

## THE CHOICES OF ORPAH.

### RUTH 1:1-15.

1. Orpah Turned Back! Nothing more is said about her in the entire Holy Bible. She is referred to only in this one chapter.

It seems that she lived the rest of her life in Moab and then she died.

2. She had the same opportunity as Ruth to leave Moab and go to Bethlehem.

She could have left that heathen nation and become a part of the people of God even as her sister-in-law did. However, she did not.

3. It all centered around the choices she made. This is true for every person even today.

We make choices on a daily basis. Some are better than others.

4. However, I believe every person wants to make the right choices.

In fact, I don't think there is anyone who intends to make the wrong choice. However, people do so all the time.

5. In the case of Orpah, we see that she made three choices. There was:

- A. Her First Choice.
- B. Her Further Choice.
- C. Her Final Choice.

#### **A. HER FIRST CHOICE.**

1. (Ruth 1:4) She chose to marry into a family of Believers. She came to know that family very well.

It's likely she heard Naomi talk about the One True and Living God.

2. She likely heard her tell about how He had sent a Kinsman-Redeemer to deliver them from bondage and death.

This Living God had done so much for them and for their forefathers.

3. A. He had put them under the Blood at the Passover.

B. He had brought them through the Water at the Red Sea.

C. He had gathered them around a Table in the Wilderness.

D. He had given them His Laws as well as their Land.

4. She had listened to those stories concerning the Blessing of the Lord on His People in the past.

There was the factual and fascinating stories about Adam and Eve, Enoch and Noah, as well as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

5. She heard Naomi tell about God's Wisdom, Love and Power. Those stories sounded almost too good to be true.

However, Orpah lived in a land of idol worship.

In fact, that was her religion as well.

6. The god of Moab was called Chemosh. It was an idol and the work of men's hands.

As such, there could be no personal relationship.