



THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH

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THY GOD MY GOD

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Ruth 1:6-18*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

The love Ruth displayed for her mother-in-law Naomi depicts the love and faithfulness we must all possess in serving the Lord Jesus Christ. Ruth's exhortation of love, and obedience spoken to Naomi, is a spiritual example of how we too must declare our love unto the Lord Jesus Christ (*I Samuel 3:16-18; I Kings 18:39; Mark 12:28-31*). “. . . *For whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God*” (*Ruth 1:16*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother (Matthew 12:50).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. Ruth's spiritual decision to go with Naomi shows us what we must do to faithfully follow the Lord Jesus Christ in our daily lives (*Ruth 1:17; John 10:27, 12:26*).
2. Ruth's spiritual decision to lodge with Naomi identifies us as true born-again believers, who have been baptized by immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ, and filled with God's Holy Spirit (*Ruth 1:17; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; John 3:5-7; Acts 2:38, 4:12*).
3. Ruth said, “. . . *thy people shall be my people.*” It shows us how we must forsake our sinful ways, and become a part of the Body of Christ (*Ruth 1:16; Psalm 100:3*).
4. “Thy God my God” as stated by Ruth is an example of how mankind can receive salvation by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as the only true and living God (*Ruth 1:16; John 13:13-17; James 1:22-25*).

5. Upon death, Ruth said she would be buried with Naomi. This relates to the promise given by the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers for eternal life in heaven above (*Ruth 1:17; John 14:2; Revelation 4:1*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Ruth made a spiritual decision to follow her mother-in-law Naomi, and in doing so she left her Moabite life of idolatry, and accepted the God of the Israelites, the Lord Jesus Christ. In turn, her important sevenfold decision displayed her true repentance, and departure from sin, as denoted in *II Corinthians 7:10*, “*For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*”

Today we honor all of our mothers, grandmothers, and mothers-to-be in the Lord who are wonderful Christian examples of serving the Lord Jesus Christ with great diligence, and unwavering faithfulness. After a campaign by Miss Anne Jarvis, President Woodrow Wilson signed a joint resolution of Congress and Mother's Day started the second Sunday in May, 1915.

LESSON SUMMARY:

Ruth took a spiritual stand to follow her mother-in-law Naomi, and thereby became a mother who is mentioned in the genealogy that leads to the Lord Jesus Christ, explaining His coming from the line of David (*Matthew 1:5-6, 16*). Like Ruth, let us take a spiritual stand for the Lord Jesus Christ, and testify concerning His soon coming to bring a harvest of souls unto Him, and help to usher in another Day of Pentecost.

Today, we also celebrate The Apostolic Faith Church, President Roxas Branch, 22nd Anniversary in Cotabato, Mindanao, Philippines. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless Pastor Vesper and Sis. Maribel Aspera, and the wonderful Saints of God at our President Roxas Branch Church.

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