

# Ruth 2:1-10

## *Ruth Looks for Grace*

### 1. 2:1-2 – Ruth Looks for Grace

- a. 1- Introducing a “kinsman”, “mighty man”, wealthy, “family of [my God is king]”
- b. Boaz means “in his strength” (Jachin the other pillar means “he will establish”)
- c. 2 - “*Let me now go to the field...*” - Ruth takes responsibility, in submission to Naomi.
- d. “*in whose sight I shall find grace*” - She is looking for grace (not a victim) - Hos 14:1-2
- e. “*Go, my daughter*” - Unlike 1:8,11 Naomi approves of Ruth’s search for grace in Israel.

### 2. 2:3 - Gleaning and the Harvest

- a. 1:22 - “*they came ... in the beginning of barley harvest*” = Passover, firstfruits, spring
- b. 2:3 - “*she ... gleaned in the field*” - a common provision for the poor. God required it.
- c. Gleaning ~def. What is left after the reapers harvest. What remains in the field (remnant)
- d. The law required leaving corners and second reaping Lev 19:9-10, 23:22
- e. The law was for the poor, stranger, fatherless, widow - Deu 24:19-21
- f. Est. 30% of U.S. food supply is not eaten. Gleaning is still practiced and encouraged.
- g. Gleaning is another connection to the stranger in Matt 15:24-28
- h. Jesus taught about what was left after the harvest - Matt 13:36-43, Rev 14:1, 15-16

### 3. 2:3 - Happenstance and God

- a. “*her hap*” - to happen, by chance, accident, coincidence (denied by many Christians)
- b. Coincidence is when two things align, coincide, without being planned or foreseen.
- c. What was her hap? She gleaned from Boaz’ field. (She nor Naomi planned this.)
- d. Some quick to say, “God planned it!” without the text saying so. Some things happen.
- e. Choice is not chance, but chance can happen from many different choices - Lk 10:30-33
- f. Want more in life to happen in to coincide with God’s will? Align yourself with His will.
- g. Where is God? In Boaz, Ruth, gleaning, kin laws, family, responsibility - Judges 6:13-16
- h. Grace is not an accident. Faith is not an accident. Obedience and love are not accidents.

### 4. 2:4-7 – Boaz Discovers Ruth

- a. 4 - “*The LORD be with you.*” - A testimony to the grace and faith of Boaz.
- b. 5 - “*Whose damsel is this?*” - He knew about her (2:11), but had never seen her.
- c. 6 - “*came back with Naomi*” - the people recognized more than Naomi did 1:21
- d. 7 - “*I pray you... she hath continued*” - A humble, hard-working, faithful woman.
  - i. “*tarried a little in the house*” - The place of rest for the workers.

### 5. 2:8-10 – Boaz Gives Ruth grace

- a. 8 - “*my daughter*” - Boaz is going to treat her as one of the young of his own house
- b. “*Go not to glean in another field... neither go*” - not unlike Ruth’s promise – 1:16
- c. “*abide here...*” - His grace would be sufficient. She blessed Naomi, now she is blessed.
- d. “*fast by my maidens*” - She is given position among Boaz’s house / maidens.
- e. 9 - “*charged the young men*” – protection, and “*when thou art athirst*” provision.
- f. 10 - “*fell on her face and bowed*” - respect, reverence rarely seen among women.
- g. “*Why have I found grace in thine eyes*” - God gives grace to the humble - Jam 4:6
- h. “*I am a stranger*” - sin/stranger not the important trait, but faith/humility - Lk 18:13-14
- i. See the similarities between Mary and Ruth - Luke 1:28-33, 39-50
- j. Boaz gives grace: His strength is made perfect by providing grace to weak - 2 Cor 12:9