

#### **4–*Ruth 2:18-3:5* (Ruth Recounts/Naomi Guides)**

##### **I. Introduction.**

- A. How do women try to get a wealthy man?
- B. Should a woman seek a husband, why/why not?
- C. How should a woman seek a husband?

##### **II. Scripture.**

- A. ***Ruth 2:18-23***—"18 *And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.* 19 *And her mother-in-law said unto her, 'Where hast thou gleaned to day? And where wroughtest thou? Blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee.'* And she shewed her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said, 'The man's name with whom I wrought today is Boaz.' 20 *And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, 'Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead.'* And Naomi said unto her, 'The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen.' 21 *And Ruth the Moabite said, 'He said unto me also, 'Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.'"* 22 *And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, 'It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field.'* 23 *So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother-in-law."*
- B. ***Ruth 3:1-5***—"1 *Then Naomi, her mother-in-law said unto her, 'My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?'* 2 *And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley tonight in the threshing floor.* 3 *Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have*

***done eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup>And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.' <sup>5</sup>And she said unto her, 'All that thou sayest unto me I will do.'***"

III. Application.

A. What were some of the things Ruth did to be ready for marriage?

B. What were some of the things Naomi did to help Ruth?

C. How was God's sovereignty recognized and how can we better see God's guiding providential hand in our lives?