Ruth

- 1. How is death (famine, alienation in a foreign land, loneliness) overcome according to the book of Ruth within the history of the promise of redemption?
 - A. It is by Yahweh, the Lord Himself as Redeemer who is typified in Boaz (3.9 with 2.12). The way that the Lord will be redeemer is also indicated through Boaz in his descendent (4.20). Thus the seed of Eve, Abraham to be sacrificed on the altar as Jacob's ladder betrayed by His brothers but the true Joseph delieverer; this Joshua warrior who will defeat all His and our enemies is the greater David, the king and kinsman redeemer.
- 2. How does the use of the kinsman redeemer law (Lev. 25; Deut 25) illustrate how we are to use the Law and various laws today?
- A. The illustration comes from the fact that the laws in the Pentateuch do not define the redeemer role precisely as it occurs in the book of Ruth. What we have in Ruth is application by implication of the spirit and intent of kinship redemption, which involved a variety of duties in support to weakened relatives (IOT, 132).