

Lecture 12 – Living Covenantally (Part 2)

And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Luke 1:46-47

Key Terms

Covenant, divine providence, priest, monarchy

Objective

To understand and evaluate the lives of Ruth and Samuel in the context of God’s covenant relationship with Israel

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I. Ruth

- A. Introductory comments
 - 1. Judges
 - 2. Messianic consciousness
 - 3. Covenant faithfulness
- B. Disregard for inheritance (cf also Judges 18)
- C. Divine providence
 - 1. Death of males
 - 2. Ruth’s choice
 - 3. Boaz’ generosity
- D. Covenantal activity
 - 1. Moabitess inclusion
 - 2. Concept of *goel*
 - 3. Seed-line maintained

II. Samuel

- A. Introductory comments
 - 1. Transition
 - 2. The book
- B. Miracle birth
 - 1. Prayer (1 Samuel 1)
 - 2. Prophecy and song (1 Samuel 2:1-10)
- C. Call to service
 - 1. Failure of priesthood (1 Samuel 2:11-35; 4:1-22)
 - 2. Threefold office
 - a. Prophet (1 Samuel 3:1-4:1)
 - b. Priest (1 Samuel 7:9)
 - c. Royal involvement
 - i. As judge (1 Samuel 7:13-17; 12:1-25)
 - ii. Anointing of Saul and David
 - a. Request, grief, permission (1 Samuel 8:1-21)
 - b. Saul the disqualified (1 Samuel 9-11; 13-15)
 - c. David the shepherd (Psalm 78:70-72)
 - 3. Role of prophetic office (Refer to Dumbrell and Vos)
- D. Setting for David’s kingship
 - 1. Transition from non-covenantal to covenantal (1 Samuel 17-31)
 - 2. The theocratic monarchy established
 - a. Its nature

b. Its role