

when the law only brought condemnation and everlasting death.

Now Ruth finds union with Boaz, and rest. She is raised up from a position of helplessness and desolation, and is made partaker of all his power, position, riches, honour, etc.: "they two shall be one flesh". Here we may see the *seventh* measure of blessing—completeness—all that she could possibly desire. So is the poor sinner who "having no hope in the world" is first redeemed by Christ (*Ephesians* i. 7); secondly, raised up with Christ (*Colossians* ii. 12, 13, and *Ephesians* v. 30, 32), and see that wonderful prayer of the Saviour (*John* xvii. 20-26). How marvellous is the privilege of being in union with Christ. But there is yet one grand demonstration of glory to come: this is the manifestation to the world of the union of Christ and His saints at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (*Revelation* xix. 7, 9). This will make the believer's *seventh* measure,—the Perfection and Fulness of everlasting Blessings, though enjoyed by faith in anticipation even now.

The result of the union of BOAZ and RUTH was OBED, the ancestor of DAVID, from whom came CHRIST our KING and HIGH PRIEST. So the blessed result of our union with Christ is to become with Him a kingdom—Priests unto God and the Father (*Revelation* i. 6).

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