

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON FORTY-SIX COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

Clean, clean, clean, Wash your hands, Sanitize everything that someone has touched. That is what we heard a lot of in 2020. Our government repeatedly told us that this is what we needed to do to avoid getting CoVid. It seemed a little odd that we would have to be told to clean and wash.

Ruth may have been a little surprised when her mother-in-law, Naomi, told her to wash. Jesus also showed us an example of washing feet. Peter questioned the Lord when he was washing the disciples' feet. Jesus's answer was, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me" Ruth being told to wash was to prepare herself for her redeemer, but it was also an example for us to prepare ourselves for our redeemer. When Jesus comes for His bride, He wants us to be clean of sin (righteous by being cleansed by His blood).

Naomi then told her to anoint herself. Jesus valued being anointed. According to Matthew 26, while he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster of expensive perfume and poured it over His head. His disciples thought that she should have sold it and given it to the poor, but Jesus said that we will always have poor with us but will not always have Him. (Matthew 26). Though the woman may not have understood the answer Jesus gave, "She has poured this perfume on me to prepare my body for burial. Tell you the truth, wherever the Good News I preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered" it was very meaningful to Jesus.

Then Ruth was also told to put on a raiment. A raiment is described as a fancy or best outfit which often includes jewels. There is a song that I haven't heard for a while, but it is entitled "Give of You Best to the Master" One of the verses states that we should give of our best to the master, give Him first place in our heart and give Him first place in your service. God wants us to present our best to Him. He wants us to look to Him with our whole heart and be ready to serve Him in any way that He wants us to serve. This isn't just for ministry but to daily seek Him and His will in our lives and then to strive to be obedient to whatever He asks of us. We are to prepare ourselves and be ready to offer ourselves to our Redeemer. God is looking for us to be obedient by being willing to become clean (righteous). We should desire to be anointed with the Holy Spirit and make a commitment to serve in any way that He asks us to serve.

Let's give of our best to the master. He gave everything to redeem us.

May God bless your week.

Love and prayers,
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