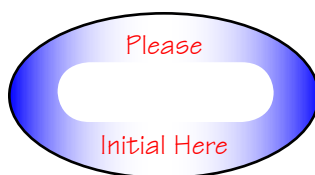


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He was very pure.

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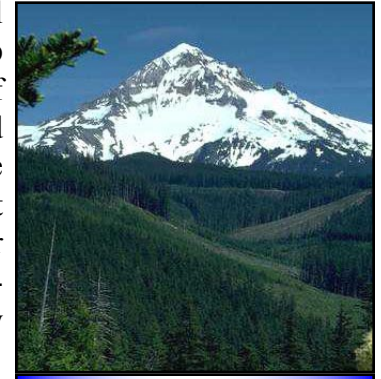
The Character of God's People

- Lesson One -

Pure - Not Mixed Seen in the Life of Boaz

I. Overview.

In this set of lessons we will be looking at another group of character traits. Each of these traits will be related to one of God's people from the Bible. In this way we will not only learn about the character trait itself, but also see it demonstrated in the life of a godly person.



God desires an excellent character in His people.

This lesson will show how Boaz, a man of God, was pure. To be pure is a matter of good character. God needs us to be pure. Even the Lord Jesus Himself said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God" (Matt. 5:8). To be pure means to be unmixed. Just like the water we drink needs to be pure, with no foreign elements, God wants us to be pure. He desires that we live our lives in a simple way seeking to do His will and seeking Him with a single heart.

II. Memory Verse.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

(Matt. 5:8)

III. Lesson.

Boaz was a man of considerable wealth who dwelled in the land of Israel. One day a poor young Moabite woman came to glean in one of his fields. When Boaz asked who she was, his servants told him that her name was Ruth.

Now Boaz had heard of the wonderful things that Ruth had done for her mother-in-law, Naomi, after Ruth's husband had died. He heard that she wouldn't leave her mother-in-law, but stayed with her even when she came to Israel, a land where Ruth had never been before.



Boaz was pure in his heart toward God.
Because of this God blessed him.

Ruth Gleans in Boaz' Fields

Boaz allowed Ruth to glean in his fields, even among the standing grain. He even told his servants to pull out some of the grain that had already been bundled and leave it for Ruth to glean. Boaz liked Ruth very much. When learned that Ruth was a relative of his, and that he could marry her if he would redeem the field of Naomi, he acted in a very pure way. Boaz knew that according to God's way, the field of Naomi could be redeemed by a relative closer to Naomi than he was. Boaz would do nothing but follow God with his whole heart.

Boaz went to the closer relative and gave him the opportunity to redeem Naomi's field and he even told him about Ruth. Someone who was not pure in his heart could have hidden the matter of Ruth, but Boaz knew God's heart and God's intention in the giving of the law. Boaz would not cheat the other man, but rather told him everything. This showed that his heart was pure before God.

Boaz Redeems Naomi's Inheritance and Marries Ruth

The other relative indicated that he could not redeem Naomi's land nor marry Ruth. This meant that Boaz could both redeem the land and take Ruth as his wife. Boaz was pure in all things. He sought to follow God with his whole heart and because of this he was blessed by God. After Boaz and Ruth were married, they had a child and named him Obed. Obed was Jesse's father who himself was the father of David. Thus Boaz became an important ancestor of Jesus Christ.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What does it mean for us to be pure?

2. Why did Boaz go to tell the relative who was closer to Naomi than he was about the land and about Ruth?

3. How do we know that Boaz had a pure heart?

4. Who was the child of Boaz and Ruth?

