

Richard Todd Merz serving Christ meaning maturing each day / this occurs through study and then living!! Scripture, the most accurate book on the planet written over 1,500 years by an approximate (give or take a few per the dictionary) 40 authors [MOD 1 applied January 16, 2022]

RUTH CHAPTER 3

Scripture passage included then commentary underneath each verse

King James Version (KJV)

Verse (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?

One of the characteristic traits of Boaz from Chapter 2 to carry over into Chapter 3 is that Boaz demonstrated that he was a man that would do right by the eternal God.

That shows that Boaz is submissive to the Greater Eternal purpose of God than himself – and Naomi knew this of Boaz. Thus the process of the marriage of Boaz and Ruth became so.

The eternal significance of God meant more to Boaz than the troubles of life. So, the grace of God overshadows Boaz as God used His Mighty Grace. And so, the circumstance was of God and not of Boaz. However, Boaz was submissive.

See this rest in Verse (1) is an eternal rest in God because God is complete.

- **God's marriage is rest or the settling of the heart from worldly matters (Henry, 2008). If one is unsteady, the marriage will not unite because there is wobbliness with the world (Henry, 2008). However, there is nothing opposing being unmarried if singleness is complete or settled in accordance with God.**

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew Henry's commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC




Notice in this case, Naomi verbalized that it would be “well” with Ruth married to Boaz as a significant beforehand family matter specifically to Ruth – the evidence.

SCROLL DOWN

Richard Todd Merz serving Christ meaning maturing each day / this occurs through study and then living!! Scripture, the most accurate book on the planet written over 1,500 years by an approximate (give or take a few per the dictionary) 40 authors [MOD 1 applied January 16, 2022]

Verse (2): And now is not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshingfloor.



Notice, being human, Naomi would, if need be, remind Boaz of what God did for Boaz to soften that human heart condition. If Boaz was submissive, then the choice was for God as the kindred. If Boaz was not submissive, then the choice was disobedience in neglecting the completeness of God. The free will is always in the picture, but submissiveness should override the choice that is made. Naomi being confident in Boaz, sent Ruth.

Naomi knew of the Divine Law of God upon Boaz to gratify in marriage being bound in the consciousness of God unto completeness (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry's commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

Verse (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.

After reading the Easy-to-Read Version of Scripture

The instruction from Naomi to Ruth was to dress nicely but to not show of herself until after the meal – do not make herself known. This was not a dress to make herself a spectacle, but instead respectable. In other words, there was no reason to take particular attention to a spectacle dress. Contrary, it was a respectable dress appropriate for the occasion.

Verse (4): 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.

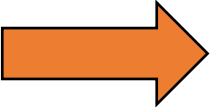
This verse necessitates a more developed view from the time in which it was written, in that Ruth did nothing promiscuous (Henry, 2008). Instead, Ruth was virtuously asserting her Godly marriage. Ruth was acting in accordance with the law of being the wife of Boaz (Henry, 2008). Boaz was the kinsman and Ruth was the wife (No elaborate ceremony was necessary) (Henry, 2008). Boaz was a God-fearing man (Henry, 2008). From here, Boaz would by law communicate to Ruth what she must do (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry's commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

SCROLL DOWN

Richard Todd Merz serving Christ meaning maturing each day / this occurs through study and then living!! Scripture, the most accurate book on the planet written over 1,500 years by an approximate (give or take a few per the dictionary) 40 authors [MOD 1 applied January 16, 2022]

Verse (5): And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto me I will do.



To significantly repeat from Verse (1): Notice in this case, Naomi verbalized that it would be “well” with Ruth married to Boaz as a significant beforehand family matter specifically to Ruth – the evidence. The evidence in this case (the beforehand expression that it would be “well” for Ruth to marry Boaz) must be factored into the circumstance. Notice, Ruth acknowledged this significant beforehand matter as so accentuated by Naomi – it would be “well” to be married to Boaz. This piece of evidence overrode any other matter. Ruth could not refute.

Verse (6): And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

Ruth obeyed Naomi.

Verse (7): And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

Going back through Verse (1) to Verse (6), Boaz proved himself to be a man of uprightness. In that he ate, drank, was joyous, and had no occasion of seeking out any improper action. When the jollities began to settle, Boaz went to lay down. Boaz stayed within the rules of God’s engagement. Boaz clearly did not seek to self-satisfy but rather to satisfy the Lord of his life.

For depth, Boaz laid down by a heap of corn to demonstrate that he was cognizant of his work and did not irresponsibly engage in jollities nor did Boaz begin his work (Henry, 2008). **Cognizance is the Key, cognizance of clean fun and cognizance of the responsibility in the morning but the work did not need to be done right now** (Henry, 2008). God saw Boaz just like his Father Jacob a very plain man in God’s delight (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry’s commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

Furthermore, Ruth was humble within the rules of God’s engagement, but was not afraid to let Boaz know of the Divine Law of God (Upper Case) that was placed upon Boaz in marriage (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry’s commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

God uses the Divine Law of God (Upper Case) to make worldly law (Lower Case) align with Divinity when God sees it fit because The Christ fulfilled all the law.

SCROLL DOWN

Richard Todd Merz serving Christ meaning maturing each day / this occurs through study and then living!! Scripture, the most accurate book on the planet written over 1,500 years by an approximate (give or take a few per the dictionary) 40 authors [MOD 1 applied January 16, 2022]

Verse (8): And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet.

Before midnight is interesting because it says “at midnight” – Boaz was cognizant of clean fun, cognizant of proper rest, cognizant of work, and cognizant that the work did not need to be done right now all before midnight to build off Verse (7) (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry’s commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

“At midnight” Boaz was startled due to the “Divine Law of God” placed upon him to Ruth.

= Balance.

Verse (9): And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman.

How powerful is this in the completeness of God.

The Divine Law of God demonstrated in Verse (9) because Jesus Christ is The Next Eternal Kinsman; not a near Kinsman (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry’s commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

To reiterate from Verse (7), through Verse (8), to Verse (9) that God uses the Divine Law of God (Upper Case) to make worldly law (Lower Case) align with Divinity when God sees it fit because The Christ fulfilled all the law.

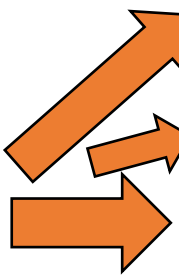
Bottom-line: Boaz and Ruth were married by the Divine Law of God (Upper Case).

SCROLL DOWN

Richard Todd Merz serving Christ meaning maturing each day / this occurs through study and then living!! Scripture, the most accurate book on the planet written over 1,500 years by an approximate (give or take a few per the dictionary) 40 authors [MOD 1 applied January 16, 2022]

Verse (10): And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich.

Here Boaz recognizes Ruth's consistency. Ruth demonstrated through this Boaz documented written account that Ruth displayed more kindness in the latter years than in the earlier years. That is significant.



Consistent behavior throughout life is evidence of a consistently lived life where kindness was specifically an identified trait of Ruth by Boaz. God allowed Ruth to be written in Scripture because of consistent behavior. Ruth wanted substance in the latter years; not fleeting temporal wishes. In this consistent behavior, Ruth would always maintain a younger state of reference (daughter) yet a more mature existence of growing within society in the latter years of life. This is God's natural way of life even when Ruth was not looking for this result.

Verse (11): And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman.

Again, to build off Verse (10), Ruth is given a younger reference of daughter. This is because of Ruth's documented consistent kindness while growing more mature in the latter years within society. To reiterate, this is God's natural way of development even though Ruth was not looking for this result.

All the people of Boaz knew of Ruth's kindness. The documented kindness of Ruth gained her access to a younger reference of daughter because her consistency was verified in writing. Having this obtainment is significant. With this, Ruth's sphere of influence is not limited by a generation, but instead crosses generations. This enables society to allow Ruth's natural youthful maturing even though growing latter in years.

SCROLL DOWN

Richard Todd Merz serving Christ meaning maturing each day / this occurs through study and then living!! Scripture, the most accurate book on the planet written over 1,500 years by an approximate (give or take a few per the dictionary) 40 authors [MOD 1 applied January 16, 2022]

Verse (12): And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I.

In this verse, Boaz would not turn away the Divine Law of God, but instead would honor the Law (Henry, 2008). Even though Boaz knew that there was a Kinsman nearer to Ruth than himself, it would have caused a “Great” critical problem for Ruth if Boaz brought this upon Ruth (Henry, 2008). Boaz would speak for the other nearer reluctant Kinsman and Boaz would be the Kinsman (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew Henry's commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

Therefore, as discussed in Verse (7) and Verse (9), God makes the worldly law (Lower Case) align under the Divine Law of God (Upper Case) as God sees it fit in marriage in certain God intervened circumstances. Instead, God places the marriage upon Boaz to honor the reconciliation rather than Ruth.

Looking forward to Ruth Chapter 4 Verse (8), there is a drawing off the Shoe in the reconciliation process where Boaz took the Kinsman of the Divine Law of God.

Verse (13): Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

Boaz here was conscious of two matters.

One, process integrity. Boaz was not eager to insert himself to guide the process with his personal force. Boaz did not offer his opinion. Boaz was investigative and would adjust according to the findings. Boaz did recognize that there could be process flaws. In those process flaws, Boaz could insert himself and would insert his personal force.

Two, welfare of Ruth. Boaz did not take the responsibility of kinsman flippantly. Boaz referred to Ruth as daughter twice in the Chapter. Boaz recognized Ruth's increased kindness as a lifelong significant matter. This reference was based on identified life happenings that justified the reference to kindness.

Summary: Boaz would investigate among the identified process flaws and adjust his response to Ruth accordingly. Boaz ended by having a reverence that he also answers to a higher authority "...as the LORD liveth". Therefore, Boaz was resolute to conduct himself under these conditions.

SCROLL DOWN

Richard Todd Merz serving Christ meaning maturing each day / this occurs through study and then living!! Scripture, the most accurate book on the planet written over 1,500 years by an approximate (give or take a few per the dictionary) 40 authors [MOD 1 applied January 16, 2022]

Verse (14): And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.

This verse necessitates more depth.

One. In that, Ruth laid at Boaz's feet not next to him (Henry, 2008). The main points are safety, purity, avoiding scandalous talk even among upright people, and not giving the wrong doers any triumph as personal responsibility (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry's commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

Two. Point one were measures taken due to integrity and not that either Boaz or Ruth needed to worry about talk (Henry, 2008). Reason being, very few people served the Lord specifically regarding not being able to come near to the fire or scrutiny, but Boaz and Ruth could (Henry, 2008). It was important not to enable the other Kinsman to use an excuse in rejecting Ruth (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry's commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

Verse (15): Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and she went into the city.

This verse is the carrying out of the Divine Law of God (Upper Case) who makes the worldly law (Lower Case) align under the Divine Law of God.

The 6 measures of Barley include The King Messiah who carried the Burdon for Boaz and Ruth as God so does in certain matters of marriage (Henry, 2008). It was an exact payment given to Ruth placed in her apron (The Evidence) to render the marriage so (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry's commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

SCROLL DOWN

Richard Todd Merz serving Christ meaning maturing each day / this occurs through study and then living!! Scripture, the most accurate book on the planet written over 1,500 years by an approximate (give or take a few per the dictionary) 40 authors [MOD 1 applied January 16, 2022]

Verse (16): And when she came to her mother in law, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her.

By the structure of the verse, Naomi was counting on Ruth to be responsible in this matter by asking a question she knew the answer to, “Who are thou, my daughter”?

Notice the response: Ruth voiced to Naomi what Boaz had done.

Verse (17): And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.

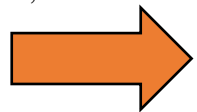
What is demonstrated here is the approval of Ruth by Boaz under the hand of God almighty. Ruth did not go to Naomi empty handed.

To reiterate from Verse (15):

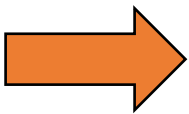
The 6 measures of Barley include The King Messiah who carried the Burdon for Boaz and Ruth as God so does in certain matters of marriage (Henry, 2008). It was an exact payment given to Ruth placed in her apron (The Evidence) to render the marriage so (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry’s commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC

Verse (18): Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

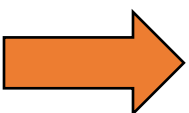


Here is a powerful God.



Marriages of God are made in heaven (Henry, 2008). However, we are instructed to be still – to be patient on God – in this case Naomi had confidence that Boaz being a faithful man of God would ready himself and be the husband of Ruth (Henry, 2008). For those who sit still and let the matter settle, God promises to bring The Christs perfection into the scenario to remedy imperfection (Henry, 2008).

Henry, Matthew. (2008). *Matthew henry’s commentary on the whole bible*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers Marketing, LLC



That is the completeness of God. Why? Because The Christ is “The Eternal Kinsman”. The marriage of Boaz and Ruth began in heaven, and not on Earth.

SCROLL DOWN