

“And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people.”

Ruth 4:9a

Standing in the courtroom, Boaz reveals himself as an able and willing kinsman. He speaks to those who are waiting for him to speak. Why are they waiting? Because the near kinsman has taken off his shoe and given it into the hand of Boaz – a custom that shows inability and ability. The near kinsman is saying, “I cannot,” and Boaz is saying, I am willing and able.” Boaz says, “Ye are witnesses this day that I have brought all that was Elimelech’s.” Standing amongst his people, he points to the past; the past has to do with guilt. Elimelech had sold his God-given inheritance, and now Boaz accepts that guilt and will redeem that lost inheritance. He knows that now the price must be paid to make right and restore what has been lost.

Who, here, does not think of the Greater Boaz, the Lord Jesus Christ? We have willingly turned away from the Lord; therefore, we have lost everything, but from the stillness of eternity, the Lord has ordained a way by which the guilt can be removed and what is lost can be restored. However, the price must be paid. That is why the Greater Boaz stood in the presence of His holy Father, saying, “Send Me, and I will pay the price to redeem what is lost.”

When faith may now look upon Him, then there is a people who long for the application of this wonder unto their heart. They long to hear that the price is paid and that He will now cast their sins into a sea of eternal forgetfulness. How precious and how suitable the Greater Boaz becomes, here, for His people. My young people, this is more to be desired than all the gold and silver of the world. I hope you may beg the Lord for this wonder to take place in your heart.
~Rev. J. den Hoed

Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. John 19:11

“Those whom God intends to succour and defend are not only safe against one kind of dangers, but are as it were surrounded by impregnable ramparts on all sides, so that, should a thousand deaths be presented to their view, they ought not to be afraid even at this formidable array.” ~Calvin

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*Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but
unto thy name give glory, for thy
mercy, and for thy truth's sake.*

Psalms 115:1

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