

Ruth 2

King James Version (KJV)

2 And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz. (Boaz - fleetness, quick; he was also one of Jesus' ancestors)

(Being a kinsman of Naomi; Boaz would act as a kinsman redeemer for Naomi and Ruth)

(Today, Jesus is our kinsman redeemer. He destroyed death through the crucifixion and resurrection. Through Him, we can have eternal life)

²And Ruth the Moabite said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. (Poor people were allowed to glean the leftovers in a field after the harvest was done by the owner)

(In those days, it was not safe for a woman to glean in the fields alone. There was a danger that she might be attacked by some low life man. Ruth had no choice. She and Naomi needed to eat)

³And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech. (Elimelech - just happened; happenstance) (God sent her there. This wasn't a coincidence)

⁴And, behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee. (This was a common greeting in those days. It documents that these people were believers in God)

⁵Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this? (She was a beautiful woman)

⁶And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab: (Boaz was a relative in law of Ruth through Naomi)

⁷And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house. (She tarried in

the house, during lunch time; so that she could not be accused of stealing, while the reapers were eating)

⁸Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens: (Stay here in the house where it is safe for you)

⁹Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn. (Make yourself at home. Boaz saw to it that she would be safe on his lands)

¹⁰Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger? (She was not a stranger. She was a kinsman)

¹¹And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. (She stood by Naomi when she was alone)

(Boaz had already checked up on who she was. He respected that she had been loyal to Naomi. Ruth was obviously a good and loyal woman)

¹²The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. (This was a prayer for blessings by Boaz unto Ruth)

¹³Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens.

¹⁴And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left. (vinegar - a wine to sop bread in)

¹⁵And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not: (Let her glean of the best crops; and not just the leftovers)

¹⁶ And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not. (Boaz was making sure she and Naomi had enough to eat. God inspired Boaz to see to it that Ruth and Naomi were well cared for)

¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley. (a bushel)

¹⁸ And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed. (She brought leftovers from lunch to Naomi, as well as the bushel of grain that she had gleaned. Now they had plenty to eat)

¹⁹ And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz. (A blessing for Boaz)

²⁰ And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen. (Boaz was a close relative of Naomi, through marriage)

²¹ And Ruth the Moabite said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. (She may continue to glean in Boaz' fields until the harvests are finished)

²² And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field. (In other fields, a maiden alone might be molested. Here, she is under Boaz' protection)

²³ So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother in law. See Deuteronomy-25:4-10 (The law of kinsman redeemer)