

WHY HAVE I FOUND GRACE IN THINE EYES RUTH 2

Text: Ruth 2:10

Introduction:

Ruth the Moabitess has gone to the field of Boaz to glean barley. While she was there, she met the owner of the field. She caught his eye. She ate lunch at his table and he personally served her the food. When she left the field that day, she left with more than she bargained for. She returns home that evening weary and tired from her labors, but she has a story to tell. All day, her mother-in-law Naomi would have been waiting for her to return with enough grain for a little meal. When Ruth does return, she is loaded down with enough grain to last them a week. Not only does she have grain, but she has some good news to tell as Well.

1. PROVISIONS (VS 17-18)

Ruth 2:17-18

So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

[18] And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

A. Designed to satisfy (17)

She went looking for enough for one meal and returned with enough to feed them for a week. Boaz wanted her to get so much in his field that she would never even dream of gleaning anywhere else.

Note:

- Our Heavenly Boaz blesses His people.

Ephes. 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

- He wants to bless His children so much that they will never think of going anywhere else to glean.
- The Lord doesn't intend to stop blessing until we leave this world, then the real blessing begin.

Ephes. 2:7

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

B. Designed to show (18)

Can you see Ruth as she throws that 25lb across her shoulder and heads into the city? Everyone who sees her pass by knows that she is that Moab girl. They know she has nothing and by now most of them know she has gone to the field of Boaz to glean. They can see that she has received a blessing just by watching her go past. It might be that Boaz was making a statement to the community.

C. Designed to share (18)

We are not to simply hoard up the blessings of the Lord, but we are to share them with others. Whatever we have been blessed with by God has been given to us to use for His glory. Whether it be a talent, God's truth, a gift, financial resources, etc. His blessings are given to us so that we might share them with others.

2. PERSON (VS 19-21)

Ruth 2:19-21

And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou?

blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz. [20] And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the Lord, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen. [21] And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.

A. Interested in the situation (19)

When Naomi sees all that Ruth has returned with she knows that you don't get this much by merely gleaning! She knows that someone has blessed them with an open hand! She blesses the person who "has taken knowledge of thee".

B. Involved in the situation (19)

Not only is Boaz interested in Ruth's situation, he is now involved. He has opened his hands and his heart to her and is taking steps to improve her condition.

Ruth 2:11

And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and

how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

Ruth 2:15-16

And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not: [16] And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

C. Instrument in the situation (20-21)

Boaz doesn't even realize the extent that he is being used in the lives of these two women. He had become an instrument in the hand of the Lord. There are three ways in which Boaz is being used by God as an instrument of blessing.

1. Instrument of revival

2. Instrument of redemption

- Had to be related (2:1)
- Had to be able (2:1)
- Had to be willing

Note: These women needed a redeemer. If they didn't find one, they would live their lives in poverty. If you are not saved, you need a redeemer! You have one if you will accept Him. His name is Jesus and He died for you!)

Note:

If you will take a minute to think back over what the Lord has done for you if you are saved, you will have to admit that you have many reasons to praise His Name and to rejoice in Him this morning! Are you doing it?

3. Instrument of refreshment (21)

Ruth tells Naomi in verse 21 that she will be going back to the field of grace to work until the harvest has ended. In other words, they are going to enjoy plenty because of this man named Boaz. I would imagine that every day he reminded the reapers to drop the "Handfuls on Purpose" for Ruth. Everyday he would see that she had parched corn, a cool drink of water and all the grain she could carry when she left the field. He was going to be a blessing to Naomi and Ruth.

Note:

Just a reminded to you who are living on spiritual scraps this morning, Jesus wants to load your wagon! He has glory, and power, and victory and blessing for every one of His children.

Close:

There's good news from the field of grace! But, it will never help you until you deal with it on a personal level!