

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Ruth 1:16-17

I. INTRODUCTION

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons.

Ruth 1:1-3

II. THE CONTEXT OF THE BOOK OF RUTH

• Abraham and the Patriarchs

The patriarchs learn that God is great and good.

• Egypt and the Exodus

Israel learns that God <u>remembers</u> and <u>delivers</u> His people.

- Wandering in the Wilderness Israel learns that God is <u>holy</u>.
- Conquest of Canaan
 Israel learns that God provides for His people.
- Judges
 Israel learns that God is just.
- Ruth

Naomi learns that God <u>guides</u> and <u>redeems</u> the lives of His people.

III. RESPONSE

The Church

We learn that God is <u>faithful</u>.

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