

Amazing Grace!

Ruth 2:1-13



"I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am." John Newton

Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband,
 a man of great wealth, of the family of
 Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."

3 So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

4 Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, "May the LORD be with you." And they said to him, "May the LORD bless you."

5 Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?"

6 The servant in charge of the reapers replied, "She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab.

7 And she said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves.' Thus she came and has remained from the morning until now; she has been sitting in the house for a little while."

God's Grace 2:1-7

- Rejected 'Moabitess'
 - Dt 23:3 'shall not enter...'
 - Mo / Ab from father Lot
- Received
 - 'daughter' vs 2 AND vs 8

Ruth-Kinsman Redeemer

God's Grace 2:1-7

- Lev 19:9,10 'corners' and 'gleanings'
- 'kinsman' close but not *goel* (redeemer 3:12)
- 'man of great wealth' *gibor* valiant
- Goliath, David (boy), Naaman, 'mighty men'
- God is moving the pieces! Don't miss invisible!

"Our worst is not beyond God's Grace and our best did not happen without it!"

8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids.

9 Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw."

More Grace 8,9

- Proposed 'listen' Prov 3:5,6
- Protected 'not to touch you' Psalm 23
- Provided 'when you are thirsty' 'my Grace'

"Grace is the free, undeserved goodness and favor of God to mankind." Matthew Henry

10 Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

11 Boaz replied to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know.

12 May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge."

13 Then she said, "I have found favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and indeed have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

Amazing Grace 10-13

- Overwhelmed
 - 'why' undeserved!
 - 'favor' to a 'foreigner'
 - 'notice' Joseph did while brothers did not notice
 - 'you have done...'

Ruth-Kinsman Redee

• Overjoyed

Amazing Grace 10-13

- Overwhelmed
- Overjoyed
 - Gave in love NOT give to get!
 - LORD rewards...

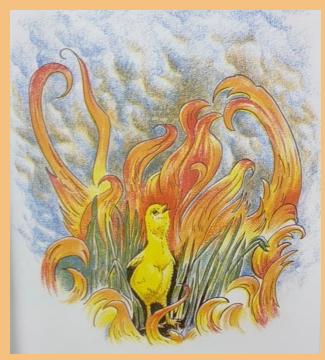
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• You sought refuge – you have found it! LORD

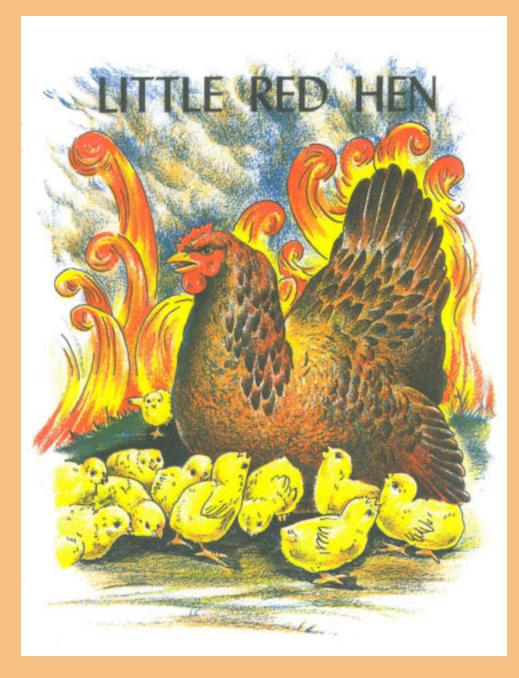
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- 'favor' Grace Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses
- Grace (hen) is the offer hesed is the promise!
- 'wings' 'refuge' אָוָף kanaph –
- 'kindly' from the heart

Bible Story of a hen and chicks
Normal day until.... Prairie Fire!
Mother hen gathered her chicks
Prairie Fire overtake them –
One chick goes his own way
The fire passes and the farmer searches...
Hen is found, perished – farmer nudges her...
All the chicks come rushing out – saved!



Only one is lost....



"Grace means undeserved kindness. It is the gift of God to man the moment he sees he is unworthy of God's favor." D.L. Moody

We do not deserve! We cannot earn! We will not qualify! *"God begins at the point we surrender!"*

I will seek God's grace for salvation. I will celebrate God's grace in my life. I will share God's grace to all others. I will thank God for His Amazing Grace!

"Grace is the very opposite of merit... Grace is not only undeserved favor, but it is favor, shown to the one who has deserved the very opposite." Harry Ironside