



CHRIST'S CHURCH  
OF THE CANYON

Mid-week Devotion

Week of September 27, 2020

### What's the big deal? Levirate Law!

The Levirate Law simply defined is the Old Testament provision and responsibility of marriage by a man with his brother's widow, such a marriage required in Biblical law if the deceased was childless (Deuteronomy 25:5-10).

The Levirate Law affects Ruth. When you read Ruth chapter 4, you'll notice the Levirate Law enacted. In fact, Boaz ultimately is the closest male relative related to Ruth. Boaz is Ruth's kinsman redeemer. Boaz would not only marry Ruth but would be required to have children with her and become the owner of any property that would pass to Ruth from Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law. God has a very specific "view" of property, specifically land that's listed in Leviticus 25:23, the land that "belongs" to Naomi and soon to belong to Boaz. Leviticus 25:23 reads, "The land, moreover shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine; for you are but aliens and sojourners with Me." Did you get that? God owns the land. Not Naomi. Not Ruth. Not Boaz. They're only stewards of the land. God Himself owns the title on the property. **People, we're just stewards throughout this life according to what God has entrusted to us. We're aliens and sojourners with God.** We manage what God has asked us to oversee. Like homes, cars, things in general, our health, family, finances, etc. It all belongs to God! My father-in-law, Dr. Ron Boldman whom many of you have met is famous for telling his family that he owns nothing. What he means by that is he's a steward of what God has entrusted to him. It's not his. His home, his cars, his family...it all belongs to God. Ruth chapter 4 and the Levirate Law is a sobering reminder that all we have is God's.

Since we have a responsibility regarding what God has entrusted to us it's imperative that we be wise in regards to how we vote and who we vote for. I'm sending along a copy of an abbreviated version of each of the two party's platforms. Both the Democrat Party as well as the Republican Party. Party platforms guide those already in office and those seeking office. It's pretty tough to get elected to any major office without adhering to a party platform. Please look over the information, do your research, and vote!

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