

Sermon Notes

FROM CHOICE TO COMMITMENT

Ruth 1:7-22

I. Introduction & Recap Ruth 1.1-6

- A. The family went the way of the world

- B. Naomi undertook baby steps in coming back to the Lord

- C. The LORD has visited His people by giving them bread

II. Naomi and Orpah's choices vs 7-14

- A. Naomi choose to go back to the Promised Land alone because:
 - i. The future of 1 aged and 2 young widows is dark and bleak vs 11-13

 - ii. She loves her daughter-in-laws like her own daughters (cf vs 11-12) and wishes that they could remarry and have secured lives again

- B. Orpah chose to return to her people and her gods. vs 15

III. Ruth's choice and commitment vs 16-18

- A. Ruth turned away from his people and their gods

- B. Ruth chose the people of God and Jehovah their God

With reference to:

- i. The people of God at large

- ii. The local church

C. Ruth affirmed her choices by her commitment vs 16a, 17

D. Postscript vs 19-22

i. The embittered Naomi and a determined Ruth returned to Bethlehem

ii. The Lord is giving a “timely bread” to His children

IV. Why was Ruth willing to make the choice and commitment of returning back to Bethlehem with Naomi and embracing the Lord as her God and His people and her people?