

## Sermon Outline

NOBC	#16 Matthew 1:1-6; Joshua 2:1-7; 6:17; Genesis 38:1-30; Ruth 1:1-19; 2:1-12; 4:13-22	08/14/2011
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### God's Four Special Women

One of the most amazing things about our great God that we seldom understand is that God often sees us differently than we see ourselves or each other. God often seems to have different standards and different ways of evaluating people and things than we do.

God sees people through the lens of His powerful and marvelous redemptive nature. God does not seem to consider how bad we have been, but, rather what His powerful grace can accomplish in us...not our past, but our potential future.

When His grace powerfully changes a person, that person can become a dynamic exhibit of Who God really is. God is able to take people and do marvelous things with those who perhaps have experienced tragic disasters in their lives, perhaps as a result of their own very bad choices or the choices of others. These may have been traumatic events that could have disqualified them from any value to God, but God, in His redemptive ways, chose to use them for great and significant purposes that brought Him glory. Take hope in God if your life includes some horrible experience.

#### I. GOD INCLUDED SOME VERY SPECIAL WOMEN IN HIS LIST OF THE EARTHLY ANCESTORS OF JESUS

*We shall attempt to learn why God chose these women and not others.*

#### II. THE FOUR WOMEN GOD SELECTED

##### A. Tamar Gen 38:1-30

1. Her background and what she did
2. One reason God may have selected her Gen. 38:26

##### B. Rahab

1. Her background and what she did Joshua 2:1-7, 12-24
2. One reason God may have selected her Joshua 2:8-11
3. God's special honor for Rahab Ex. 6:23; Ruth 4:17-22

##### C. Ruth

1. Her background and what she did Ruth 1:1-15; 2:1-12
2. One reason God may have selected her Ruth 1:16-19
3. God's special honor for her

##### D. Bathsheba

1. Her background and what she did 2 Sam. 11:1-5
2. One reason God may have selected her

#### III. WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT GOD IN HIS SELECTION OF THESE WOMEN

1. God is a God of grace and mercy
2. God is able to redeem and use people who may have done very bad things
3. God's redemptive work in a person totally and dramatically transforms a person into someone beautiful, usable, noble and powerful
4. God's grace is so powerful that no person is so bad a sinner that God cannot rescue them and transform them
5. God's ways and standards are different from ours
6. We need to learn how to see things and people through God's eyes and evaluate them according to God's standards not ours