

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 26, 2009

“A Bittersweet Providence”
Ruth 1:15-22
Kyle Jenison

A. Naomi attempts to protect her daughter-in-law (15-18)

1. Naomi recalls sternly (15)
2. Ruth remains steadfast (16-17)
 - a. “Do not urge me to leave you
or turn back from following you;”
 - b. “For where you go, I will go,
and where you lodge, I will lodge.”
 - c. “Your people shall be my people,
and your God, my God.”
 - d. “Where you die, I will die,
and there I will be buried.”
 - e. “Thus may the Lord do to me, and worse,
if anything but death parts you and me.”
3. Naomi resigns suddenly (18)

B. Naomi approaches to prompt the whole city (19)

C. Naomi answers to protest the Almighty (20-21)

1. “The Almighty has embittered me.”
2. “The Lord has emptied me.”
3. “The Lord has witnessed against me.”
4. “The Almighty has weakened me.”

D. Naomi arrives to plant herself in Bethlehem (22)

Let us trust in the sweet providence of God and not grow bitter, doubting God's perfect love and purposeful plan for our lives.

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