

## God's Mercy & Grace

Ruth 2:14-23



"I have just put my soul as a blank into the hand of Jesus, my Redeemer, and desired Him to write on it what He pleases; I know it will be His image." George Whitefield



2:14 At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers; and he served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied and had some left.



#### Boaz

- God's Mercy food 14
  - Invited by host (redeemer)
  - Less than prejudices
- God's Grace fellowship 14
  - Invited to family (redeemer)
  - More than earned!

Ruth-Kinsman Redee

# "Every step toward our Redeemer is toward our Redemption."



15 When she rose to glean, Boaz commanded his servants, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her.



16 Also you shall purposely pull out for her some grain from the bundles and leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her."



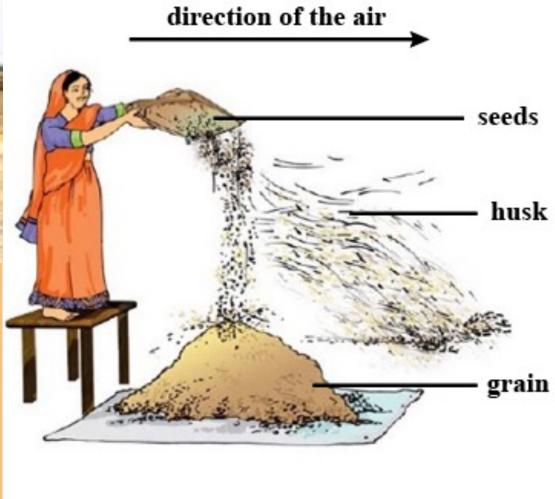
17 So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.





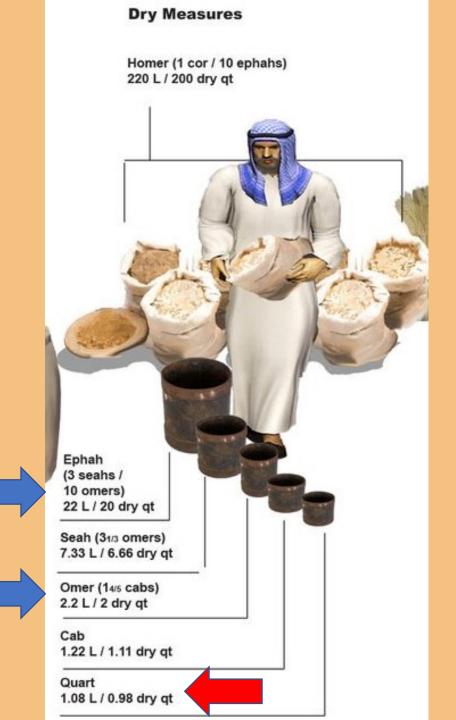
**THRASHING GRAIN** 

#### **WINNOWING GRAIN**





Now an omer is a tenth of an ephah. Ex 16:36



### Ruth

- God's Mercy place 15
  - 'happened to come upon' (2:3) Providence!
  - No harm No insults 10 Commandments?
- God's Grace plus! 16,17
  - Leave some extra



#### Ruth

- God's Mercy place 15
- God's Grace plus! 16,17
  - God gave the sheaves Ruth beat the grain
  - Ephah 5 Gallons 8<sup>lb</sup> per gallon



"It is not so true that "prayer changes things" as that prayer changes me and I change things. Redemption alters the way in which a man looks at things."

Oswald Chambers



18 She took it up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also took it out and gave Naomi what she had left after she was satisfied.



19 Her mother-in-law then said to her, "Where did you glean today and where did you work? May he who took notice of you be blessed." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz."



20 Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed of the LORD who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead." Again Naomi said to her, "The man is our relative, he is one of our closest relatives."



### Naomi

- God's Mercy where? 18,19
  - 'what was left' her lunch reserves
  - 'glean' and 'work' gathering and thrashing
  - 'where did you work?' Boaz
- God's Grace who? 20



### Naomi

- God's Mercy where? 18,19
  - 'where did you work?' Boaz
- God's Grace who? 20
  - 'kinsman' (2:1); 'close' (2:20)
  - 'nearest kinsman' גָּאַל
  - Levitical Law: Liberty, Linage, Land, Life



"We do not preach a routine of salvation — we preach a Redeemer!"



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21 Then Ruth the Moabitess said, "Furthermore, he said to me, 'You should stay close to my servants until they have finished all my harvest."



22 Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, so that others do not fall upon you in another field."



23 So she stayed close by the maids of Boaz in order to glean until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.







Seven Weeks Later (Leviticus 23:15)

Spring

Start of Barley Harvest

Passover Festival Associated with Israel's redemption from slavery in Egypt

A time of faith: varied weather ahead

Easter: Jesus' death and resurrection

Early Summer

Start of Wheat Harvest

**Shavuot** Festival (Pentecost in Greek) Associated with the giving of the Law at Sinai

A time to thank God for the grain harvest and pray for the coming summer fruits

**Pentecost**: the Holy Spirit given to the believers

#### Redeemer 20-23

- God is at work for you 'kindness'
- God is working stay close
- God is faithful barley to wheat harvests
- God is the Redeemer! Is He yours? Are you close?



"Redemption is recognized then received and then recognized!"



