

Ruth Chapter 2

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1. Who is Boaz?

1. Kinsman of the family of Elimelech
2. A man of great wealth

Ruth 2:1

¹ Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a man of great wealth, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

2. What did Ruth suggest to Naomi as a way of obtaining food?

Please let me go to the field and glean

Ruth 2:2

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."

2. What did Ruth suggest to Naomi as a way of obtaining food?

Leviticus 19:9-10

⁹ 'Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

¹⁰ 'Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; **you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger.** I am the LORD your God.

2. What did Ruth suggest to Naomi as a way of obtaining food?

Deuteronomy 24:19

¹⁹ "When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow, in order that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

3. Whose eye did Ruth catch?

Boaz

Ruth 2:4-5

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?**"

4. How did Boaz's servant identify Ruth?

1. She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the land of Moab
2. She said, 'Please let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves
3. She came and has remained from the morning until now
4. She has been sitting in the house for a little while

Ruth 2:5-7

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."

5. What did Boaz say to Ruth in verse 8?

1. Listen carefully, my daughter
2. Do not go to glean in another field
3. Do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids

Ruth 2:8

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."

6. What instructions did Boaz give the young men about Ruth?

1. Not to touch you

2. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw

Ruth 2:9

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."

7. Why did Boaz find favor with Ruth?

1. All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the death of your husband
2. 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

Ruth 2:10-11

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.

8. What blessings did Boaz give Ruth?

1. The Lord reward your work
2. Your wages be full from the Lord
3. The Lord is your refuge

Ruth 2:12

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."**

9. What special favor did Boaz tell his young men to show Ruth?

Ruth 2:13-16

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."

¹⁴ At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers; and he served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied and had some left.

¹⁵ When she rose to glean, Boaz commanded his servants, saying, "**Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her.**

¹⁶ "**Also you shall purposely pull out for her some grain from the bundles and leave *it* that she may glean, and do not rebuke her.**"

9. What special favor did Boaz tell his young men to show Ruth?

1. Let her glean even among the sheaves
2. Do not insult her
3. You shall purposely pull out for her *some grain* from the bundles and leave *it* that she may glean
4. Do not rebuke her

Vs.5 Boaz sees Ruth gleaning in the field –She has a need for food

1. God knows our needs

Matthew 6:8

⁸ "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

John 10:14-15

¹⁴ "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,

¹⁵ even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Vs.8 Boaz took the initiative to speak to Ruth

2. God speaks to us through His Word

2 Timothy 2:15

¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Vs. 9 Boaz promised to protect Ruth

3. God will protect us

Luke 21:18

¹⁸ "Yet not a hair of your head will perish.

2 Timothy 1:7

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

Vs.12 Boaz encourages Ruth when she is in desperate need

4. The Lord will encourage us in our desperate moments

Matthew 23:37

³⁷ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

Isaiah 25:4

⁴ For You have been a defense for the helpless, A defense for the needy in his distress, A refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat; For the breath of the ruthless Is like a *rain* storm *against* a wall.

Vs.15 Boaz provided for Ruth

5. The Lord provides for us

Matthew 6:26

²⁶ "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?"

Philippians 4:19

¹⁹ And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Vs.16 Boaz provided abundantly for Ruth

6. The Lord will provide abundantly for His people

John 10:10

¹⁰ "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

2 Corinthians 9:8

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

Ephesians 3:20

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

11. How long did she glean and how much barley did she get?

1. She gleaned in the field until evening
2. Ephah of barley (22-30 pounds)
3. Ruth and Naomi were both satisfied

Ruth 2:17-18

¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.

¹⁸ She took *it* up and went into the city, and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She also took *it* out and gave Naomi what she had left after she was satisfied.

11. When did Ruth become aware that Boaz was a near-kinsman?

Naomi said to her, "The man is our relative, he is one of our closest relatives."

Ruth 2:19-20

¹⁹ Her mother-in-law then said to her, "**Where did you glean today and where did you work?** May he who took notice of you be blessed." So she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "**The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.**"

²⁰ **Naomi said** to her daughter-in-law, "**May he be blessed of the LORD who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead.**" Again Naomi said to her, "**The man is our relative, he is one of our closest relatives.**"

12. What did Naomi tell Ruth to do?

1. You go out with his maids
2. So that *others* do not fall upon you in another field

Ruth 2:21-23

²¹ Then Ruth the Moabite said, "Furthermore, he said to me, 'You should stay close to my servants until they have finished all my harvest.'"

²² Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his maids, so that others do not fall upon you in another field."

²³ So she stayed close by the maids of Boaz in order to glean until the end of the barley harvest and the wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

Boaz provided hope for Naomi and Ruth

Boaz had four wonderful effects upon Naomi and Ruth:

1. Boaz stirred **Naomi** to **praise the Lord** (2:20).
2. **Boaz assured continued provision for Naomi and Ruth** (2:21). Ruth told Naomi that Boaz had invited her to continue gleaning as long as the harvest season lasted.
3. **Boaz assured ongoing protection for Ruth** as she continued to glean throughout the season (2:22). In someone else's field, Ruth could easily have been physically abused or harmed. But in Boaz's field, she was guaranteed his protection.
4. **Boaz stirred Ruth to continue gleaning in the field until the end of the harvest season** (2:23).