

Ruth's Two Unions

Ruth 4:9-13

- 9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.
- 10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.
- 11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem:
- 12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.
- 13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

Invisible Union

- **Our first husband was the Adamic nature**
 - Naturally brings forth all that is recorded against us in the Books
 - The **caral nature**, which is enmity against God
 - Showing that we can never come into Union with Him unless this first husband dies
- **Our new Husband is the Divine nature**
 - **This alone** can bring us to the Promise
 - To fulfil all that is written of us in the Lamb's Book of Life
- **The Marriage Union comes through the new birth**
- And the New Birth **comes through the Revelation of Jesus Christ**
 - Born again of **incorruptible Seed**
- "Because we are seed we can be born again".
 - Predestined unto the adoption of sons
- There will be a striving during this birth
 - As with Esau and Jacob in the womb of Rebekah
 - Bringing forth Isaac's seed of promise

Gen 25:21-22

- 21 And Isaac intreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.
- 22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the LORD.

The Two Books

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206 Life is a sacred thing, to God, and it's recorded in a book. God is the author of life. ...

207 Our natural life here, we have, is just a perversion. It really should be the right life, to begin with, but it's **perverted by the natural birth**. The **first life**, or **your first union**, you were joined in at birth, by nature, a natural act.


212 Now, it was nature, associated with death. **Your first husband, that had rule over you, was your nature by natural birth**. Natural, **you love the world because you are the world**, and part of the world. That right? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] **Your desires was, by nature, to love the world which you're a part of**. You're a part of nature. You believe that? ["Amen."] And that's your natural thing.

213 That's the reason you have to be born again. You have to separate; **you have to die to that first husband**. You can't live with it. You just can't say, "Well, I'll divorce him, and hang him up here till occasion." No, sir. No writing of divorcement! **He dies. The nature of the world has to die**. Every speck of him has to die. **You have to be reunited, again, with another Nature**.

- **Everything you did under that nature** – Politics, sports, fashions etc

214 **Your name of your first nature, was born, and put in a book of life.** All your deeds was wrote in it, too. **Everything you done under that nature** was put in a book, called the book of life.

The Bride and the Book of Life

 **Dan 7:9-10**

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.
10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

 **Rev 20:12**

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: **and another book was opened, which is the book of life:** and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works.**

215 You notice, in Daniel, when he come to "the Ancient of Days, Whose hair was as white as wool. **Ten thousand times ten thousands came with Him, to minister to Him; the Bride. And then the books were opened.**" "And **another Book was opened, which was the Book of Life.**" See? **There is saints already there, the Church, the Bride.** "Another Book was opened, which was the Book of Life."

- The manifestation of the Lamb's Book of Life is standing with the Lamb, ministering to Him

Remarried – Spiritual Union

- Born again or remarried

216 ... Your natural desire is to **cut your hair**. Your natural desire is to **wear shorts, paint your face**. Your natural desire is to be **intellectual, smart man**, know something better than the other. ...

222 Well, you separated from your first union, by spiritual death. **Now you are born again, or remarried again, to the new spiritual union;** of not your natural life of the things of the world, but of Eternal Life. **That germ that was in you at the beginning, found you.**

- When did it find you?
 - As soon as **the Light crossed your path**
 - You heard from your theophany

223 **Now, your old book is gone, with your old union.** ... God put it in **the Sea of His Forgetfulness.** You stand perfectly before God.

Your Marriage Certificate

- The Bride's Marriage Certificate is the Lamb's Book of Life
 - And when was this Book written?

224 Now, your name is now **not the book of life, but the Lamb's Book of Life, what the Lamb redeemed. Not the old book of your natural union,** but your new, Bride. Hallelujah! **Your new life is in the Lamb's Book of Life, your marriage certificate, hallelujah, where your true Eternal germ, from the beginning, takes hold.** Now **you're not only forgiven, but you're justified.** Glory! "Justified," Romans 5:1 said. Yeah. Romans 5:1 said, "Therefore being justified by faith."

Predestinated

- The start of this Union is when the anointed Word for the hour is presented before you
 - Brings to life the predestinated Eternal Life seed
- When He displays His great characteristics before you

240 **The anointed Word of God being vindicated before any man that's born to be a son of God, with the predestinated germ into him for this hour, he'll see God's Message as sure as there's a God in Heaven.** Martin Luther saw It for his. Wesley saw It for his. The Pentecostal saw It for his. Now what about you? See? ... **The real, genuine eagles hear.** "My sheep know My Voice. The stranger they'll not follow."

- You were **never ordained** to your first marriage union
 - You were always ordained to be the Bride of Christ
- Just as much as **David and Bathsheba** were ordained to bring forth Solomon
 - But **it was adultery** for them to come along as long as Uriah was still alive
- **As part of the Word, she will manifest her part of the Word**
 - **Given the right conditions** she will bring forth all that she is ordained to
 - Just **keep that Seed in the Presence of the Son**

241 Why? **It was put in there by predestination.** You were **foreordained to a son of God.** You were **in God before the foundation of the world.** You're only **manifested in this day for His honor and glory.** How can you do it **without honoring His Word,** and stand with every Word of God? Yes, sir. Which, you are a part of that Word, by predestination. Because, look, the God is the Word. You believe it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Well, then, if... He always was the Word. "In the beginning was the Word." And if the Word was God, then you were in God. The Word, the part that you're to play, was in God before the foundation of the world. He seen you. He knew you. He predestinated you to it.

- Therefore you **become a manifestation of the Word** as you enter into this spiritual union

Ruth, Mahlon and Boaz

- Ruth was **first married to Mahlon**
 - A **backslidden man** who had **left his predestined position** due to natural circumstances
- **Moab** came from a **union between Lot and his daughter**

Rth 1:1-6

1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that **there was a famine in the land.** And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.
 2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and **the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion,** Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

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50 ... They had a son "Mahlon," ... that means "**sickness.**"

3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.
 4 And **they took them wives of the women of Moab;** the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other **Ruth:** and they dwelled there about ten years.
 5 **And Mahlon and Chilion died also** both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.
 6 Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: **for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.**

- This wasn't her predestined union
 - **Her portion** in the Lamb's Book of Life was unto union with Boaz

Rth 2:1

1 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, **a mighty man of wealth,** of the family of Elimelech; and **his name was Boaz.**

and his name was Boaz; which signifies, "in him is strength", **strength of riches, power, virtue, and grace;** it is the name of one of the pillars in Solomon's temple, so called from its strength ...

- **A mighty man and a type of Christ**
 - Mighty in the Law
- He could in no ways have remained **mighty in virtue and mighty in the Law** if he entered into union with Ruth is she was **still in union with Mahlon**
 - Unlawful union

- He could **do absolutely nothing for her, and remain righteous**, as long as she was still under this covenant relationship with Mahlon
 - She could only move into the Channel of Redemption **after the death of her first husband**
- She may have **crossed Jordan** and even **come into Boaz's Field**
 - She may have **remained there for years**
- But the **Plan of Redemption in her life could go no further** until her first husband died
 - Divorce wouldn't do it
 - It **requires death**
- **"God has taken you as far as He can take you until you are willing to pay a greater price"**
- This **explains the title** of certain of the messages –
 - "Why Do some find it hard to Live a Christian Life?"
 - "Why are people so Tossed About?"

From Barrenness to Fruitfulness

- She **remains barren** under this union with Mahlon for 10 years
 - **Unfruitful concerning her part in the great redemptive Plan** while still united to Mahlon

Rth 1:4

4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they **dwelled there about ten years.**

And they took them wives - The Targum very properly observes, that **they transgressed the decree of the word of the Lord, and took to themselves strange women.**

- **What did this union with Mahlon achieve in this 10 years?**
 - Leaves her **in poverty**
 - Leaves her **barren and unfruitful**
 - Leaves her **sorrowful**
 - Elimilech, Mahlon and Chilion all die
 - The fruits of such a union is simply **bitterness, emptiness and affliction**

Rth 1:20-21

20 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi [**beautiful/pleasant**], call me Mara [**bitter**]: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I **went out full**, and the LORD hath **brought me home again empty**: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and **the Almighty hath afflicted me?**

A Predestined Womb

- Her womb was only **predestined to be fertile in the Land of Promise at Harvest Time**
 - "To every thing **there is a season, and a time to every purpose** under the heaven"
- She can only bring forth the Seed of Redemption when –
 - In **union with Boaz, the Lord of the Harvest**
 - In **Bethlehem- Judah**
 - The House of God's Bread
 - **Exactly as with Rahab**
- **Predestined to a certain union, with a certain Husband, in a certain place, at a certain time**
 - There is no randomness nor chance in His great Plan of Redemption
- **Barrenness toward the Promise?**
 - Maybe you are **in the wrong place**
 - Maybe it's **not yet their time**
 - Or maybe you are **still in the wrong union**
- **But as soon as her first husband dies, her life starts to move into the channel of full redemption**
- The **Light strikes her path** when she hears of the works of the Lord in Israel
 - "She heard how that **the Lord had visited His people**
- And **the eternal seed starts** to manifest itself
 - Hence the **clear-cut decision**
 - And **the complete and final separation from Moab**

- **Orpah** couldn't do it because she wasn't ordained to union with Boaz at Harvest Time
 - **The two men trying to give up smoking**
 - "One was called and the other one wasn't"

Abraham's two sons

- As **Abram** he could only bring forth an **Ishmael**
- But **once he came into union** with Jehovah through Covenant, He received a "part of His Name"
 - As **Abraham** he brought forth the son of promise, Isaac
- **Sarai would have remained barren under the first birth**

The First and Last Adam

- Elimilech (and Mahlon his seed) took his family **from the Promised Land to poverty, sorrow, regret and desolation**
- And **Mahlon had not the resources to bring forth restoration through redemption**
- This would **require Boaz of Judah**, "a mighty man of wealth"
 - One who never moved from his ordained position

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... Man (Adam) **took life and turned it into death.**

But **this MAN (Jesus) took death and turned it into life.**

Adam took innocence and turned it into guilt.

This One took **guilt and turned it into righteousness.**

Adam took a paradise and turned it into a waste howling wilderness; but this One is coming back to turn an earth rocking and reeling with destruction into another Eden.

Adam took a life of fellowship and joy with God and turned it into a desert of spiritual darkness that brought forth all sin, moral decay, pain, suffering, delusion, and corruption that wars within the souls of men. But this One, from all the tragic death and degradation that filled mankind, brought forth a life of righteousness and beauty, so that as sin once reigned unto death, even so might men now reign in righteousness by One, Christ Jesus; and not as the offence was, though terrible indeed it was, but now much more is His gift unto eternal life.

Mahlon, the Denominational Age

- Mahlon also types **the denominational age**
- **No strength** to bring **the Bride to her inheritance**
 - No strength in himself **to bring forth the required restoration**
- **It required Ruth's union with the Lord of the Harvest** at Harvest Time to bring this forth
 - For **Naomi** to possess the Land of her fathers
 - And Ruth to bring forth the Seed of Promise

Hannah's Invisible Union

 **1Sam 1:10-21**

10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.

11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

18 And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

- She had **been to the Tabernacle** many times before
 - **Coming up to appointed feasts** year by year
- **Faithful in her attendance**
 - She even **dwelt near to Shiloh**
- **But her womb was still desolate**

- There had to be a meeting (**a coming together**), **a Covenant Vow and a spiritual union** in the Presence of the Shekinah
 - **Union in her soul** between her desire and Jehovah's desire
 - He desire **for a son** and Jehovah's desire **for a prophet**
- **Then, and then alone** was she able to bring forth the Promise
 - That which she was predestined to bring forth