

## Scriptures – 3/6/2022

Ruth 1:1 - 19

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled,<sup>£</sup> there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. <sup>2</sup>The man's name was Elimelech, his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

<sup>3</sup>Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup>When she heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. <sup>7</sup>With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

<sup>8</sup>Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. <sup>9</sup>May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them and they wept aloud <sup>10</sup>and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

<sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth

to sons—<sup>13</sup>would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD'S hand has gone out against me!”

<sup>14</sup>At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup>“Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.”

<sup>16</sup>But Ruth replied, “Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.” <sup>18</sup>When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

<sup>19</sup>So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, “Can this be Naomi?”

Psalm 91:1 - 2

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalm 91:9 - 16

<sup>9</sup>If you make the Most High your dwelling—  
even the LORD, who is my refuge—

<sup>10</sup> then no harm will befall you,  
no disaster will come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways;

<sup>12</sup> they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;  
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup> "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;  
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

<sup>15</sup> He will call upon me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble,  
I will deliver him and honor him.

<sup>16</sup> With long life will I satisfy him  
and show him my salvation."

## Luke 4:1 - 13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup>The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup>So if you worship me, it will all be yours.”

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

<sup>9</sup>The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup>For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered, “It says: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.