

Ruth 4:9–10

Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, “You are witnesses this day that I have bought from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and to Mahlon. Also Ruth the Moabite, the widow of Mahlon, I have bought to be my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead in his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his native place. You are witnesses this day.”

REFLECTIONS

- What is the relationship between Divine Covenants and the Sovereignty and Providence of God? Do you think it's possible for God to not only be a covenant-making but also covenant-keeping God and not also be Sovereign? Why, or why not?
- How does the deposit Boaz gave to Ruth foreshadow the deposit of the Holy Spirit given to us?
- How does the redemption custom of Boaz at the gate function as a covenant enactment?
- What are the similarities between Boaz's redemption of a bride and Jesus' redemption of a bride?
- How do redemption, covenant, and God's sovereignty work together? What might we lose if any one of those is missing? What might we gain by understanding the relationship and necessity of those three things?