

**Ruth 1:1–19a**

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there.

<sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

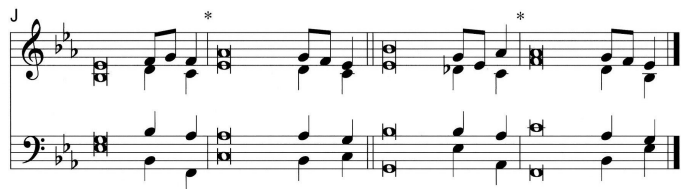
<sup>6</sup>Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me."

<sup>14</sup>Then they lifted up their voices and wept again.

And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup>And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." <sup>18</sup>And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

<sup>19</sup>So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.



## Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!  
I will give thanks to the Lord  
with my | whole heart,\*  
in the company of the upright,  
in the congre- | gation.

<sup>2</sup> Great are the works | of the Lord,\*  
studied by all who de- | light in them.

<sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,\*  
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

<sup>4</sup> He has caused his wondrous works  
to be re- | membered;\*  
the Lord is gracious and | merciful.

<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who | fear him;\*  
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power |  
of his works,\*  
in giving them the inheritance  
of the | nations.

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;\*  
all his precepts are | trustworthy;  
<sup>8</sup> they are established forever and | ever,\*  
to be performed with faithfulness  
and up- | rightness.

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.\*  
Holy and awesome | is his name!

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of  
wisdom; all those who practice it  
have a good under- | standing.\*  
His praise endures for- | ever!

## 2 Timothy 2:1–13

<sup>1</sup> You then, my child, be strengthened by  
the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and what you  
have heard from me in the presence of many  
witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be  
able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a  
good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No soldier gets  
entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to  
please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup> An athlete is

not crowned unless he competes according to the  
rules. <sup>6</sup> It is the hard-working farmer who ought  
to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Think over  
what I say, for the Lord will give you  
understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the  
dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my  
gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, bound with  
chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not  
bound! <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the  
sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the  
salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal  
glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is trustworthy, for:  
If we have died with him, we will also live with  
him;  
<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he also will deny us;  
<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
for he cannot deny himself.

## Luke 17:11–19

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was  
passing along between Samaria and Galilee.  
<sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten  
lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up  
their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy  
on us." <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, "Go  
and show yourselves to the priests." And as they  
went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them,  
when he saw that he was healed, turned back,  
praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on  
his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he  
was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Were  
not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no  
one found to return and give praise to God  
except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to him,  
"Rise and go your way; your faith has made you  
well."