

**Ruth Handout
Week Seven**

2:1 Now Naomi had a kinsman of her husband, a mighty man of wealth, of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor (chen).”

Contrasts:

The downside-

The upside-

The Gleaning Rules: Lev. 19:1 Lev. 19:9, Deut. 24:19

The Lessons

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Deut. 24:22 The clear principle-

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, “I will go, please, 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.”

The character of Ruth

Jam. 1:27

The field

Gleaning

“after one in whose sight I may find favor”:

Favor: chen/grace

Grace is not opposed to effort. It is opposed to trust in that effort.

Gen. 6:7, Ex. 33:13 How does God give grace?

Mark 4:35 Who benefited from Jesus’ lesson that day?

3 So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and she happened to come to the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

Prov. 16:9, Prov. 16:33

Biblical coincidences?

What is God’s point?

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.”

Now behold
The character of Boaz

The LORD be with you

Another contrast-

How is Boaz like Christ?

5 Then Boaz said to his servant (young man) who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?”

The odd question-
The answer: Jn. 1:12, 1 Pt.2:9, Eph. 2:10, 1 Cor.12:27

6 The servant (young boy) 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 (standing here) from the morning until now; she has been sitting in the house for a little while.”

Moabite Returned The petition
The response
In the house?

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. 9 Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the young men not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw.”

Listen carefully: Shema
My daughter The result
Stay with *my* maids-
The nascent theme realized Eph. 2:17, 1 Pt.2:10

Why is Boaz so adamant?

What is Boaz/Jesus saying: The field The water Jn. 7:37

2 Sam. 23:14