

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
Current Book: *Ruth* – verse by verse

Scripture(s) for Today: Ruth 2:1-23 – Ruth goes to work in a field; she providentially meets Boaz

Today's Message:

**"Amazing Grace"**



## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw Naomi's response to her family's tragedy. She heard how the LORD had visited His people in giving them bread, and she wanted to go back to Bethlehem. And we saw the loving devotion of Ruth who was *steadfastly* minded to go with her. Today, Ruth will go to work following the provision of God set forth in the Old Testament. She will just **HAPPEN** to step into a field of Boaz and work hard for the gleanings. Boaz will show Ruth **GRACE** and kindness which will overwhelm her at first. That will only be the beginning of the blessings from Boaz; he will go out of his way to make her feel welcome and special. Upon her return from the fields, Naomi will be **SURPRISED** to see Ruth with such blessings!

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### A. The Text Ruth 2:1-23

#### #1. *The Gleaning* – Ruth just happened to go to **WORK** in a field of Boaz. (1-7)

➤ *Ruth took advantage of the "Law of Gleaning" provided by God in His word.*

#### ✓ WHAT HAPPENED

- Ruth was *looking for grace* and following *God's provision* through "*gleaning*."
- Ruth just *happened to light* on a part of the field belonging unto **BOAZ**.
- Boaz came from Bethlehem to *observe the field* and *took knowledge* of Ruth.
- The *unnamed servant* shared Ruth's **PRAYER** and testimony with Boaz.

#### ✓ COMPARING SCRIPTURES

- "*Glean*" is found **22** times in **20** verses in KJV; **12** of those times are in Ruth!
- "*And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not...*" **Lev 19:9,10**
- "*And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not...*" **Lev23:22;De24:21**
- **Law of Gleaning** – provision for the poor, stranger, fatherless, and widows
- Other provisions for the poor – **Ex 23:11; Deut 14:28-29; 15:7-11; 26:12-15**
- Special *empathy* for the poor – **Isa 3:14,15; 10:1,2; Jer 5:28; Amo 8:4-6; Gal 2:10**

**NOTE** Above all, the chief way to support the poor in the OT was through allocations to the poor **at the time of harvest**; this is the provision we find in the book of Ruth. The landowner was commanded to refrain from interfering with the distribution of provision and produce from God to the poor. The landowner did not give these items, per se, to the needy; rather, they are direct allocations from God. Amen!!

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**#2. The Grace – Ruth fell on her face and BOWED herself before Boaz. (8-16)**

➤ *Ruth was overwhelmed by the grace of Boaz; that he would take knowledge of her.*

✓ **WHAT HAPPENED**

- Boaz told Ruth to *only glean in his field* and to *abide fast by his maidens*.
- Boaz said *the young men* would be *honorable* and provide WATER. *Num 11:28*
- Ruth *fell on her face* and asked Boaz WHY he *cared about her*. *Psalm 8:4*
- Boaz said *he heard all about Ruth*; he gave her *a seat at his table*. *2Sam 9:13*

✓ **COMPARING SCRIPTURES**

- **Moses** | *Exodus 3:11* – “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh...”
- **David** | *2 Samuel 7:18* – “Who am I, O Lord GOD?”
- **Solomon** | *2 Chron 2:6* – “Who am I then, that I should build him an house...”

**NOTE** Do you remember the day you realized Jesus Christ loved and died for YOUR SINS?

**#3. The Guidance – Naomi was excited to hear of Ruth’s BLESSINGS. (17-23)**

➤ *When Ruth returned with gleanings, Naomi knew someone had blessed her greatly.*

✓ **WHAT HAPPENED**

- Ruth came home with *an abundance*; Naomi *knew someone* had blessed Ruth.
- When she heard it was Boaz (*a near kinsman*), she was overjoyed.
- She then *gave counsel to Ruth* to stay close to Boaz and be FAITHFUL.

✓ **COMPARING SCRIPTURES**

- “*And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband’s, a mighty man of wealth.*” *Ruth 2:1*
- “*Naomi said...The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsman.*” *Ruth 2:20*
- Next “*kinsman*” in Hebrew is the word “*goel*” which means “REDEEMER” ...

**NOTE** Naomi was overjoyed because she knew that this was way bigger than barley! God was looking out for her and her daughter in law as He promised! Amen! Amen!

**B. The Lessons** (How can you apply this message to your life?)

1. God’s heart is to HELP those who are in need; Jesus said it is more blessed to give.

❖ **Question:** *Are you a cheerful giver? Do you help those in need? Acts 20:35; Lk 10:30-37*

2. God leads those who are in His will to the provision and CARE that they need.

❖ **Question:** *What do you need today? Are you drawing close to God? Mt 11:28; Jas 1:5*

3. God has showered us with an abundance of GRACE; His grace is truly amazing!

❖ **Question:** *Do you remember first sensing God’s grace? Eph 2:8; Heb 4:16; 2Tim 4:22*

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