

CLING / CLUNG

Daily Meditation – Saturday January 17, 2026

I asked my wife what her favorite books in the Bible were. She mentioned Ruth, Daniel and the Psalms. Everyone seems to love the book of Ruth. “In it is a story of a Moabite woman who forsakes her pagan heritage in order to *cling* to the people of Israel and to the God of Israel. Because of her *faithfulness* in a time of national *faithlessness*, God rewards her by giving her a new husband (Boaz), a son (Obed), and a privileged position in the lineage of David and Christ (she is the great-grandmother of David).”¹

The following are my favorite verses from the book of Ruth. The Bible says, “Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth *clung* to her. And she said, ‘Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.’ But Ruth said: ‘Entreat me not to leave you, or to turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me” (Ruth 1:14-17).²

I have a question for you. Have you made any New Year resolutions that you decided to cling too? I have another question. Have you clung to them? Are you clinging to God’s word? Are you clinging to God’s will? Are you clinging to God’s ways? We read how God rewarded Ruth because of her faithfulness and determination.

Moses witnessed so many of God’s miracles. Moses informed us, “You shall follow the Lord your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and *cling* to Him” (Deut. 13:4).

¹ *The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1982, 305.

² All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New King James Version*.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe You raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!