

## June 8, 2016, Notes for the Bible Study and Prayer Call

I apologize for the shortness of the Notes for tonight. Today I was in town and did not return to late afternoon. So I was unable to prepare the depth of notes that I would have liked to prepare.

Again tonight I include what I included in past two nights, that the Way of the Lord is to do all things in the Works of His Seven Spirits. I would like to briefly review a wonderful example from the Scriptures of the testimony given through the use of six barleycorns and a scarf that gave witness to a Good Work asked of God.

As I have stated we should always know that God never changes His Ways, and that He does all things in the Ways of His Words and also in the Ways of the witness of (*“By the entrance of the Light of”*.) His Seven Spirits that always STAND before Him. In Isaiah 11:1-2 it is revealed that the 4<sup>th</sup> Spirit of God is His Counsel. And Word of God is unbreakable, and therefore His Counsel is always of Truth and is Truth. And we can also know that He bears witness to His Godhead in all things that are created, as Paul testifies to in Romans 1:18-25. So we should see, understand, and believe. Those verses testify that the Creation was made in the Ways of His Eternal Power (*His Words -Psalm 119:130, Ecclesiastes 8:4, and Psalm 33:4*) and His Godhead (*Inclusive of His Spirit that is in His Words in full measure – See John 3:34.*)

**Isaiah 11:1-2** <sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>**The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him** (*The Way of the 1<sup>st</sup> Spirit of God.*), **the Spirit of Wisdom** (*The Way of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Spirit of God.*) **and Understanding** (*The Way of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Spirit of God.*), **the Spirit of Counsel** (*The Way of the 4<sup>th</sup> Spirit of God.*) **and Might** (*The Way of the 5<sup>th</sup> Spirit of God.*), **the Spirit of Knowledge** (*The Way of the 6<sup>th</sup> Spirit of God.*) **and of the fear of the LORD** (*The Way of the 7<sup>th</sup> Spirit of God.*).

**Romans 1:18-25** <sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the Truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup>because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup>because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. <sup>24</sup>Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup>who exchanged the Truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

I would like to review a very intriguing account made known in the third chapter of the book of Ruth. It involves the use of doing a Good work in the Way of the 6<sup>th</sup> Spirit of God, and using His Words “Cover”, “Seed”, and several others could be included, such as “Hair”. I do not have time to write out this entire story, as it is a marvelous story and so much should be made known, but let us look at one event.

The event is when Ruth approaches Boaz in the Night on the Threshing Floor and lays at his feet. She then tells him to take her under his wing. We discussed the meaning of this wing the other night in a Bible Study. But, the item I would like to focus on quickly is the message that Boaz provides Ruth to show to Naomi.

Boaz responds that he has to clear the matter with another relative of his who has a closer right to redeem Ruth. But, he wants to redeem Ruth, so he does a Way of the Words that bears witness to Naomi that he will humbly go, trusting in the Lord, and he will not finish that day until the Work is finished and Ruth will have her answer. This story goes all the way back to Adam and Eve, and the birth rights and the work of redeeming the Work of a person for the Kingdom of God (*Adam and Eve had Seth to redeem the Kingdom Work lost when Cain slew Abel. The Work was re-established through Seth, and when Seth brought forth Enosh, man was again able to call on the Name of the Lord – in other words, to call upon the Words of God. The meaning of the work of the name Seth is established, or anointed, or compensated.*).

Here is the third chapter of Ruth. Consider what Boaz does with the Shawl of Ruth in verse 15, and consider what Naomi understands what this means in verse 18. This is a way of doing the Words of God in interesting way. And it reveals that Boaz is saying to the Lord that he was bearing witness that he was going forth that Day to do all that was required in the Ways of the Seven Spirits of God, and that the result will be determined by the Spirit of Truth – that does all things in the Will of God and the Eternal Plan of God.

**Ruth 3:1-4** <sup>1</sup>Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you? <sup>2</sup>Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup>Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup>Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do.”

**Ruth 3:5** <sup>5</sup>And she said to her, “All that you say to me I will do.”

<sup>6</sup>So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law instructed her. <sup>7</sup>And after Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was cheerful, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down.

**Ruth 3:8-9** <sup>8</sup>Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet. <sup>9</sup>And he said, “Who are you?” So she answered, “I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative.”

**Ruth 3:10-13** <sup>10</sup>Then he said, “Blessed are you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. <sup>11</sup>And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a virtuous woman. <sup>12</sup>Now it is true that I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I. <sup>13</sup>Stay this night, and in the morning it shall be that if he will perform the duty of a close relative for you—good; let him do it. But if he does not want to perform the duty for you, then I will perform the duty for you, as the LORD lives! Lie down until morning.”

**Ruth 3:14-15** <sup>14</sup>So she lay at his feet until morning, and she arose before one could recognize another. Then he said, “Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” <sup>15</sup>Also he said, “Bring the shawl that is on you and hold it.” **And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her. Then she went into the city.**

**Ruth 3:16-17** <sup>16</sup>When she came to her mother-in-law, she said, “Is that you, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her. <sup>17</sup>And she said, “These six measures of barley he gave me; for he said to me, **Do not go empty-handed to your mother-in-law.**”

Ruth 3:18 <sup>18</sup>Then she said, “Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; **FOR THE MAN WILL NOT REST until he has concluded the matter this day.**”

Some people translate this measurement of barley in verses 15 and 17 as being “Ephahs”. But, an ephah is equivalent to three fifths (3/5) of a bushel. That would mean that Ruth would have had to carry about three bushels of barley in her shawl. So that does not seem practical. There is a better explanation, for the Hebrew text is saying that Boaz measured out six measures of barley. The measurement of barley is normally considered to be a barleycorn that is equivalent to about 1/3 of an inch.

*The Hebrew word "ephah" (אֵיפָה) means a particular measure for grain, and "measure" in general. The measurement for an ephah is about 21.14 liters, or ten omers. A dry measure of about 3/5 of a bushel capacity.*

*Strong's #H8184, שְׁעָרִים, (“se`orah”) which means measures of barley. It is clear that Boaz intentionally utilized the well-known measurement of barleycorn, that is called as “measures of barley”. In today’s measurements it is referenced that each barley was equal to 1/3 of an inch.*

Ruth 3:15 <sup>15</sup>And he said, “Ready the shawl you are wearing and hold it,” and she held it, and he measured out six barleys and placed [them] upon her, and he came to the city.

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As you can see the Shawl is the Covering, and it is the testimony of the works of Ruth to do all that she could to redeem the Good Work of the Kingdom of God that was given to the name of her husband. And this would be accomplished by her marrying into the family and bearing a seed dedicated to the work of the name of her family. Of course through her seed would come Jesse the father of King David, and later Mary the mother of Jesus.

Boaz did the measurement of the barley, the humblest of the seeds for making the bread that is the symbol of instruction. The barley is usually planted in the Fall and it is a Spring harvest. The use of measuring out exactly a certain measure of seed, is asking of God that she – Ruth – has honored the Lord in being from a another land and leaving her parents to come to a land that she did not know, and to fulfill the work of honoring the name that God had given to that family to fulfill. She was more honorable than the people of Israel, even of her father in law and husband. She is the marvelous Gentile seed married into the Kingdom of God.

We can use this understanding of when one is committing to do a Good Work in a Day – or a set time made known up front – and that you are going forth to do what is known as Good and in the Will of God, but leaving the result to be in the Judgment of God. Boaz did not try to dissuade the other person who had a closer right to redeem Ruth. But, the Lord caused the results to be done to the honor of the Kingdom of God.

One could measure out a certain measure of clay for example, if they were seeking to enable a Good Work involving the Way to build something, for the Lord is the Potter. One could measure out salt in a statement of keeping a promise to resolve something in a fixed time. There are many ways to honor God in measurements and using a Shawl as a Covering. Or another item, such as a sash belt.