

The Heart of Ruth

Ruth represents one who has seen the heart of Jesus concerning His Bride. Naomi is representative of those who are seed, of the household of Israel, and have oneness in the line of the family of God.

Ruth saw how much greater glory this change of form from incense and bread could bring to the heart of the Lord. She saw the potential for His filling in the earth through this heavenly form; the bride of God's heart. David was brought forth from their crushing and He is representative of the incense that is filled with the Lord's glory and fragrance. II Chronicles 16:14 says, *"And they buried him in his own sepulchers, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries art; and they made a very great burning for him."* In his death he manifested the incense he was in life." So they were bruised bread and crushed incense that brought forth fragrance. David was nourishment and living fragrance that filled all Israel.

Ruth entreated Naomi at the juncture where there could be the chance for them to be separated from each other at the threshing floor. She said, "I must be of the one that you are one with. His place, your place... my place. (lodge) God's people who are of this one, my people."

And she proceeds to entreat her to go to the place of being made bread, incense. Where you are beaten small, I will be beaten small, (die)... Where your earth identity is removed, so will mine be also, (buried). After they were of one heart to become of that heavenly fragrance through the process of the tabernacle, the Cross, the Altar, the beating, the bruising... then together they went to the place where bread was made. Together they laid themselves down on the table... on the altar to be brought through the process of adorning that would change them into His heavenly spiritual form that would be able to bring forth seed from above.

The greater glory of this heavenly Bride, the heavenly city... is that many individual seeds, spices, gardens, etc. have all come together to become of one heavenly form that can bear His glory spiritually and purely through the nature of the Lamb. The glory of the Heavenly Body is a oneness that fills by nature, spiritually discerned and not of flesh and blood. A mystery.

One seed cannot make a loaf of bread that can feed many. One spice can not produce enough fragrance to fill the earth. Many come together and manifest His fullness. Many flow together in the beauty of this nature manifesting the glory of the God-head. But only those who are of this will have His Spirit to do this.

Incense

It is a savor of life or of death. When Mary broke the ointment and poured it on Jesus, the room was filled. Instead of enjoying the savor, Judas rebuked her. When Jesus showed that this was a great moment, Judas saw it as waste. That moment defined Mary's heart. It also became the dividing moment for Judas. What should have been unto life in a great way became unto death in a great way. Love dwelt with hatred.

House Of Bread

Ruth 1:1-6

No bread in "House of Bread". People begin to pursue options when there is no bread in the place people claim and call it the "House of Bread". A famine can happen even if the NAME of your church is "House of Bread".

v.6 The way the Lord visits His people is by giving them bread (Bread of life). He does not visit by putting something on you but by putting something IN YOU. And it is not SOME THING but the Bread that He gives is His very Eternal Life in us.

We are the House. That house exists to be a dwelling place. Our designated purpose is to be a house of bread, not a house of experience, dancing and temporal movement. We do not visit the house and get these things – we are the House. These things may fall ON the House but it is what the House is filled with that is most important. What Naomi waited for was for the Bread to be back in the House of Bread.

Elimelech, Malon and Chilion all left the House of Bread to avoid the famine. Self-survival was at work. They did not want to be killed by the famine. But the goal is not to survive but to live by Christ. If there is no Bread the answer is not to move to a place that will sustain you without the life of Christ. The need is not for us to be sustained so there will be a continuance of us. The goal is to stay and seek Jesus until His life is formed in us. We are to not seek refuge for our earth lives but to seek Christ. The proof is found in that though these three sought refuge and were saved from the famine, they all lost their lives and were buried in Moab and not in Christ.

The show bread means "presence bread or bread of His presence". The presence of the Lord that He wants in His temple is His life not just the feeling of His presence.

Numbers 4:7 – presence. Shewbread or show bread is HOW God wants to be shown or made known.

The church has failed and people will seek elsewhere if we give them only gifts, blessings, experiences – they need the Bread of life. They need life and not just the benefits that THAT Life brings to us outwardly. We may have services that talk all about

Bread and discuss its ingredients, but Bread was made to be eaten, not talked about.

Bethlehem is where Jesus was born. It's the place where the Bread of life came forth for all of the people of God. Bethlehem is not famous for revival – it is renowned for bringing Jesus into the world. You are meant to be the House. Are you a Bethlehem?

Being a “House of Bread” means you are a place where hungry people can be fed on a diet of Christ within. We were made to be containers and vessels but never to be satisfied with outward things on us. We keep emphasizing getting God's presence in our services (which is an outward, abstract thing) while ignoring the presence of His life and ignoring His purpose to live in us.

As in the case with Naomi's family, God's purpose is to bring back this preparing us for the sufficiency God has provided. Once our self life is weak with hunger, then the Lord appears like on the Road to Damascus and we see the One who is ALL. Most have either misread the famine and moved on to Moab in order to strengthen their own life or the experience and revelation of the Lord has been so little that it has not knocked them off their horse of pride, personal ambition and self-guided mission.

The presence of Jesus outwardly on the Damascus road is only preparatory for the greater revelation of His life within. Paul did not preach the Jesus of the Damascus road but the Jesus who is revealed within. God does not just want to restore His presence in our houses of worship – He wants us to start acting like His house and let Him come in and live.

Too many are satisfied with little signs of increase but Jesus gave to the full and over abundance when Bread became the issue. He increased the loaves and fishes. Today many would be more pleased with an increase by a miracle increase of a loaf of bread than the increase of His life within.

The only thing that will bring God's people (represented by Naomi) back to right relations with the Lord and the people of God is Bread. When Bread shows up then God's people begin to arrive and enter back into what was already given by Joshua. Nothing but Bread lines everything else back up. Just the smell of this Bread begins to turn heads in Moab.

Jesus demonstrated what full satisfaction is at the feeding of the five thousand. Too many Christians are not satisfied. They ask for other things and they bless and they last a short time but God has made it that only Bread satisfies.

The problem with the answer being found in Bread is that you have to have a hunger for it. Hunger will open you up to Bread as an answer. Naomi turned to go back to Israel. She heard there was bread. There was no famine in Moab that caused Naomi to leave.