

Ruth 2:11-23

Ruth Works Til the End

1. 2:10 - *“Why have I found grace in thine eyes?”*

- a. First, she was looking for it - Ruth 2:2, Deu 4:27-28, Matt 7:7-8, Acts 17:26-27
 - i. Naomi pictures the lost sheep of Israel as Ruth does the faithful remnant.
 - ii. They live in times of trouble among the nations but return seeking the LORD.
 - iii. Disobedient Israel looks and lives like Gentiles, save the promise - Hos 1:9, 2:23
 - iv. Those not asking and seeking, now ask and seek - Isaiah 65:1, Luke 14:15-27

2. 2:11-12 - *Ruth’s Faith and Works*

- a. Second, *“It hath fully been shewed me”* - What he knew before she showed up.
- b. *“all that thou hast done”* - Her faith produced work, by works she was justified Jam 2:20
- c. *“unto thy mother in law”* - Ruth honors her mother, fulfills husband’s duty, sacrifices.
- d. *“how thou hast left...”* - left your people for God’s - Luke 5:11, 23, 14:33, 18:29-30
- e. 12 *“the LORD recompense thy work”* -Blessed for obedience, covenant reward Heb 11:6
- f. *“a full reward”* - Boaz recognizing she will get more than ‘crumbs’/gleanings from God
 - i. David spoke of the great reward that comes from fearing the Lord – Ps 19:7-11
 - ii. Received only by those obey to end when the kingdom comes - Matt 25:34
 - iii. There are people who say and do not, this is not Ruth - Matt 15:2-9, 21:28-31
 - iv. 1 John 3:18, 2 John 1:8 also speaks of full reward if remnant Israel stays faithful
- g. *“LORD God of Israel... thou art come to trust”* - He sees Ruth’s faith - Deu 32:11-12

3. 2:13-16 - *Boaz Gives More Grace*

- a. *“Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord”* - Submissive reverence – see Gen 18:3, 32:5
 - i. More than just “thank you”, she understands she owes him more
- b. *“for that thou hast comforted me, and...”* - She submits to him b/c of these 2 things
- c. *“unto thine handmaid”* - She is a stranger, but now his servant (e.g. Mary - Luke 1:38)
- d. 14 *“At mealtime come thou here... beside the reapers”* - Invitation to partake of his own.
- e. 15 - *“Let her glean even among the sheaves”* - an extra grace above just what was fallen.
- f. 16 - *“Let fall also some handfuls of purpose”* - A bound hand sized portion.

4. 2:17-23 – *Ruth Gleans to the End*

- a. 17 - *“She gleaned in the field until even”* - Ruth works until the end.
- b. *“about an ephah”* = 10 omers Exo 16:36. An omer was daily bread (Exo 16:16, 22)
- c. 18 - *“she brought forth, and gave to her...”* - Ruth blessed Naomi, being satisfied herself
- d. 19 - *“blessed be he...”* – Ruth gathered much. Ruth knew his name. Naomi did not.
- e. 20 - *“Blessed be he of the LORD”* - Naomi’s faith restored, b/c of grace given to Ruth
 - i. *“The man is ... one of our next kinsmen”* – Now Naomi is trusting in God’s law.
- f. 21 - *“keep fast... until they have ended all my harvest”* - He said stay with him til the end
 - i. Diligent unto the end, to enter into his rest - Heb 3:6, 12-14, 4:2, 10-11, 6:10-11
- g. 22 - *“It is good...”* – Ruth is treated as kin to Boaz (though she is a stranger) - Hos 2:19
- h. 23 - *“she kept fast”* – The faithful service of Ruth to glean all season.
 - i. *“unto the end of barley ... and of wheat harvest”* – Until the end of summer
- i. Barley the first in the spring season, then wheat in May-June - Deu 8:8
- j. After the harvest of these grains were the fruits of celebration (grapes, figs, pomes)
- k. We don’t see Ruth gleaning after this. Just as was instructed in the day of Pentecost.