Ruth's confession of faith (i) (Quality: Very good)

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[0:00] The Lord do so to me and more also if ought but death part thee and me. The book of Ruth chapter 1 verses 16 and 17.

The book of Ruth is remarkable for the calling of this Moabitess and bringing her into the land of Israel to enjoy the blessings of that land of Israel.

So we shall not begin to attempt to understand the strange providences of God that should have taken Naomi and her husband and her two sons down into Moab.

Mysterious are the works of God. And there are some times when in regard to the things that may be done by the children of God cause us to remain silent.

But God gives no account of his matters. Though it may seem strange that Naomi should have left Israel with all its blessings despite the fact that there was a famine in the land.

[1:37] And go down into Moab where was a land of idolatry. Even though there was sufficient to satisfy the present daily needs.

This is a mystery indeed. We are able however to see the end of the matter. Which is that Ruth was called.

Ruth was brought upon. Ruth was brought into the fold of the people of God. We should not take it upon ourselves to regard this portion as justification for going down into Moab.

Leaving the blessings of Israel. Blessings of Israel. Even though there is a famine in the land.

Not every person that would follow such a course may ultimately be able to see the purpose of God in it. Now we see in the earlier verses.

[2:54] First of all the sad losses. Of which Naomi was called upon to sustain. The loss of her husband. And the loss of her two sons.

And so we read subsequently. Of the profound change. Which these circumstances had upon her. When she returned.

The people said. Is this Naomi? What a changed person. From the person that left us. The trials of life.

The chastisement of God. Will certainly make a change in a person. And if we should return. To our former associates.

They may well say. Is this Naomi? Is this Naomi? The one that was so full of blessing? The one that was so favored of the Lord?

[3:55] Is this Naomi? That now comes back in the bitterness of her spirit? In the sadness of her heart? Because of the losses that she has sustained?

But then. There were things yet to be wrought out. There were things yet to be revealed.

And though sorrow may endure for a night. Yet joy cometh in the morning. With Naomi it had been a night. And we may say.

If we might be allowed the expression. It had been a nightmare. With her. Because of the strange things that had happened. Undoubtedly she felt the impact upon them.

Upon her own spirit. That there was to come. A day of joy. There was to come. A day of revelation. There was to come. A time.

[4:53] When God. Would manifest his great work. When Ruth would be married to Boaz. And that in this. There should be a blessed time set before us.

For the generations to come. Of the wonder. Of God. Calling his church. And bringing that church to Christ.

As represented in Ruth. And Boaz. As representing. In type. The Lord Jesus Christ. So. In looking at that point.

We may see the beauty. If grace is given. Which is to be drawn. From this book of Ruth. However. With regard to our meditation this evening.

We are called upon to consider. A time of decision. A time of decision. This is not the kind of decision.

[5:53] That may be heard about. In some religious circles. Nevertheless. It was a time of decision. It is good for us.

To be brought to times of decision. Indecision. Can have a dreadful effect. Upon any person.

And it must have an effect. Which could be very adverse. Even to one's health of body and mind. In the mind. Nevertheless. This point of decision.

Was not reached. Until. The painful situation. Had been set before Ruth. Ruth and Orpah.

Naomi had. Put before them. The. Seriousness of the matter. She couldn't promise them anything. Indeed.

[6:52] She herself. Had suffered so much loss. And now. She was going. Home. To her. Relatives. And so on. But what. Could she offer these women.

Could she offer them husbands. Could she replace. The sons. That have been taken away. And therefore. She uses many entreaters.

Pointing out. The futility. Of associating. Of their associating. Her. Themselves. Any longer. With her. The Holy Ghost.

Causes. This. Situation. To arise. In order. That the heart. Of men. Or these. Rather. In this case. The women. Might be revealed.

Now. We need. Sometimes. Some painful. Situations. To arise. In order. That our hearts. And our thoughts. Might be revealed. What is hidden.

[7:53] In your heart. And mine. And therefore. God brings. A testing time. As he did. To Ruth. And now.

Me. As you will observe. She was. Persuasive. She certainly was. But he was. Persuasive. Persuasive.

That it would be. Wiser. For these two women. To go back. Now. There was a purpose. Of God. In this. Because.

Sometimes. This kind of. Persuasion. Will. Bring out. What is the real truth. In a person. And he brought out.

The real truth. In respect. To Ruth. Herself. So when. Naomi. Had said. Behold. Thy sister-in-law.

[8:49] Is gone back. Unto her people. And unto her gods. Return. There. After thy sister-in-law. God. How very different.

From the hammer of some. Who would do all they could. To at least. To have gained one person. To the cause of God. But.

Here. We find. Naomi. Suggesting. That she should return. Unto her people. And unto her gods. Now can we see.

A person. That. God is dealing with. Bringing. Bringing out of an ungodly world. An idolatrous world.

How should we deal with such a person. Could we venture. Have we faith enough. To say. Well now you return. You return. Unto your gods. You return.

[9:45] Unto your pleasures. How manifest. Would be the work of God. In the soul of such a person.

If. That person. Was to say. Like Ruth said. Entreat me not to leave thee. Or to return.

From following after thee. Now there was a. A clinging. Which was beyond nature. Discovered here.

There was something. That prevented. Now. Ruth from. Returning unto her gods. Returning unto her people. Returning unto those.

Amongst whom she had dwelt. All her life. Even returning unto those. That she might call her. Kith and kin. Why? Because.

[10:44] There was something. That she saw in Naomi. And what was that? It was this. That. The grace of God.

Was in this. Mother and law. Of Ruth. She was sustained. In a remarkable way. By. Almighty God.

The gods. That she had been accustomed. To worship. Idols. They had no power. To sustain. In the time of trouble. They had no power.

To uphold. When losses. Had to be. Met. But. Naomi. Was upheld. Naomi.

Naomi. Was sustained. Naomi. Was held on her way. Naomi. Was still found. Worshipping. The living God. And. Ruth. Evidently.

[11:39] Lived. Close enough. To Naomi. To see the effect. Of grace. In that woman's heart. Winning souls. For Christ. Will be affected.

In this way. More than in. Any other way. There are many people. That will watch. Watch the people of God. And we know not how many people.

Are watching us. Now what will they see in us? Will they see. The grace of God. Exhibited.

Especially in the time of loss. Especially in the time of bereavement. Especially in the time of adversity. Will they see.

Although they may not be able to describe it. He lends an unseen hand. And gives a secret prop. And because of this.

[12:39] Ruth says. Entreat me not to leave thee. Can not we believe this. That the grace of God.

Was observed in this. Mother in Israel. She had no high opinion of herself. And yet. By her quiet walking.

And her constancy. Even down in the land of Noah. There was a soul. As we may term it. One for Christ. A soul.

That was drawn. After that person. Because that person. Was seen to be drawn. After Christ. Entreat me not to leave thee.

Now you see. This strange persuasion. To go back. And join her people. And join her idols. Was the very means.

[13:39] By which God used. To bring out. What was in this woman's heart. And maybe. Some of you. Might have had the same kind of.

Experience. Where. A person. To your astonishment. Has suggested. That you should go back. Join the world. That you should go back.

And put your confidence. In the world. And worship the idols. Of the world. And not bother. To continue. To continue. Because. Here. We.

Walk in a pathway. Of tribulation. Here. Uh. Many things. Uh. That. Are. A pleasure. In the world. Have to be forsaken.

Here. Will you continue. I say. The question. May well be put. Now. Will you continue. If you come with me. I can't promise you.

[14:36] Uh. Any. Easy path. I cannot promise you. The pleasures. That the world. Appears to enjoy. You know. What they are. You can see. What they are.

Now. Why don't you go back. And enjoy them. At least. You know. That. What do you see here. A pathway. Of sorrow. And that pathway.

Alone. Ah. That's as far. As you can see. But. It goes on. Leads to the place. Where sorrow. Is unknown.

Well now. Cannot we say. That Ruth saw that. She. As it were. Penetrated. By the grace of God. Through all that.

She saw. With regard. To her own. Nation. That all. Was vanity. And vexation. Of spirits. All.

[15:32] Was to no purpose. All. Was empty. All. Was vain. But. Here. There was that. In Naomi's profession.

Poor as it was. That was different. From anything. That no. Moab. Could give her. We read.

In another part. Of God's word. That. Moab. Was particularly. Noted. For. Its pride. It. And then again.

We also read. Concerning Moab. That. It was. Not. Empted. From vessel. To vessel. And in consequence. It remained.

Saturated. As well as satisfied. In the pride. Of its heart. And so. Moab. Would be proud. Of its living.

[16:32] Would be proud. Of its idolatry. Would be proud. Of its pleasures. How typical. Of the world. That lies. In the hands. Of the wicked one.

How proud. They are. Of everything. But here is one. That God has dealt with. And it means.

Leaving her pride. Leaving that. Whereby. She could lift up. Her head. Above everyone else. And associate.

Herself. Herself. With one. Whom. The proud. In Moab. Would not wish. To associate. With. But.

Ruth says. Entreat. Me. Not. To leave thee. Say no more. About. My going. Back. To my gods. Say no more.

[17:29] About. My going. Back. To my people. I'm drawn. After thee. Drawn. After thee.

Surely. By. The love. A loving. Drawing. Of the father. The father. Draws. His. Chosen.

Race. With a bond. To Jesus Christ. To Jesus Christ. And to the people of God. Are we drawn. To the people of God.

God. And if they should suggest. Well. If you come with us. What can we promise you. If you come with us. How often it might be the case.

We're only a few people. To find. That. That. God's work in the soul. By such argument. Is discovered.

[18:25] Encreatment. Me. Not to leave thee. Speak. No further. To suggest. That I should leave thee. Or to return.

From following. After thee. There is some. Some significance. In this word. Or return. From following.

After thee. What a change. Has been. Taken place. In this. Moabitest. Pride. Will want to be first. That.

This woman. Blessed with the grace. Of God. Blessed with. Humility. Was ready. To be a follower. Or to return.

From following. After thee. Despite. That which. Naomi. Had said. Giving her.

[19:20] No. Hope. For the future. According to the. According to the. Thinking of this life. Yet. Surely.

There was this. Wrought by the. Spirit of God. In Ruth's heart. That. If she followed her. She would surely. Lead her. Into a good place.

She would surely. Lead her. To that place. Of blessing. Which Naomi. Had. Evidently. Known. In earlier years. Even if. For the present time. To the present time. She felt to be.

Sadly. In. A sorrowful state. Not to leave thee. Or to return. From following.

After thee. To me. To me. And now. She comes. With her. Confession. For. Whither. They'll goest. I will go.

[20:15] Where was. Naomi. Likely. To go. If we look.

Upon Naomi. As a type. Of a. Christian. Person. She was. Likely. To go. Where Christ. Was to be found.

And there. She. For. Ruth. Says. Whither. Thou. Goest. There. Will I. Go. And it. May be. That some. Have felt. That kind.

Of feeling. In their. Hearts. As they. Have. Been. At a point. Perhaps. Some of you. Might look back. Over the years.

And. You might. Remember. A time. When. You. You were. Searching. For the truth. And you. Weren't sure. Where the truth. Was. And then.

[21:14] You suddenly. Discovered. One. That knew. The truth. And therefore. You said. For. Whither. They'll. Goest. I. Will. Go. Go.

Because. I shall. Be led. To. The truth. I shall. Be led. To. Find. That. For which. I. Seek.

In. This. World. Of. Deceit. And. Lies. And. Every. Evil. Thing. If. Our. Eyes. Are. Open.

To. See. The end. Of. All. Those. Things. There's. One. Thing. Which. You. Be. Seeking. For. Above. Another. It. Is. The truth. And. The Lord. Jesus. Said. I. Am. The way.

The truth. And. The life. For. Whither. Thou. Goest. I. Will. Go. God. God. The psalmist.

[22:10] Said. I. Will. Go. In. The strength. Of. The Lord. God. I. Will. Make. Mention. Of. His. Righteousness. Even. Of. His. Only.

In. Ruth's. Observation. Observations. Of. Naomi. Would. She. Have. Seen. The. Occasions. When. She. Went. In. The strength. Of. The Lord.

God. Might. She. Not. Have. Come. To. The. Conclusion. That. She. Could. Not. Have. Continued. Unless. She. Had. Gone. In. The strength. Of. The Lord. God. I.

Will. Go. Whither. Thou. Goest. I. Will. Go. Now. We. Think. Of. The case. Of. Queen. Esther. In.

Her. Dilemma. When. The. Edict. Had. Gone. For. That. All. The Jews. Were. To. To. Be. Destroyed. And. Exterminated. She.

[23:07] Said. I. Will. Go. In. Unto. The. King. Which. Is. Not. According. To. The. Law. And.

If. I. Perish. I. Perish. People. Brought. Under.

A. Conviction. Of. Their. Sins. So. That. They. Feel. That. They. Are. Under. The. Edict. Of. Death. That. Judgment.

Is. Before. Them. That. Hell. Is. Before. Them. Have. Sometimes. Felt. Some. Consolation. In. That.

Little. History. Of. Esther. In. Her. Situation. I. Can. But. Perish. If. I. Go. I. Am. Resolved.

[24:02] Try. For. If. I. Stay. Away. I. Know. I. Must. Forever. Die. For. Whither.

They. Goest. I. Will. Go. It. Is. Observable. That. Ruth. Saw. That. There. Was. To. Be.

A. Going. A. Stand. Not. A. Standing. Still. To. It. Need. Not. Mean. A. Fast. Going. It.

Need. Not. Mean. A. Running. It. Not. Might. Sometimes. Not. Even. Be. A. Walking. But. There. Is. A. Going. Whether. They. Go.

I. Will. Go. And. Furthermore. In. The. Going. Slow. As. It. Was. To.

[24:55] Surrounded. With. Timidity. As. It. Was. Nevertheless. There. Was. A. Going. And. The. Going. Was. The. Result. Of. Drawing. And.

The. Going. Was. To. The. Land. Of. Israel. What. Was. In. The. Land. Of. Israel. That. Characterized. Them. And. Distinguished. Them. From. Any. Other. Country.

All. The. Nations. At. That. Time. Knew. That. Israel. Was. Blessed. With. The. Presence. Of. God. And. So. We.

May. Say. But. Naomi. Was. Going. To. That. Place. Where. The. Presence. Of. God. Was. Known. To. Exist. Where. The. Presence. Of. God. Was.

Known. To. Be. A. Power. Where. The. Presence. Of. God. Was. Known. To. Be. A. Defense. Where. The. Presence. Of. God. Was. Known. To. Be. A. Deliverer.

[25:48] From. All. The. Nations. Round. About. Where. The. Presence. Of. God. Was. Known. To. Be. A. Terror. To. All. The. Nations. Round. About. For. Whither.

They'll. Goest. I. Will. Go. And. She. Needed. Leading. Leading. If.

Naomi. Was. Walking. By. Faith. How. Much. More. Was. Ruth. Walking. By. Faith. Naomi. Had. An. Experience. Of. God. Of.

His. Wonderful. Works. Ruth. Was. As. It. Were. On. The. Beginning. In. The. Beginning. Of. It. But. She. Had. Seen. Some. Sufficient. Of. The. Work.

In. Naomi. To. Believe. That. She. She. Could. Go. She. Could. Feel. Safe. In. Saying. To. Naomi. Whither. Thou. Goest. I. Will. Go.

[26:41] Because. You. Lead. Me. Into. The. Truth. You. Lead. Me. Into. The. Right. Way. How. Good. It. Is. To. Be. Favored. With.

Mothers. In. Israel. It. May. Be. Said. That. In. Our. Day. There. Is. A. Lack. Of. Mothers. In. Israel.

But. There. Are. Some. There. Are. Some. And. Maybe. Some. Will. Listen. To. Mothers. In. Israel. Mothers.

In. Israel. To. Them. When. They. Are. In. Difficulty. In. Perplexity. They. Will. Say. Now. Whither. Thou. Goest. I. Will. Go. Because.

I. I. Am. Sure. That. The. The. Steps. You. Take. Will. Lead. Me. On. To. What. Steps.

[27:36] Will. Be. Taken. They. Will. Be. Steps. In. Prayer. Whither. Thou. Goest. I. Will. Go. And. Is. There. Not. A. Turning.

Aside. By. The. Mothers. In. Israel. By. The. People. Of. God. A. Step. A. Going. To. The. Throne. Of. Grace. See. The. People.

Of. God. They. Don't. Just. Go. On. And. On. How. Many. Times. They. Have. To. Go. But. In. Their. Going. Turn. Aside.

And. Pray. Unto. God. That. He. Will. Direct. Their. Steps. Guide. Me. Oh. They. Great. Jehovah. Pilgrim. Through. This. Barren. Land. I. Am.

Weak. But. Thou. Art. Mighty. Lead. Me. By. Thy. Powerful. Hand. Whether. They. Go. I. Will. Go. We.

[28:28] Shall. Find. The. Children. Of. God. The. Mothers. In. Israel. Going. To. The. Word. Of. God. My.

Early. Days. Of. Christian. Experience. Were. Were. Blessed. Days. In. As. I. Was. Brought. Under. The.

Instruction. Of. A. Mother. In. Israel. And. In. Connection. With. Her. I. Can. Say. This. Whither. Thou. Go. I. Will. Go.

And. How. Often. She. Went. To. The. Bible. How. Often. Now. I. Can. Remember. Her. Say. It. Now. What. Does. The. Bible. Say. Whither.

Thou. Go. I. Will. Go. Now. You. See. Here. We. May. Not. Be. So. Composite. With. The. Bible. As.

[29:24] Some. And. Therefore. It. Will. Say. To. Heaven. Whether. Thou. Goest. I. Will. Go. We're.

In. A. Perplexity. We're. In. A. Difficulty. What. Does. The. Scripture. Say. Can. You. Lead. Me. To. It. Whether.

Thou. Goest. I. Will. Go. How. Much. Need. There. Is. As. We. Walk. On. Our. Way. Zion. Ward. To. Mount. Zion. The.

City. Of. To. Consult. The. Word. Of. God. And. So. As.

Naomi. Went. Along. As. The. Children. Of. God. Go. Along. There. Will. Be. This. Observed. Whither.

[30:17] They. Goest. I. Will. Go. And. Here. We. May. Stop. A. Moment. To. Examine. Our. Own. Seals. Is. This. Where. We. Go. Where.

Others. Observe. Us. And. Say. Ah. I. Cannot. See. Them. But. I. Know. Where. They. Gone. They. Gone. To. The. Throne. Of. Grace. They.

Gone. To. The. Word. Of. God. They. Gone. To. Join. Prayer. With. Each. Inspection. That. They. May. Know.

The. Way. That. Is. To. Be. Taken. They. Gone. To. Him. Who. Alone. Wonderfully. Confident.

Job. Was. When. He. Said. Thou. Know. Know. The. Way. That. I. He. Know. It. The. Way. That. I. Take. And. When. He. Hath. Tried. Me. I. Shall. Come. For. As. Gold. He.

[31:11] Know. It. The. Way. That. I. Take. So. Whither. Thou. Go. I. Will. Go. I.

Will. Take. Me. To. Him. Who. Knows. The. Way. That. I. Take. And. That. Way. Is. An. Appointed. Way. As. Job.

Speaks. In. The. Same. Chapter. And. Many. He. Appointed. The. Thing. He. Performeth. The. Thing. That. Is. Appointed. For. Me.

And. Many. Such. Things. Are. With. Him. So. Then. Whither. Thou. Goest. I. Will. Go. And.

Then. I. Will. Go. In. The. Strength. Of. The. Lord. Walking. By. Faith. Depending.

[32:06] Upon. Him. Day. By. Day. The. People. Of. God. Do. Not. Go. Unwashedly. They. Do. Not. Go.

Unhaphazardly. But. They. Go. Walking. By. Faith. Not. By. Sight. Depending. Upon. God. Looking.

Unto. Jesus. The. Author. And. Finisher. Of. Our. Faith. Now. What. A. Blessing. For. People. To. See. In. Us. Our. Walk. That. They. May.

Say. Whether. They. Go. I. Will. Go. Looking. Unto. Jesus. The. Author. And. Finisher. Of. My. Faith. Also. And.

Where. They. Are. Logist. I. Will. Larch. We.

[33:04] Read. In. The. Book. Of. Judges. About. The. Shooting.

Of. The. Archers. In. The. Places. Of. Drawing. Water. And.

There. They. Shall. Rehears. The. Righteous. Acts. Of. The. Lord. With. Those. That. Lodge. In. The. Villages. From.

That. We. May. Draw. A. Conclusion. In. Respect. To. This. Where. Thou. Lodgest. Lodging. In. Those.

Places. Where. God's. People. Meet. Together. Now. We. Should. Observe. This. Point. The. Word. Is. Lodging. Lodging.

[34:07] Which. Is. Very. Distinct. From. Settling. Down. It. Is. True. That. Some. God. Has. Appointed. To. Lodge.

And. Remain. In. A. Certain. Place. All. Their. Days. And. We. See. This. Naturally. Speaking. There. Are. Those. That. Will. Be. Born.

In. A. House. And. Die. In. The. Same. House. While. Others. Will. Be. Moved. About. Many. Times. Now. A. Lodging. Is. For. Move on.

We. Lodge. Elsewhere. But. Ruth. Says. Where. Thou. Lodgest. I. Will. Lodge. May.

We. Consider. This. In. Respect. To. The. Clift. Of. The. Rock. If. We. Are. Born. Again. The.

[35:05] Place. Is. Where. The. Children. Of. God. Will. Lodge. Lodge. And. Desire. To. Lodge. Continually. Wherever. They. May. Be. Will. Be. In. The. Clift.

Of. The. Rock. Now. You. Will. Remember. Perhaps. The. Desire. Of. Moses. When.

God. Gave. Him. That. Assurance. That. His. Presence. Would. Go. With. Him. And. Moses. Saying. Show. Me. Now. Thy. Glory.

And. We. Find. That. When. Moses. Had. Made. That. Request. He.

Said. This. Behold. There. Is. A. Place. By. Me. And. There. Shall. Stand. Upon. A.

[35:56] Rock. And. It. Shall. Come. To. Pass. While. My. Glory. Passes. By. That. I. Will. Put. The. In. A. Clift. Of. The. Rock. And.

Will. Cover. The. With. My. Hand. When. I. Pass. By. And. I. Will. Take. Away. My. Hand. And. Thou. Shalt. See. My. Back. Parts. But. My. Face.

Shall. Not. Be. Seed. A. Clift. Of. The. Rock. Top. Lady. Has. This.

Well. Known. Him. On. This. Point. Rock. Of. Ages. Clift. For. Me. Let. Me. Hide. Myself. In. The.

A. Clift. Of. The. Rock. Will. Be. A. Hiding. Place. Return. To. Isaiah. 32. If. I. Miss. And. A. Man. Shall.

[36:51] Be. A. Hiding. Place. From. The. Storm. And. From. A. Tempest. Where. There. Lodges. I. Will. Lodge.

Under. The. Shadow. Of. Thy. Wings. We. Find. The. Psalmist. Making. A. Declaration. He.

That. Dwelleth. In. The. Secret. Places. In. The. Secret. Place. Of. The. Most. High. Shall. Abide. Under. The.

Shadow. Of. The. Almighty. Where. Thou. Lodgest. I. Will. Lodge. Now. Had. There. Not. Been.

Many. Opportunities. For. Rose. To. Observe. That. Naomi. Dwelt. Lodged. Under.

[37:45] The. Shadow. Of. The. Almighty. And. The. Shadow. Of. The. Almighty. Was. Particularly. Distinguished. By. The. Blood. When. I. See. The. Blood. I. Will. Pass. Over. You.

We. Are. Not. Given. The. Detail. Of. Things. That. Took. Place. In. Moab. During. The.

Sojourn. Of. Naomi. And. Her. Husband. And. Her. Sons. There. Because. But. We. Know. This. That.

Adverse. Troubles. Trials. Come. Upon. All. But. What. A.

[38 : 40] Difference. Is. Felt. In. The. Heart. Of. Those. Who. Dwell. Under. The. Shadow. Of. The. Almighty. In. Other. Words. Who.

Dwell. In. The. Shadow. Of. A. Great. Rock. In. A. Weary. Land. A. Rock. That. Is. Made. Known. And. Distinguished. By. The.

Blood. Of. The. Everlasting. Covenant. Where. Thou. Lodgest. I. Will. Lodge. Shall. We. Find. That. In. Our.

Heart. That. Was. In. The. Heart. Of. Ruth. That. She. Could. Lodge. She. Could. Feel. Safe. She. Could. Feel. Secure. Under. The. Blood.

Of. Covenant. Under. The. Blood. Of. Christ. The. Blood. Set. Forth. At. The. Passover. And. The.

[39:33] Israelites. Knew. The. Significance. Of. It. And. They. Knew. The. Power. Of. It. And. Knew. The. Preservation. That. It. Gave. And. They. Knew. The. Favor. That. It.

Bestowed. Upon. Them. But. We. Should. Notice. This. The. Wonderful. Condescension. Of. The. Almighty. God.

He. Says. When. I. See. The. Blood. I. Will. Pass. Over. You. And.

God. Will. See. The. Blood. Very. Often. A. Long. Time. Before. We. Can. See. It. Or. See. The. Significance. Of. It. But. God. Looks. At. It.

Right. From. The. Beginning. Where. Thou. Lodges. Will. I. Lodge. In. A. Dwelling. Wherein. The.

[40:27] Lintel. And. The. Doorpost. Has. Been. Marked. With. Blood. Without. Being. Sentimental. It.

Is. Some. Consolation. For. Our. Faith. Sometimes. To. Stretch. For. To. Believe. That. Our. Own. Dwellings. Are.

Under. The. Blood. Some. People. Some. Of. God's. People. Have. Had. Remarkable. Experiences.

Where. Their. Own. Places. Have. Been. Preserved. I. Know. There. Are. Others. That. Have. Lost. Their. Dwellings. But. In.

The. Cases. Where. Their. Dwellings. Have. Been. Preserved. Might. They. Not. Have. Praised. God. And. Felt. Deeply. Humbled. In.

[41:21] The. Presence. Of. God. Because. God. Looked. On. The. Blood. And. As. He. Looked. On. The. Blood. The. Avenging. Angel. Passed. Over. Them.

And. It. Was. God. That. Looked. On. The. They. Will. Do. Well. To. Look. On. The. Blood. Where. Thou. Lodgest. Will. I.

Lodge. And. Then. Again. The. Lodging. May. Be. Be. Said. To. Be. In. Agreement. With.

That. Precious. Word. Of. Truth. The. Eye. Of. The. Lord. Is. Upon. Them. That. Fear. Him. And. He. Will. Show. Them. His. Covenant.

Now. What. A. Place. This. Is. To. Lodge. Lodge. Under. The. Eye. Of. God. Lodge. Under. The. Eye. Of. God. In. The. Daytime. And.

[42:17] Lodge. Under. The. Eye. Of. God. In. The. Nighttime. And. Shall. We. Not. Remember. That. Which. Is. Written. He. That. Keepeth. Israel. Neither. Slumbers.

Nor. Sleeps. Where. Though. Lodgest. Will. I. Lodge. Now. Has. Ruth. Observed. This.

Remarkable. Feature. Of. Naomi's. Lodging. That. She. Lodged. Under. The. Eye. Of. God. The.

Eye. Of. God. Which. Was. Watching. Over. Her. Also. Watching. About. Her. Enemies. As. Well. Watching.

About. The. Pride. Of. Noam. And. Sometimes. Saying. Thus. Far. Shall. Thou. Come. And. No. Further. And.

[43:13] Here. Shall. Thy. Proud. Waves. Be. Stayed. Where. Thou. Lodgest. I. Will. Lodge.

Next. Point. We. We. Consider. In. This. Connection. He. Will. Rest. In. His. Love. And. As. Zephaniah. Speaks. In.

Connection. With. God. Himself. He. Will. Rest. In. His. Love. So. May. It. Be. Say. Concerning. The. People. Of. God. That.

They. Rest. They. Lodge. In. The. Love. Of. God. Have. You. Felt. That. To. Be. Your. Lodging. Place. And.

Have. Others. Observed. It. To. Be. Your. Lodging. Place. Where. Thou. Lodgest. I. Will. Lodge. Oh. That. I. Might. Be. Granted. The. Favor.

[44:05] To. Lodge. Where. You. Lodge. In. The. Love. Of. God. Now. You. See. How. Is. The. Love. Of. God.

Manifested. Sometimes. It. Is. Manifested. Like. This. The. Eternal. God. Is. Thy. Refuge.

And. Underneath. Are. The. Everlasting. Arms. Have. You. Lodged. There. And.

When. You. Lodged. There. Have. You. Not. Felt. That. You. Been. Lodging. In. The. Love. Of. God. The. Mercy. Of. God. The. Compassion. Of. God.

Also. But. Then. As. We. Have. Mentioned. He. Will. Rest. In. His. Love. In.

[44:58] This. World. There. Is. Little. Rest. The. Word. Of. God. Tells. Us. And. Let. God. Betray. On. Every. Man. A. Liar. That. There.

Is. No. Rest. To. The. Wicked. None. At. All. They. Are. Like. A. Troubled. Sea. Casting. Out. Mar. And. Dirt. But. There. Is. A.

Rest. That. Remaineth. To. The. People. Of. God. And. That. Rest. Is. Not. Necessarily. To. Be. Consider. As.

When. We. Come. To. Heaven. Itself. You. Know. The. In. The. Promises.

He. Has. Spoken. Rest. Upon. The. Foundation. Of. Their. Hope. Which. Is. Laid. In. Oath. And.

[45:51] Promises. And. Blood. Where. They. Lodgest. I. Will. Lodge. Good. It. Is. To.

Have. A. Desire. After. Good. Things. If. God. Has. Created. In. Us. A. Desire. Then. He. Will. Subsequently. Create.

In. Us. That. Which. Is. The. Performance. For. It. Is. Written. It. Is. God. That. Worketh. In. You. Both. To. Will. And. To. Do. Of.

His. Good. Pleasure. Where. They. O. Lodgest. I. Will. Lodge. Thy. People. Shall.

Be. My. People. And. Thy. God. My. God. Now. What. A. Change. Has. Been. Wrought. Here. Has.

[46:45] It. Been. Wrought. In. Our. Heart. And. In. Our. Experience. Have. We. Had. We. Had. Such. A. Complete. Turnabout. As. It. Were. Thy. People.

Shall. Be. My. People. Leaving. Forgetting. Her.

Father's. House. And. Cleaving. Unto. A. People. That. She. Knew. Little. About. But. She. Knew. If.

Naomi. Was. An. Example. That. These. People. Were. A. Favored. People. When. It. May. Have. Been. That.

There. Was. A. Familiarity. With. That. Referent. Which. Is. Made. In. The. Book. Of. Deuteronomy. Where. We. Read.

[47:39] And. Of. Naphtali. He. Said. O. Naphtali. Satisfied. With. Favor. And. Full.

With. The. Blessing. Of. The. Lord. Possess. Thou. The. West. And. The. South. Then.

Coming. Down. To. The. Last. Verse. Of. That. Chapter. Happy. Art. Thou. O. Israel. O. People. Who. Is. Light. Unto. The. O. People. Saved.

By. The. Lord. The. Shield. Of. Thy. Help. And. Who. Is. The. Sword. Of. Thy. Excellency. Thine. Enemy. Shall. Be. Found. Liars.

Unto. The. And. Thou. Shalt. Cread. On. Their. High. Places. Thy. People. Shall. Be. My. People.

[48:31] What. A. Wonderful. Claim. For. A. Person. To. Make. To.

Forsake. Our. Own. People. Forsake. Our. Own. Family. As. Ruth. Had. Done. Forsake.

Her. Former. Life. And. Cleave. To. Another. People. Even. In. This. Early. Stage. And.

It. Was. An. Early. Stage. In. Her. Experience. She. Had. Not. Yet. Enjoyed. The. Benefits. That. She. Was. To. Enjoy. When. She. Came. Into. The.

Gospel. Field. In. All. Its. Fullness. And. When. She. Was. To. Come. Under. Surveillance. Of. Boaz. And. When. She. Was. Subsequently. To. Know.

[49:25] The. Blessings. Which. Are. Contained. In. The. Gospel. Field. And. The. Beauty. That. Was. To. Be. Discovered. In. Boaz. Himself.

These. Things. She. Had. Not. Yet. Learned. She. Had. Not. Had. Experience. Of. But. She. Had. Sufficient. And. It. May. May. Be. Said. That.

What. She. Had. Was. Not. Particularly. Attractive. And. Yet. God. Had. Done. Something. Within. Her. That. Caused. Her. To. Say. Thy. People. Shall. Be. My. People.

Because. I. Can. See. This. That. They. Are. Favored. People. And. I. Can. See. This. That. God. Is. With. Them. And. So. We. May. Remember.

This. If. God. Before. Us. Who. Can. Be. Against. Us. God. People. Now. It. Is. A. Great. Blessing.

[50:18] To. Have. That. In. Our. Hearts. That. Will. Associate. With. The. People. Of. God. And. To. Find. In. The. People. Of. God. Something. That. All. Other. People. Haven't. Got. They. May. Be. Poor. Despised. For. God. But.

Their. Own. God. He. Changes. Not. Because. Of. This. We. Have. This. Confession. Thy.

People. Shall. Be. My. People. Is. It. Possible. That. She. Could. Make. Such. A. Demand. God. Had. Brought. In. Her.

Soul. That. Which. Caused. Her. To. Express. Such. A. Determination. Has. God. Done. That. With. Us. That. He.

[51:12] Has. Given. Us. Such. A. Determination. That. We. Might. Be. Numbered. With. The. People. Of. God. With. Them. Numbered. May. I. Be. Now. Through.

Eternity. Thy. People. Shall. Be. My. People. We. Shall. Have. To. Leave. It. For. This. Evening. At. This. Point.