

## **“Under His Wings” Ruth 2:12**

Ruth provides an excellent biblical example of a woman whose life was uniquely committed to the Lord. Her commitment included (1) a loyalty to her mother-in-law, (2) a willingness to work hard for her welfare as well as the welfare of her family and (3) a flawless character. This commitment resulted in Ruth experiencing a fruitful and very productive life. She put her life in God’s hands. Boaz’s words summarize Ruth’s story, “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” (Ruth 2:12).

This is the safest place in all the world—“under His wings.”

- I. Under His wings is a place of FAMILY LOYALTY (1:14-17).
  - A. It is an INTENSE loyalty (1:14)
  - B. It is a DIVINE loyalty (1:16b)
  - C. It is a LIFE-LONG loyalty (1:17)
  
- II. Under His wings is a place of FAITHFUL LABOR (2:2-7, 17-23).
  - A. A labor that is VOLUNTARY (2:2)
  - B. A labor that is HARD (2:3)
  - C. A labor that is DILIGENT (2:7b, 17a, 23)
  - D. A labor that is UNSELFISH (2:18)
  
- III. Under His wings is a place of FLAWLESS CHARACTER.
  - A. Ruth had an EXCELLENT REPUTATION (3:10-11)
  - B. Ruth had an EXPECTANT ATTITUDE (2:2-3; 3:9)
  - C. Ruth had an EXTRAORDINARY HUMILITY (2:10)
  
- IV. Under His wings is a place of FRUITFUL LIVING.
  - A. This is a life with the PROTECTIVE CARE of the Lord (2:9; 4:9-10)
  - B. This is a life with a PRODUCTIVE OUTCOME for the Lord (4:13-17)

When we come to the true and living God with a heart of unreserved allegiance and obedience to Him, we place ourselves “under His wings.” He is our refuge and Lord. He will provide for us a fruitful and productive life. For Ruth, this meant that she would be in a generational line of Jesus, the Messiah:

Matthew 1:5-6 “...to Salmon was born Boaz by Rahab and to Boaz was born Obed by Ruth; and to Obed, Jesse; and to Jesse was born David the king.”

God may want to use you to bless future generations—don’t miss the opportunity!

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