

1. WHY THEY LEFT BETHLEHEM-JUDAH?

1. Bethlehem...House of Bread. A scarcity there.
2. Elimelech thought he could provide better for family
3. It may have been a case of the "grass looking greener on the other side of the fence."

2. AS IN THIS INSTANCE, AS ALWAYS, NAMES MEAN SOMETHING!

1. ELIMELECH... My God a King.
2. Naomi...Amiable or Pleasant one.
3. Mahlon...Sickness.
4. CHILION...Consumption.

3. THE SETTING AND LESSON

1. A scarcity of food in the land of Israel.
2. Plenty of food in the land of Moab on the other side of Jordan...Southeast of the Dead Sea.
3. Some think that it is always better somewhere else or in some other way than God's way.

4. LESSONS TO LEARN.

1. It is evidence of a discontented, distrustful, unstable spirit, to be weary of the place in which God has set us.
2. Like Elimelech, some are always ready to leave God's place (THE CHURCH) when they find any uneasiness, or inconvenience in it.
3. We may out run a famine...but not death.

5. NAOMI'S LOVE FOR HER DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW.

1. Her Commendation of them.

1. Ye have dealt kindly with the dead and with me.
Ruth 1:8. They did not have to reflect with regret upon miscarriages of their relationship

2. She Dismissed them with Prayer. (Ruth 1:8,9)

1. It is proper for friends to pray when they part.
2. Paul leaving the elders and friends at Tyre.
Acts 20:36-38; Acts 21:3-6

3. She had Great Affection for Them. (Ruth 1:9)

1. She wished she had something better for them...no silver or gold. Wonderful to part in love.

6. NAOMI WENT OUT FULL...THE LORD HATH BROUGHT ME HOME EMP

1. Leave all in Moab...In the World. The Prodigal Son.
Luke 15:11-24

