

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for February 1, 2009

The Short Story of Ruth:
A Brief Survey and Overview of the Book
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May we look to the book of Ruth during a similar instance when Israel was faced with a severe famine in the land, and may we see how God extended His grace against all odds and beyond all hope to His people.

May we look to the book of Ruth in which God illustrates how the most unlikely person may be saved and in fact become instrumental for His purposes.

May we look to the book of Ruth and find two portraits of moral excellence and quality character before God.

May we look to the book of Ruth for teaching, reproof, correction, and for training in righteousness, for that is exactly why the book of Ruth was written.

King David, who would rule Israel well as a “man after God’s own heart,” was Ruth’s great grandson.

1. God’s Sovereignty

God’s sovereignty has to do with His infinite wisdom, complete control, and authoritative rule over all creation for His divine purposes.

2. God’s Providence

“God’s providence is His constant care for His absolute rule over all His creation for His own glory and the good of His people.”

Under the fatherly providence of God, bereavement, disease, accident, poverty, disappointment, and disaster may become blessing.

3. Godly Individuals

A “worthy man” (2:1) and a “worthy woman” (3:11) are those who are more concerned about serving others than serving themselves, despite the more than difficult times. Their service to the Lord is characterized by loyal love and kindness towards those in need.

4. God’s Redemptive Plan

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