

## 6 Women of Christmas!

(And what they can teach us)

Ruth 1; Matthew 1:5-6

December 18, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

### IV. The fourth woman of Christmas – \_\_\_\_\_!

#### A. Who is Ruth?

"Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there. Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years. Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband." (Ruth 1:1-5; NKJ)

#### B. What did Ruth do?

"Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread. Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ...." (Ruth 1:1-15; NKJ)

"But Ruth said: 'Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me.' When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her.'" (Ruth 1:16-18; NKJ)

#### C. What is the Christmas connection?

"Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by

Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king." (Matthew 1:2-6; NKJ)

### D. What is Ruth's legacy for you this Christmas?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that brings \_\_\_\_\_ !

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,..." (Titus 2:11; NKJ)

### 2. Understand the nature and need of \_\_\_\_\_ !

"...your people shall be my people, and your God, my God."

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9; NKJ)

### 3. Put your \_\_\_\_\_ in the God who is \_\_\_\_\_ in the affairs of your life! (v18)

### 4. Demonstrate your \_\_\_\_\_ to the people of God!

"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." (Romans 8:29; NKJ)

"...so that he might be the firstborn of a large family." (NTE)

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Ephesians 4:1-6; NKJ)