



Finding Refuge Under God's Wings

Ruth 2

The Theme of Chapter 2

- Key verse is verse 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.”*
- A powerful Old Testament word picture: seeking refuge under the wings of the LORD
 - Psalm 17:6-8
 - Psalm 36:5-9
 - Psalm 57:1
 - Psalm 61:4
 - Psalm 91:1-4

A Providential Encounter (1-7)

- Introducing Boaz (1)
- Ruth's proposal to Naomi: a request to glean in the field (2)
 - The Laws pertaining to gleaning (Leviticus 19:9-10, 23:22, Deut. 24:19-22)
 - Do not reap to the corners of the field
 - The owner of the field was not glean the field or grove or vineyard
 - The gleanings were to be left for the needy, the stranger, the alien, the orphan and the widow

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- The Lord's amazing providence! (3)
- Boaz' inquiry (4-7)
 - Evidence of his character: the greeting of a man of God (4)
 - What Boaz asks his foreman (5)
 - What Boaz learns (6-7)
 - Her background
 - Her story
 - Her attitude and work ethic

The Kindness of Boaz (8-16)

- Boaz gives instructions to Ruth and his servants (8-9)
 - For her protection (8)
 - For her provision (8-9)
- Boaz' motivation and blessing (10-13)
 - Ruth's amazement prompts a question (10)
 - Boaz had learned of her story (11)
 - Boaz offers a wonderful blessing (12)
 - Ruth's appreciation (13)
- Boaz' gracious provision (14-16)
 - A meal from his own hand (14)
 - Setting her up for success and fair treatment (15-16)

Enjoying the Lord's Provision (17-23)

- The end of an amazingly successful day (17-18)
 - An ephah = more than half a bushel; about 30 pounds
- Discovering the Lord's wonderful provision (19-20)
- Boaz' ongoing care (21)
- Naomi's advice (22-23)

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1. There are no “coincidences” because God is sovereign over even the smallest details of every life. Life is not random!
2. For the believer, this chapter reminds us that there is never any cause for worry. God always takes care of those who belong to Him. Matthew 6:31-33 *“Do not worry then, saying ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

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4. The promise of God’s care is only for those who belong to Him, those who take refuge in Him. Romans 10:9,13 *“...if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*
“Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”