly, uncovered his feet, and lay down.
- 8 At midnight, Boaz was startled, turned over, and there lying at his feet was a woman!
- 9 So he asked, "Who are you?"
- "I am Ruth, your slave," she replied. "Spread your cloak over me, for you are a family redeemer."
- 10 Then he said, "May the Lord bless you, my daughter. You have shown more kindness now than before, because you have not pursued younger men, whether rich or poor.

II. Essential Steps to a "Right" Relationship with God **(Ruth 3:3)**

Wash, put on perfumed oil, and wear your best clothes. Go down to the threshing floor, but don't let the man know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking.

1. Wash Yourself **(Titus 3:5)**

He saved us — not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to His mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

(John 3: 1 – 7)

- 1 There was a man from the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
- 2 This man came to Him at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher, for no one could perform these signs You do unless God were with him."
- 3 Jesus replied, "I assure you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- 4 "But how can anyone be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked Him. "Can he enter his mother's womb a second time and be born?"
- 5 Jesus answered, "I assure you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
- 6 Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again.

2. Anoint Yourself **(I John 2: 20 – 21)**

- 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you have knowledge.
- 21 I have not written to you because you don't know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie comes from the truth.

(I Corinthians 2: 9 – 10)

9 But as it is written:

What eye did not see and ear did not hear,
and what never entered the human mind—
God prepared this for those who love Him.

10 Now God has revealed these things to us by the Spirit, for
the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

(I John 2: 27)

The anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you
don't need anyone to teach you. Instead, His anointing teaches
you about all things & is true & is not a lie; just as He has taught
you, remain in Him.

3. Clothe Yourself Properly

(Romans 3: 21 – 22)

21 But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been
revealed— attested by the Law and the Prophets

22 —that is, God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ,
to all who believe, since there is no distinction.

(I Peter 2:9)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a
people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises
of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous
light.

(Psalm 132:9)

May Your priests be clothed with righteousness,
& may Your godly people shout for joy.

4. Give Yourself to God

(Philippians 1:21)

For me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

(Colossians 3: 3)

For you have died, and your life is hidden with the Messiah in
God.

III. Seek a Covering of Protection (Ruth 3:9)

So he asked, "Who are you?"
"I am Ruth, your slave," she replied. "Spread your cloak over
me, for you are a family redeemer."

Spread Thy Skirt Over

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1. Believers Are Under His Protection

(Proverbs 18:10)

The name of Yahweh is a strong tower; the righteous run to
it and are protected.

(Psalm 7:10)

My shield is with God,
who saves the upright in heart.

2. Protective Covering Removed

(I Corinthians 5:5)

Turn that one over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh,
so that his spirit may be saved in the Day of the Lord.

Turn Over to Satan

(Colossians 3: 5 – 6)

5 Therefore, put to death what belongs to your worldly nature:
sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is
idolatry.

6 Because of these, God's wrath comes on the disobedient,

God's Wrath Comes Upon Disobedience

Note: Eternal Salvation is Secure, but Blessed Protection and
Provision Can Be Removed

Conclusion:

If You're Not Saved, Seek God
If You Are Saved, Put on Righteousness
In Doing So, You Are Under God's Protective Covering