

General Questions about the Text:

Ruth 4:1-12

What is the intended message of the writer?

Does the sermon capture the main point of the text?

What doctrinal truth is emphasized here?

How is that truth consistent with the rest of Scripture?

What promise is given? Have I been leaning on that promise?

What errors or sins does this passage warn against, which I easily fall prey to?

How can I use this passage to fight against such sins?

Are there duties and responsibilities in this passage that I am neglecting?

Specific questions about the Sermon: “Stumbling Blocks and the Glory of God”

1. We have learned from the book of Ruth that all of the believer’s life is not free of afflictions and obstacles. What was so significant in the way Ruth and Naomi responded (Ruth 3:18) to the last obstacle in their lives? What does waiting mean? Psalm 62:5 says, *“For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.”* "How do we wait for him?" What makes waiting an evidence of genuine hope in God?

2. Ruth and Naomi’s obstacle was the same obstacle that Boaz faced first. What was commendable in the way Boaz responded to the situation?

3. We learned that Boaz was not obligated according to the Israelite’s law (Deut. 25:5-10) to redeem Ruth since the nearer kinsman redeemer was around. What kind of mature masculinity did he display in the story? How did Boaz’s life help us see the nature of the Gospel and Christ who is our ultimate Redeemer?