

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON THIRTY-THREE COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

I hope you are feeling encouraged to enjoy many daily blessings as you walk with God. When we look around us we see so many challenges. We face rising prices on food, gas and almost everything. There are many supply shortages. There is world unrest. In spite of this, God continues to remind us that there is hope in Him.

"I pray that the God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."-Romans 15:13.

Ruth was suddenly given hope by the man that would eventually become her redeemer. He encouraged her to glean along with others who were allowed to gather the first fruits of the harvest rather than what was left behind. He also protected her by giving instructions to his workers to respect her. This was an amazing gift. She was shown mercy as well as the abundance of food, flowing water and the privilege of eating with those who rightfully belonged there.

As Christians, we have been shown mercy, even though we didn't deserve it. We have been invited to share at the table of our Lord and be filled with all of God's blessings. Through the Lord Jesus, we are adopted into God's family. Through the Holy Spirit, we are promised overflowing gifts of joy, and fruits, as well as living water. God is just waiting for us to recognize the many blessings that are available through Him. He wants to shower us with good things just as a Father desires to bless his children. Yes, we still have responsibilities, and we need to cherish His many gifts. From the beginning, He has given authority over the earth, but when we become part of God's family, we are given a new authority and responsibility as family members.

May this be a year of growing closer to God, recognizing the hope given to us by our Father through the promises given to us in His word. He is our redeemer, our provider, and our protector just like Boaz was to Ruth. Once again, God had a great plan for Ruth, and He still has an amazing plan for us.

Even in the midst of tough circumstances, there is always hope when we give God a chance to take charge and follow Him with our whole heart. He is a very loving Father. Let's be loving children and fulfill His will for our lives. Then we can also look to Him for the daily needs and blessings He has waiting for us.

Have a hope-filled year.

Love and Prayers,
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