

Responding in a Godly Fashion to God's Sovereignty in Our Lives
Ruth #2 – Our Response – to God's Provision
Ruth 1-4

We see God's Provision in His Sovereignty by:

- [1] His Overall Design of Our Lives
- [2] His Controlling of the Circumstances of our Lives
- [3] His Guidance through the Choices of our Lives
- [4] His Guidance through the "Happenstances" of our Lives
- [5] His Guidance through the Desires of our Lives
- [6] His Controlling of the Outcomes of our Lives

It is evident that we do not control these things – as much as we might wish to do so. What we do control, though, is how we respond to the circumstances He introduces into our lives. Since the circumstances differ for all of us, the call to respond differs as well. We are judged by how we individually respond to those things He introduces into our lives. Notice the example of Ruth.

We see a response of:

1A. Selfless Sacrifice – *"you left your father & your mother"* – Ruth 2:11; 1:1-22

2A. Selfless Surrender – *"with thee thou goest, I will go...thy God – my God"* – Ruth 1:15-18

3A. Selfless Service – Ruth 2:1-23

4A. Selfless Submission (responding to Naomi's suggestion) – Ruth 3:1-4:12

1B. Submission to the will of her Mother-in-law – 3:1-5

1C. The Emphasis on "Kinsman Redeemer" (*23 references in Ruth*)

2C. The Concept of "Kinsman Redeemer"

1D. An Unfortunate Example

2D. A Great Example

3C. The Pursuit of a "Kinsman Redeemer" – *"shall I not seek a place of rest for you?"* – 3:1, 1:9

2B. Submission to the will of Boaz – 3:6-4:12

3B. Submission to the will of God – *"the Lord, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge"*

5A. Selfless Satisfaction (She could accept her role & let the child be seen as Naomi's) – Ruth 4:13-22