

11. Who is this book (Ruth) for?
12. Naomi's experience as seen in this book illustrates the fact that God does not do what with pain?
13. Who else does this book address?
14. The story of Ruth also speaks to the person who wonders if anything great can come out of what?
15. The book of Ruth has been called an "an interlude of love set in" what period?
16. What was the time like in Israel's history at the time of the story of Ruth?
17. The time of the book of Judges was characterized by what things?
18. The context of this story is the time of the Judges, which was a time of national what?
19. According to Leviticus 26:3 and Deuteronomy 28-30, what was a sign of disobedience and apostasy?
20. "Elimelech" means, "My God is \_\_\_\_\_."
21. Naomi means what?
22. What do the names, "Mahlon" and "Chilion" mean?
23. What did Elimelech and his family find in the land of Moab?
24. What four "hammer blows" had Naomi experienced against her?
  - a. A \_\_\_\_\_ in her homeland.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ from her homeland in a foreign country.
  - c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of her husband and two sons.
- d. No \_\_\_\_\_.
25. Both of Naomi's daughters-in-law were what?
26. What is so amazing about the sovereignty and providence of God when it comes to us "blowing it"?
27. The writer never states for us whether it was wrong or not for Naomi and her family to go to Moab because the point is that God is what?
28. What Naomi was saying in verses 6-8 was that "you have been good to me and to my sons, so may the Lord..." do what?
29. In verse 9 what Naomi is saying is, "...may you each find a..." what?
30. Why does the writer give us so much space to this discussion between Naomi and her daughters-in-law?
31. What does the name, "Ruth" mean?
32. Why was Ruth's statement in verses 15-16 such a monumental statement?
33. Right after Naomi said that the hand of the LORD has gone out against her, what does Ruth say?
34. What does that tell us about Ruth's faith?
35. Ruth was a free woman who wasn't enslaved to the need for what?

36. Ruth wasn't intimidated or afraid of what?
37. Do you have a faith like Ruth's?
38. Who won the argument between Ruth and Naomi?
39. Why did Naomi want to be called, "Mara"?
40. Is Naomi's theology right when she says that the Lord has done these hurtful things in her life? Why or why not?
41. Chapter 1 is a chapter full of pain with a little window of what?
42. What do we have to lay hold of by faith concerning providences?
43. From James 5 we see that the Lord is very what?
44. Behind the frowning providences of our lives there are what?
45. To whom does the promise that God works all things together for good apply?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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## **BEHIND A FROWNING PROVIDENCE**

### **Ruth 1**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Behind a Frowning Providence-Ruth 1**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is God in control of?
2. What book in Hebrew Scripture powerfully demonstrates the fact that God coordinates all events in our lives to accomplish our good?
3. It is so hard to really say what?
4. Is God really sovereign, good, and working all things together for good for those who know and love Him?
5. What must we live by when our emotions are telling us that God is not sovereign, good, etc.?
6. In the book of Ruth, what are some things that are not involved in the putting together of this book?
7. In the book of Ruth, it seems as if God is what?
8. In what Old Testament book does the name, God, not appear?
9. In the book of Ruth, God is acting and carrying out His plan in what?

10. What activity of God is beautifully illustrated in the book of Ruth?