

GOD'S PROMISES FULFILLED

A Study in the Books of Joshua and Ruth

Ruth Meets Boaz Ruth 2*"The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward will be given you by the LORD..." Ruth 2:12***Read Ruth 2:1-16.**

1. Describe how Boaz is introduced in verse 1.
2. How does Boaz's standing in society compare to that of Naomi and Ruth? (1:22; 2:2)
3. Ruth takes the initiative to provide for herself and Naomi.
 - a. What is her plan? (v. 2)
 - b. What does this show us about Ruth?
4. The phrase translated "As it turned out" (v. 3) is literally "her chance chanced upon."² Do you think the writer really believes that chance brought Ruth to Boaz's field? Why or why not?
5. Boaz notices someone new in his field. How does the foreman describe her?
6. What is God's law regarding "gleaning" what is left behind? (Deut. 24:19-22)

Who was supposed to benefit from it?
7. Describe how Boaz goes beyond the law's requirements in his generosity.
 - a. vv. 8-9
 - b. v. 14
 - c. vv. 15-16)

"a worthy woman." The feminine equivalent of the Hebrew phrase in 2:1...In the Hebrew canon, the book of Ruth follows the book of Proverbs. In the last section of Proverbs, the author asks, "A worthy woman who can find?" one whose "works praise her in the gates?" (Prov 31:30, 31). The answer is immediate in the Hebrew canon: Boaz has found a "worthy woman" who is praised in the gates, one who is known for her selflessness and her covenant love for Naomi (2:8-13).¹

