

"Search for Security" Ruth 1

In the uncertainty and instability of life, security is only found by seeking refuge in God who alone is both sovereign and good!

Security search

- I. Setting (1-2)
- II. Elimelech's search (3-5)
- III. Women's search (7-17)

"Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?'"

—Ruth 3:1

"May the Lord reward your work, and your wages be full from the Lord of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge."

—Ruth 2:12

Security outside of God always falls apart!
So forsake security outside of God!

Security in God

- I. Naomi's viewpoint (19-21)
 - A. She sees God's Control
 - B. She dismisses God's goodness

- II. Better viewpoint

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all."

—1 Chronicles 29:11

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose."

—Romans 8:28

“How great is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You, which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You, before the sons of men! You hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the conspiracies of man.”

—Psalm 31:19-20

“For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, how blessed is the man who trusts in You!”

—Psalm 84:11-12

Security is found only in a God
who is both in control and good!

“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”

—Matthew 16:25