**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 27 October 2024**

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**Theme : GOD’s TRANSITION from Law to GRACE**

**Transition is A Period of Time for All to Go thru Any Circumstance in Life.**

**GOD’s Purpose of TRANSITION is to Bring us from the Natural to Eternity**

**> from Death to Life**

**> from Law to GRACE**

**GOD Uses ‘MARY’ and ‘JOSEPH’ for the Messiah ‘JESUS’ to Birth HIS SON.**

**GOD’s PLAN for RUTH in HIS TRANSITION Purpose for the Birth of the Messiah.**

**The TRANSITION of Naomi married to a Man ‘Elimelech’, with 2 sons in Bethlehem.**

**~ Mahlon and Chilion and All Migrated to Moab, but Elimelech died > Naomi, A Widow.**

**~ They married Moabite Women. Orpah and RUTH. Both the 2 sons Died in 10 years.**

**Ruth 1: 13 (NLT)**

“Would you wait for them to grow up and refuse to marry someone else? No, of course not, my daughters! Things are far more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD HIMSelf has raised HIS fist against me.”

**Ruth 1: 14 – 16 (NLT)**

And again they wept together, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But Ruth clung tightly to Naomi.

“Look,” Naomi said to her, “your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods.

You should do the same.”

But Ruth replied, “Don’t ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go;

wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your GOD will be my GOD.”

**Ruth 1: 17 – 18 (NLT)**

“Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!”

When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more.

**~ Naomi and Ruth Return.**

**Ruth 1: 19 – 20 (NLT)**

So the two of them continued on their journey. When they came to Bethlehem, the entire town was excited by their arrival. “Is it really Naomi?” the women asked.

“Don’t call me Naomi,” she responded. “Instead, call me Mara, for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me.”

**Ruth 1: 22 (NLT)**

So Naomi returned from Moab, accompanied by her daughter-in-law Ruth, the young Moabite woman.

They arrived in Bethlehem in late spring, at the beginning of the Barley Harvest.

**Ruth 2: 1 (NLT)**

Now there was a wealthy and influential man in Bethlehem named BOAZ, who was a relative of

Naomi’s husband, Elimelech.

**Ruth 2: 8 (NLT)**

BOAZ went over and said to Ruth, “Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us when you gather grain;

don’t go to any other fields. Stay right behind the young women working in my field.”

**Ruth 2: 11 (NLT)**

“Yes, I know,” BOAZ replied. “But I also know about everything you have done for

your mother-in-law since the death of your husband. I have heard how you left your

father and mother and your own land to live here among complete strangers.”

**Ruth 2: 12 (NLT)**

“May the LORD, the GOD of Israel, under Whose Wings you have come to take refuge,

Reward you fully for what you have done.”

**Ruth 2: 15 – 17 (NLT)**

When Ruth went back to work again, BOAZ ordered his young men,

“Let her gather grain right among the sheaves without stopping her.

And pull out some heads of barley from the bundles and drop them on purpose for her.

Let her pick them up, and don’t give her a hard time!”

So Ruth gathered barley there all day, and when she beat out the grain that evening,

it filled an entire basket.

**Ruth 2: 21 – 23 (NLT)**

Then Ruth said, “What’s more, BOAZ even told me to come back and stay with his harvesters until the

entire harvest is completed.”

“Good!” Naomi exclaimed. “Do as he said, my daughter. Stay with his young women

right through the whole harvest. You might be harassed in other fields, but

you’ll be safe with him.”

So Ruth worked alongside the women in BOAZ’s fields and gathered grain with them

until the end of the barley harvest. Then she continued working with them through

the wheat harvest in early summer. And all the while she lived with her mother-in-law.

**Ruth 3: 2 – 5 (NLT)**

“BOAZ is a close relative of ours, and he’s been very kind by letting you gather grain with his young women. Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor.”

Now do as I tell you - take a bath and put on perfume and dress in your nicest clothes.

Then go to the threshing floor, but don’t let BOAZ see you until he has finished eating and drinking.

Be sure to notice where he lies down; then go and uncover his feet and lie down there.

He will tell you what to do.”

“I will do everything you say,” RUTH replied.

**BOAZ – A Family Redeemer of NAOMI, as he is A Relative of her husband, Elimelech.**

**Ruth 3: 10 – 12 (NLT)**

“The LORD bless you, my daughter!” BOAZ exclaimed. “You are showing even more

family loyalty now than you did before, for you have not gone after a younger man,

whether rich or poor.

“Now don’t worry about a thing, my daughter. I will do what is necessary, for everyone in town knows

you are a virtuous woman.”

“But while it’s true that I am one of your family redeemers, there is another man who is more closely related to you than I am.”

**Ruth 4: 3 – 4 (NLT)**

And BOAZ said to the family redeemer, “You know Naomi, who came back from Moab.

She is selling the land that belonged to our relative Elimelech.

I thought I should speak to you about it so that you can redeem it if you wish.

If you want the land, then buy it here in the presence of these witnesses.

But if you don’t want it, let me know right away, because I am next in line to redeem it after you.”

The man replied, “All right, I’ll redeem it.”

**Ruth 4: 5 (NLT)**

Then BOAZ told him, “Of course, your purchase of the land from Naomi also requires

that you marry RUTH, the Moabite widow. That way she can have children who will

carry on her husband’s name and keep the land in the family.”

**Ruth 4: 6 (NLT)**

“Then I can’t redeem it,” the family redeemer replied, “because this might endanger my own estate.

You redeem the land; I cannot do it.”

**The Tradition of Redemption – Transferring the Right - He Drew off his sandal as he said to Boaz,**

**“You buy the land.”**

**Ruth 4: 9 (NLT)**

Then BOAZ said to the elders and to the crowd standing around, “You are witnesses that today I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelech, Chilion, and Mahlon.”

**Ruth 4: 10 (NLT)**

“And with the land I have acquired Ruth, the Moabite widow of Mahlon, to be my wife.

This way she can have a son to carry on the family name of her dead husband and to inherit the family property here in his hometown. You are all witnesses today.”

**Ruth 4: 13 (NLT)**

So Boaz took Ruth into his home, and she became his wife. When he slept with her,

the LORD enabled her to become pregnant, and she gave birth to A Son.

**Ruth 4: 14 – 15 (NLT)**

Then the women of the town said to Naomi, “Praise the LORD, who has now provided

A Redeemer for your family! May this child be famous in Israel.

May he restore your youth and care for you in your old age. For he is the son of your daughter-in-law who loves you and has been better to you than seven sons !”

**Ruth 4: 16 (NLT)**

Naomi took the baby and cuddled him to her breast. And she cared for him as if he were her own.

**Ruth 4: 17 (NLT)**

The neighbor women said, “Now at last Naomi has A Son again!” And they named him Obed.

He became the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David.

**Ruth 4: 18 – 22 (NLT)**

This is the Genealogical record of their ancestor Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron.

Hezron was the father of Ram. Ram was the father of Amminadab.

Amminadab was the father of Nahshon. Nahshon was the father of Salmon.

Salmon was the father of Boaz. Boaz was the father of Obed.

Obed was the father of Jesse. Jesse was the father of David.

**The book of the Genealogy of JESUS CHRIST, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:**

**Matthew 1: 2 – 4**

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.

Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.

Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon.

**Matthew 1: 5 – 6**

Salmon begot BOAZ by Rahab, BOAZ begot Obed by RUTH, Obed begot Jesse,

and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her *who had been*

*the wife* of Uriah.

**The Redemption from Law to Grace is by the Blood of the REDEEMER -**

**Ephesians 1: 7 – 10**

**In HIM we have Redemption through HIS Blood, the Forgiveness of sins, according to**

**the Riches of HIS GRACE**

**which HE Made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,**

**Having Made known to us the Mystery of HIS Will, according to HIS Good Pleasure**

**which HE Purposed in HIMSelf,**

**that in the Dispensation of the Fullness of the Times HE might Gather Together**

**in ONE all Things in CHRIST, both which are in Heaven and which are on earth**

**In HIM.**

**COMMUNION**

**Reference :**

**~ Hebrews 9: 11 – 12**

**~ Hebrews 9: 14**

**~ Psalm 103: 1 – 5**