

CHRIST CHURCH, VIRGINIA WATER SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2010

SERMON NOTES: 8.00 & 9.30 AM SERVICES

Title: "A Overview of Ruth: A Sweet and Bitter Providence"

Preacher: Ro Mody

The Overall Message of Ruth:

1. God was working in the days of Ruth to prepare the way for the birth of Jesus Christ.
Read the OT as a story about God that leads to ultimately to Christ.
2. Real faith is expressed in devotion, love, grace, and kindness.
Show devotion, love, grace, and kindness to others.
3. God's grace knows no national, racial, or gender boundaries.
So witness to everyone during "Passion for Life" Week.
4. In all things God works for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28)
When you suffer and feel "bitter" towards God, trust in God's sweet providence.

God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never failing skill
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain. – William Cowper