An Old Fashioned Love Story

Ruth

(series #10)

Introduction: descriptive and prescriptive Scripture

I. The events in Moab 1:1-18

- A. During the time of the Judges
- B. There was a famine in Israel (Deuteronomy 28-30)
- C. The meaning of the names
 - 1. Elimelech = my God is King
 - 2. Naomi = pleasant
 - 3. Mahlon = sick or puny
 - 4. Chilion = pining
 - 5. Bethlehem = house of bread
 - 6. Ruth = friendship
- D. Ruth's devotion to Naomi and to YHWH 1:6-18

II. The Events in Bethlehem 1:19-3:18

- A. Ruth gleans in the field of Boaz 2:1-3
- B. Boaz provides for Ruth 2:4-23
- C. Naomi suggests a kinsman-redeemer marriage 3:1-5 *Deuteronomy 25:5-10
- D. Ruth initiates a kinsman-redeemer marriage 3:6-18

III. The Events at the City Gate 4:1-12

* Boaz exercises the right of the kinsman-redeemer

IV. The Events after the Marriage 4:13-22

- A. Ruth is blessed with a husband, son, and security
- B. Ruth is blessed with a royal lineage

V. Applications

- A. historically a bridge between Judges and the monarchy
- B. doctrinally Gentiles are not outside of redemption
- C. morally loyalty and integrity in relationships
- D. theological Christ is our kinsman-redeemer