

# 10. THE LORD MAKES A MOTHER: Ruth 4:13

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- **Q. INTRO**
- **BIG IDEA:**

## I. BOAZ TOOK RUTH AS HIS WIFE (v. 13a)

**Ruth 4:13** “So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife.”

- **Genesis 2:24-25** “24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”

- **CHILDREN:**

## II. BOAZ AND RUTH ENJOYED INTIMACY WITHIN THE COVENANT OF MARRIAGE (v. 13b)

**Ruth 4:13b** “And he went in to her,”

- **Heb. 13:4** "Let marriage be held in honor among all, & let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral & adulterous."

- **CHILDREN:**

## III. THE LORD GIFTED RUTH WITH CONCEPTION (v. 13c)

**Ruth 4:13c** “and the Lord gave her conception,”

- This is massively important statement! This is only the second time in the book of Ruth that the LORD Himself is the subject of a verb, the other time being in Ruth 1:6 “the Lord had visited his people and given them food.”
- Furthermore, the word that is translated “conception” is used only three times in the Old Testament. One of which is in Genesis 3:16, in the Lord’s pronouncement of the curse on Eve for sin, bringing forth children in pain; yet nevertheless this is how God says He will send His Son to crush the head of the serpent!
- This is not ordinary conception for Ruth; this is the continuation of the family line from which Jesus Christ will come to save us from our sins!
- In addition, remember that Ruth was married to Mahlon for years, perhaps even ten years or so. Why no children? We do not know for certain but what seems clear is that the Lord at that time did not give her conception!
- **See the mysterious way the Lord works to redeem His people!** If Ruth had a son with Mahlon she would have no need of a redeemer like Boaz. But according to God’s sovereign plan He withheld from giving her a son in times past so that she could be the great great grandmother of King David and then even an ancestor according to the flesh of our beautiful Redeemer the Lord Jesus!
- **CHILDREN:**

## IV. THE LORD GAVE RUTH AND BOAZ A SON TO REDEEM THE INHERITANCE (v. 13d)

**Ruth 4:13d** “and she bore a son.”

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- **CHILDREN:**

**Q.** Now, will you consider with me in application of these words “The LORD gave her conception” what God says in His word concerning mothers and children? I think this will do us all some good and glorify God!

## I. THE LORD IS ULTIMATELY IN CONTROL OF WHO IS A MOTHER, GIVING OR WITHHOLDING CONCEPTION (Gen. 30:1-2)

**Genesis 30:1-2** “1 When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, ‘Give me children, or I shall die!’ 2 Jacob’s anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, ‘Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?’”

- **MATTHEW HENRY:** It is one of the keys he hath in his hand; and he sometimes makes the barren woman that had been long so to be a joyful mother of children, Ps. 113:9; Isa. 54:1.

## II. THE LORD CLOSES THE WOMB (Gen. 20:18)

**Genesis 20:18** “For the Lord had closed all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham’s wife.”

## III. THE LORD OPENS THE WOMB (Gen. 29:31)

**Genesis 29:31** “When the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.”

## IV. CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM THE LORD (Psalm 127:3-5)

**Psalm 127:3** “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.”

## V. CHILDREN, EVEN IF THEY ARE CONCEIVED IN THE ACT OF SIN, ARE A GIFT FROM THE LORD (Ruth 4:12)

**Ruth 4:12** "...may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring that the LORD will give you by this young woman."

## VI. GODLY MOTHERS ARE GIFTS TO CHILDREN (1 Tim. 1:5, 3:14-15; Prov. 31:28-29)

**2 Timothy 1:5** "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well."

**2 Timothy 3:14-15** "**14** But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it **15** and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

**Proverbs 31:28-29** "**28** Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: **29** "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'"

## VII. BEING A GODLY MOTHER IS ONE OF THE CHIEF WAYS WOMEN REMOVE THE SINFUL STIGMA OF THEIR FIRST MOTHER EVE (1 Tim. 2:14-15)

**1 Timothy 2:14-15** "**14b** Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. **15** Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control."

- Godly mothers: Though you are in the line of one who was first deceived by the devil and took part in plunging the world into sin, you now bring forth and bring up truth-believing and truth-telling arrows to fire back in the devils face to the glory of God!

### Q.I. What if you have been forsaken by your mother? (Psalm 27:10)

**Psalm 27:10** "For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in."

### Q.II. Seeing that motherhood is a happy thing, what happiness is there for those who will never be mothers? (Luke 11:27-28)

**Luke 11:27-28** "...a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to [Jesus], 'Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!' But [Christ] said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!'"

### Q.III. What if you want to have children but have not been able to conceive? (Gen. 30:22-23; 1 Sam. 1:20)

**Genesis 30:22-23** "God listened to [Rachel] and opened her womb. **23** She conceived and bore a son."

**1 Samuel 1:20** "And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked for him from the Lord.'"

- The LORD hears the prayers of the barren—you can go to Him in prayer and trust His sovereign purpose!

### Q.IV. What if my child or children have died in the womb or in infancy? (2 Sam. 12:22-23)

**2 Samuel 12:22-23** "**22** [David] said, 'While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, 'Who knows whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?' **23** But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.'"

**Mothers:** Though the LORD may withhold some of your sons and daughters from you for now, He has not withheld His only Son! I do not know why God takes our children from us; but I know it is not because He does not love us. Look at the cross!

**Romans 8:32-39** "**32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? **33** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? **36** As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

**37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."