

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON SIXTY-EIGHT AND SIXTY-NINE COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

If you were asked to name someone who is worthy of being famous, who would come to mind? Many would probably consider a movie star or someone that they like for their TV persona. Some would consider sports figures as heroes or political people. Hopefully, we know that Jesus is the only person that is truly worthy of our primary praise. So does God recognize attributes of others that should also be recognized?

In today's lesson, Boaz was encouraged to be worthy of being famous. Our amazing lesson writer, Sandy Harber, explains that there is so much that we need to know about the statement of, *"And do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem."* God greatly encourages character and integrity. God's Word often uses the word "integrity" when describing character.

Job 2:3, "And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? And still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movest me against him to destroy him without cause."

Proverbs 11:3 "The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them."

Proverb 19:1, "Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool."

God even blesses families of those that walk uprightly.

Proverbs 20:7, "The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."

Irregardless of our family heritage, we can be the ones who can turn our lives around, as well as the lives of our children, if we turn to God and become people of integrity according to God's view. Do other people look to us as people worthy of being known for integrity? Most importantly, does God see us as righteous who walk in integrity? If we long for God's favor, we should also seek to become a people of righteousness, honor, and virtue through God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Integrity and character take time to achieve. It is a daily effort. The more we walk with God and seek His will daily, the more we can bring honor to God from whom our character should be built. The praise of people means is of little value unless it brings praise to God, but if people recognize God's character in us, we bring honor to God in a very powerful way.

God wants great things for each of us. May each day bring us closer to God and help us become all that God wants us to be.

Love and prayers,

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