

Ruth Scripture Week Seven

Lev. 19:1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, *You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.*

Lev. 19:9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: *I am the LORD your God...but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.*

Deut. 24:19 When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over them again. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this.

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Jam.1:27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gen. 6:7 The Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.” But Noah found favor (grace) in the eyes of the LORD.

Ex. 33:13 Then Moses said to the Lord, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people!’ But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, ‘I have known you by name, and you have also found favor (grace) in My sight.’ Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor (grace) in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor (grace) in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people.” And He said, “My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.”

Mark 4:35 On that day, when evening came, He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him. And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Hush, be still.” And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. And He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

Prov. 16:9 The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.

Prov. 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.

Jn. 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

1 Pt. 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Eph. 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1 Cor. 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. We belong to each other. I am yours, and you are mine.

Eph. 2:17 And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

1 Pt. 2:10 for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

Jn. 7:37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."

2 Sam. 23:14 David was then in the stronghold, while the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. David had a craving and said, "Oh that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate!" So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem which was by the gate.

Discussion

Ruth must wonder, as does everyone around her, why Boaz is going above and beyond the call. We don't know. But for the first time we are not looking at a contrast but a harmony. Boaz and Ruth share a similar character and similar purpose. What is that?

What is the deep thing motivating both of these characters? How can you tell—find something in the text. How are they each respectively showing it? Don't go beyond v. 9 yet.

What and where are you currently gleaning in God's kingdom? What are the dangers? What are the delights?