

Day 40

- Good Morning! We covered a lot yesterday. I hope that if it was too much to grasp in just listening, you will be able to go over the notes found on my website heidijolopez.com.
- Back to the book of Ruth, "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 nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him." Ruth 4:13-15.
 - I love this scripture because it reminds us that Jesus is our recompense for everything satan tries to steal from us. It is literally built into the LORD, God in His system of government, that when we honor Him in all our ways, He fully restores to us all the enemy takes in harvest. We had to have seeded into the system for satan to grab that harvest of destruction, BUT when lay ourselves before the LORD, ask forgiveness for bad seed we have sown, and ask for the blood of Jesus to wash over it, then choose to plant good seed in that now cleansed soil of our lives, the LORD (through Jesus' blood) is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9) — and we will see a full recompense of what was taken from us. We see our Great God of Recompense in full action in the book of Job. Everything Job lost was restored to him in greater measure, everything he owned as well as more children.
 - This is why this blessing said over Naomi is so beautiful. She lost both of her sons, and through Ruth, the LORD restored to her a son and heir in that baby. That baby would help to restore Naomi's life and nourish her thoughts and actions in her older age. And what an incredible blessing spoken over Ruth for Naomi, that because of Ruth's true love for Naomi, she was better to Naomi than seven sons. WOW! Seven is the number of completion; to have seven sons would mean that the household would indeed prosper greatly. What an incredible word of honor spoken regarding Ruth. When God redeems someone and plants them in His house, all past wrongs, sins, backgrounds, and life that went before is completely washed away, and like Ruth, we are cloaked in His (Jesus) Righteousness and filled with His honor. Incredible!!
 - "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed [which means servant]. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David." Ruth 4:17. So, the life and lineage of Naomi's husband Elimelech was perpetuated through Ruth and Boaz, who were the great-grandparents of King David, the greatest king in Israel's history; the man after the LORD's own heart. 1 Samuel 13:14.
 - You know, I have always loved that verse, and I used to only read it one way — David, as a man after the LORD's own heart, had a heart LIKE the LORD's. Now, that way is probably still accurate, but recently, I began to read it in an entirely, richer, and different way. David was running after the LORD's heart. He was a pursuer of God; He chased Him, and did anything to know Him. He was the epitome of Proverbs 25:2, "It is the Glory of God to conceal a matter, and the glory of kings is to search a matter out." And of Jeremiah 33:3, "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."
 - King David represents God in His form of government; David represents Jesus as King over all living. The kingdom of David shows us, the Bride of Christ, how government over all the world should be, for David honored the LORD in his heart of repentance. When David was shown his sin before the LORD, he truly repented each time, and he never equated the harvest of his own actions to God as being angry, for David understood the system of seed, plant, harvest very well. And for all

of these above reasons is why King David is called by the LORD, a man after My own heart!

- As I said above, we see through King David's governmental reign how God planned for government to work on the earth, and does work on the earth through the Law of Seed, Plant, Harvest. Several devotionals ago, God took us through how every position of authority we hold on the earth, starting first with ourselves, then family, then job, then government, we are held accountable for all of our words, actions, and intents of the heart in proportion to what level of authority we hold on the earth.
- King David was first responsible for himself, and we see that played out multiple times throughout his life; then to his family, again we see that played out, and then to his people, the kingdom of Israel. Every word, action, or intent of the heart King David had or did directly affected each of those areas and all of those people.
- To drive the truth of this concept home, we will go into the life of David and focus on his victories as well as his defeats; we will look at how David planted seed, and what harvests he reaped through that planting. So, if you haven't read about the account of David in 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 1 Chronicles, and Psalms lately, you may want to get to reading. Because David is threaded through nearly the entire Bible, and he is still honored in Israel today, and in the hearts of many Christians who have loved him and learned from him through scripture. And David is honored in heaven still as the man after the LORD's own heart.
- So, tomorrow, we will begin to look at David and start to see what Holy Spirit wants us to glean from his life, his actions, his choices, and most importantly his heart of passion for the LORD God, his Creator, Lord and King, for David knew King Jesus well, even then, because the LORD had prophesied about Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection through David as a psalmist. So buckle up, the ride is going to be exciting!
- Until tomorrow, I bless you in the name of the LORD, who reigns on High and gives life and prosperity to all who seek Him. For Jesus said that He came that we may have life, and that we may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10). Be encouraged, for remember every word, action, and intent of the heart is a seed that will have a harvest reaped of it; that goes for the saved and the unsaved alike; no one escapes the harvest of the LORD. This should bring great comfort to us all, in knowing that the LORD does not turn a blind eye to the words, actions, and intents of the heart of any person. Yes, He is longsuffering because of His great love for us, and His desire that none should perish, but any seeds not repented of and covered by the blood of Jesus will have a harvest. That is the Law of Seed, Plant, Harvest. Many refer to it as, 'what goes around; comes around.' The LORD will not be mocked.