

NAOMI - RUTH CONNECTION

LESSON SEVENTY COMMENTS

Dear Loved Ones,

How important is family to you? When we are very young, most of us rely heavily on our parents to provide our physical and emotional needs. Unfortunately, there are many who never experienced the security and the love of family that truly cared about them, but generally, family provides the most important foundation of our lives. In our teenage and young adult lives, we sometimes lose that appreciation for all that we once had for our parents. Then, the older we grow, we often begin to gain a new appreciation for those who have poured love into our lives, even if it was flawed.

Generation after generation we become known by our family heritage as well as the choices we make that affect our families.

Even when we don't have a strong family background, we can still be reminded that God is in charge of our lives. The Bible is filled with Genealogy that shows us the line from which Jesus came. The New Testament starts with the lineage of Jesus. Except for four women, Matthew only records the male through which the line of Jesus came. It included 14 generations from Abraham to David, and 14 from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ. Then we are told the splendid story of Mary becoming the mother of Jesus.

Today's lesson reminds us, however, that even the women who were not considered the most honored in society, had a very important place in the line of Jesus. It included, Tamar, a woman who must have gone through very tough marriages, etc. Sisters Rachel and Leah, daughters of Laban shared the same husband, Jacob, but became matriarchs of the nation of Israel.

Do you remember ever being asked, "Are you the child of ????" We quickly become known by our family name. Hopefully, we want to proudly become known as honorable to our family name. But the most important name to honor is the Lord Jesus Christ. Do we know Jesus as our Savior? Do we know Him as Christ, the Son of God? And do we make Him Lord of our lives? If we became a child of God through accepting Jesus as our Savior, we should want to bring honor to God, our Father. We have an amazing heritage. We can look forward to being reunited with our earthly families who have accepted Jesus but, more importantly, we can look forward to someday being reunited with our Heavenly Father. Are we ready?

We can praise the Lord for each day that we have here on earth. But it can change any day. We can lose our lives instantly. Jesus may come any day. World events point to that day becoming very close. Let's make our lives count by serving Jesus and bringing Him honor in everything we do. No matter what our earthly heritage is or what we have done, God can change everything for our good and His glory.

May God abundantly bless your week.

Love and Prayers,

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