I. Ruth, a Critical Link in the Story of Redemption

A. Redemption: Only Possible through a Kinsman Redeemer (Leviticus 25)

B. New Testament Use of Ruth – Matthew’s Genealogy

C. Critical Commentary on Redemption – Galatians 3 – 6

II. Chapter One: Setting the Stage

A. Timing: The Book of Judges Continued

B. Story Line: God’s People Make Mistakes

1. It’s all in the Names

a. Bethlehem Judah

b. Moab

c. Elimelech

d. Naomi

e. Mahlon and Chilion

f. Orpah and Ruth

C. Pragmatism and Its Conflict with Faith

III. Pragmatism Exposed: The Dialog of Naomi and the Daughters-in-law

A. Out of the Mouth of a Moabite

1. Faith is a Gift

IV. Bethlehem’s Welcome Wagon

V. Next Week: Chapter 2 – A Damsel in Distress

**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

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| **1.** Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  There is no shadow of turning with thee;  Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  As thou hast been Thou forever will be.  ***Refrain***  **3.** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  ***Refrain*** | **2.** Summer and winter, springtime and harvest,  Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  Join with all nature in manifold witness  To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  ***Refrain***  ***Refrain:*** *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*  *Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  *All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;*  *Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!* |