

The Story of Ruth

Your God Will Be My God

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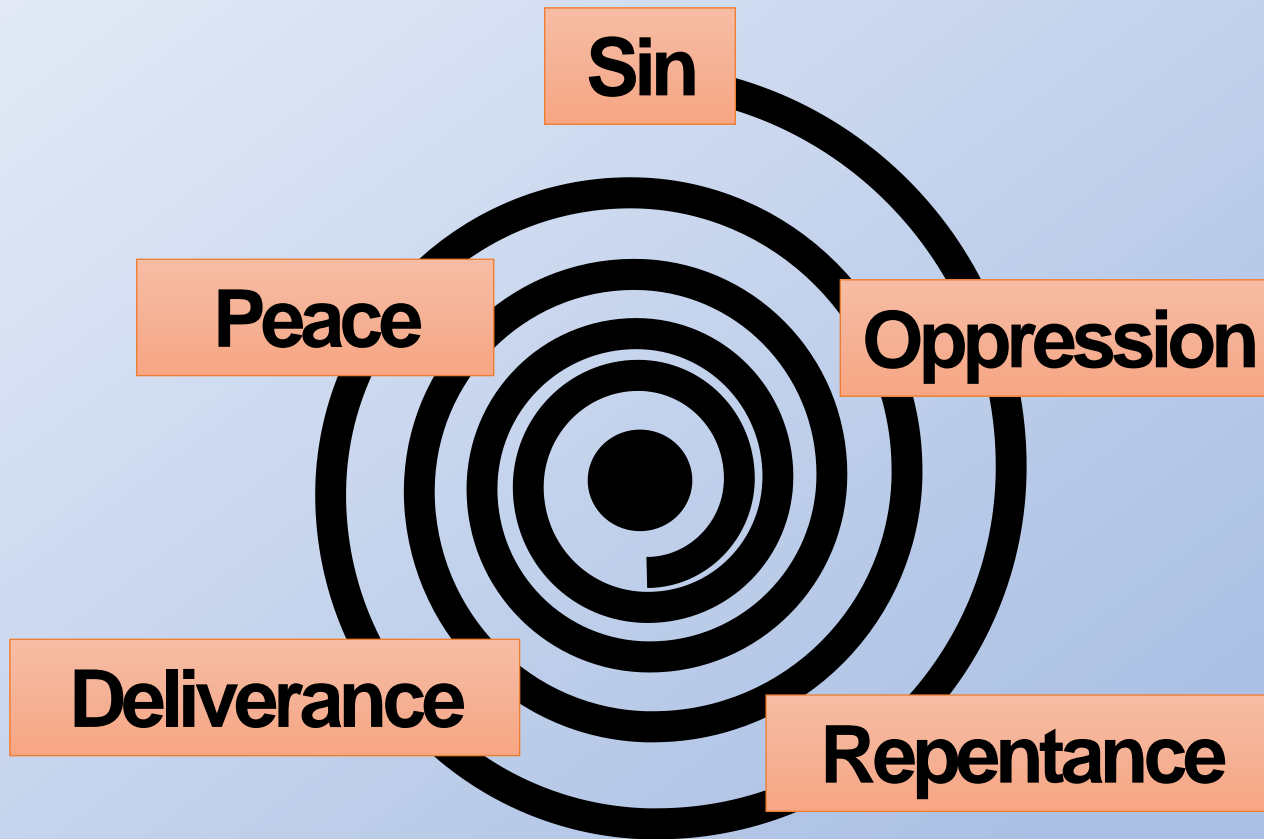
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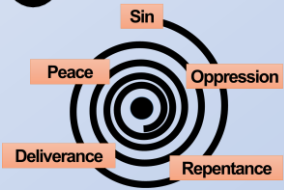


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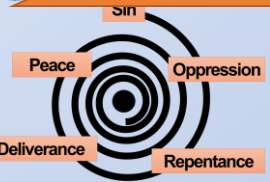
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IN THOSE DAYS ISRAEL HAD NO KING AND EVERYONE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN THEIR OWN EYES.

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CIVIL WAR

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Naomi – “pleasantness”

**Lord visited his people, offering – isolation -
gave them food, 1:6 hopelessness**

**Elimelech (3),
Mahlon & Chilion
(5)**



16 ...“Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you.

LOYALTY



**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.**

LOYALTY



17 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.”

LOYALTY



Loyalty in Marriage

Biblical view
God
Supreme good

**Traditional
view**
social duty

**Contemporary (Western)
view**
individual happiness

New model

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**Consumer
relationship**



New model

customer \rightleftharpoons vendor

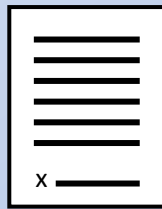
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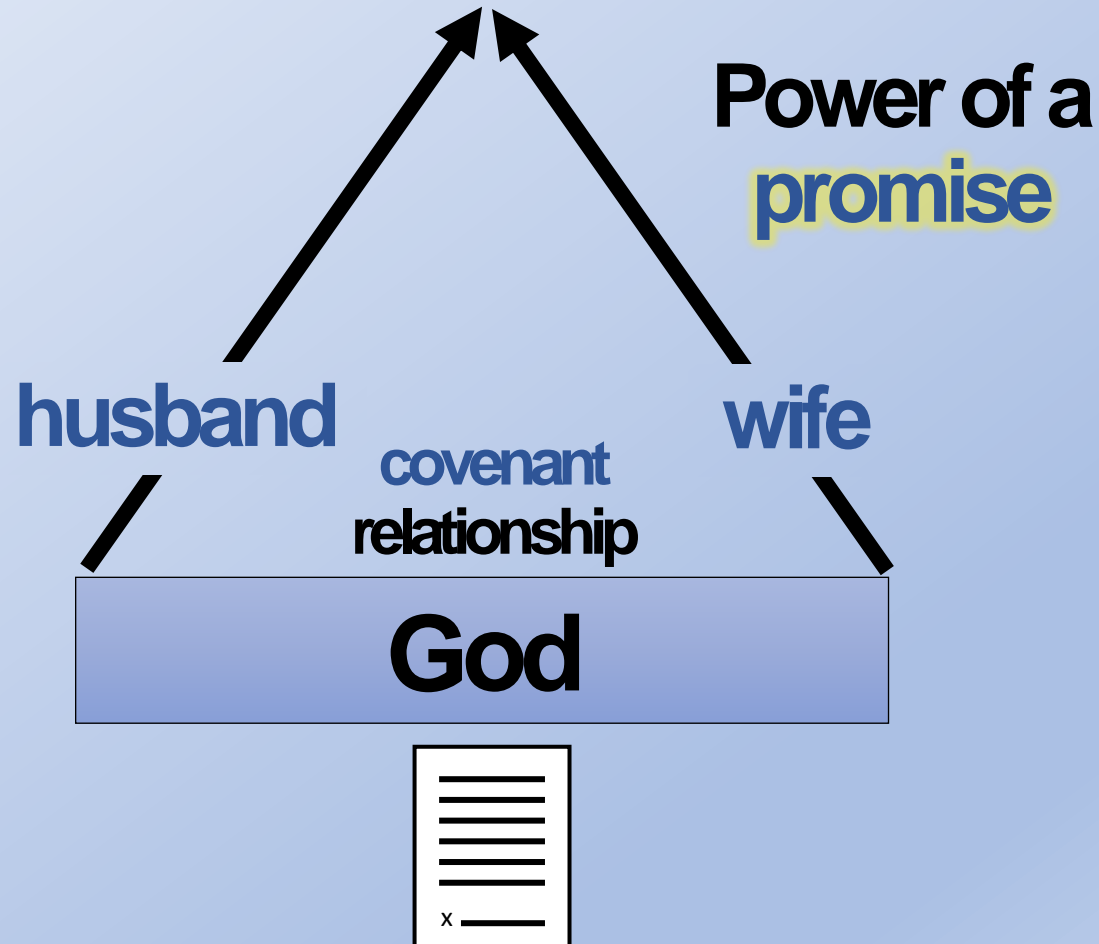
Traditional model

“just a piece of paper”



? binding

Biblical Model



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1. Live righteous in a wicked culture
2. **Loyalty** lifts others and honors God
3. **Godliness** arises unexpectedly
4. **Dependence** on God's providence

Genealogy

Perez

Hezron

Ram

Amminadab

Nahshon

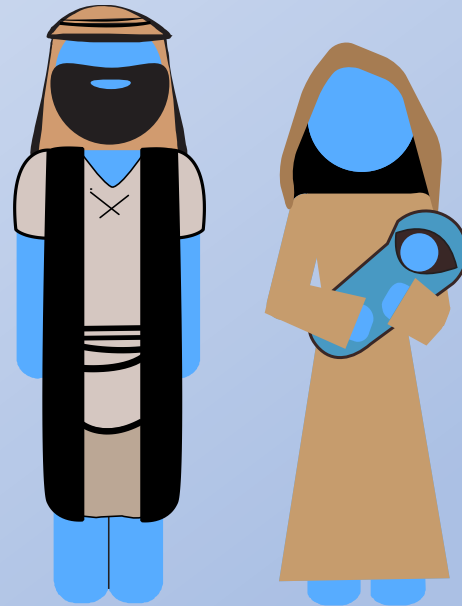
Salmon

Boaz

Obed

Jesse

David



Lessons we can all learn

1. Live right **Invitation** **linked culture**

2. Loyalty looks outward

We need a

kinsman redeemer!