

Week 37
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Transforming Daily
“.. anoint yourself...”
Ruth 3:3

Part of Naomi’s plan for Ruth to meet Boaz was for Ruth to make herself presentable to Boaz. This was in keeping with the cultural customs of the day. It was a sign of respect and honor as well as submission and humility. In essence, Ruth was willingly and willfully presenting herself to the near kinsman redeemer.

For the most part, our culture has forgotten what it means to “dress for the occasion.” Most people are so interested in self-expression that they don’t know what it means to dress respectfully on behalf of another. Their desire is to be casual, and if that offends anyone, so be it. Even when attending church, it has become fashionable to be unfashionable. “Come as you are,” is the frequent appeal; and while it is in some respects, regarding the lost and unchurched, understandable, it has become a license for many believers to present themselves to God on the Lord’s Day in a disrespectful manner.

There is only one way for anyone to present themselves to God, specifically on the Lord’s Day or on occasions that are distinctly in His honor, and that is respectfully, reverently, submissively, and humbly. To do otherwise is to arrogantly disregard who God is and what He has done on our behalf.

What is your practice? Do you take others into consideration when you dress? Is it important to you that others are not offended by your appearance? Do you deliberately present yourself before God in an acceptable manner? Is your manner one of humility and respect? In reverence to God, are you of a mind to anoint yourself?