

## Daily Devotional, March 7, 2021

### 'Grandmothers', (Ruth 4:13-16)

*“So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel! And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him.”* (Ruth 4:13-16, NKJV)

Here in our text, we see the special love of Naomi for the little child Obed. Naomi was Ruth’s mother-in-law, so technically she was not of the same direct blood line, but she qualifies as a ‘grandmother’ nonetheless based upon her love for the child. We learn that while it is a beautiful thing for the biological grandmother to show such tender loving maternal care, older women can fill a special role in the life of any child if their hearts are open to it, to the great benefit of the child. As we finish reading the book of Ruth, we see how this line was blessed. Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, and Obed would become the grandfather of King David (Ruth 4:21-22).

There is nothing better that a grandmother can give a child than her love. And there is nothing greater in influence than that which leads to the Christian conversion of the child. Consider a second example of a godly loving grandmother in Scripture. Paul sees it as important enough to mention in his Second Letter to Timothy. *“I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also”* (2 Timothy 1:3-5).

Have you had a loving grandmother or grandmotherly woman in your life? If you have, thank God for her today. If you have her still on this earth, thank her personally and do not take her for granted. Ladies, consider the importance of the role if you have grandchildren, will one day have them, or know a little child who may need the kind of love that Naomi modeled for you. The little one—he or she will always be a little one to you—will remember you always.