

Taking Refuge Under the Wings of God

Ruth 2

- A. *Ruth 1* ended with Naomi full of sorrow (1:13, 20-21)...
1. Embittered eyes can easily become blind.
 2. God has not promised that believers are immune to affliction.
 3. People with *Micah 6:8*-type-hearts can be used by God in profound and beautiful ways.
- B. ...but with unseen hope on the horizon (1:22).

I. A “worthy man” whose name was Boaz

- A. “Worthy man” (2:1) is translated in a variety of ways throughout the Old Testament:
1. “Man of valor” (1 Sam 16:18)
 2. “Mighty man” (1 Chron 28:1; Prov 16:32)
 3. “Man of wealth” (1 Sam 9:1; 1 Tim 6:18)
 4. “Very able” (1 Kings 11:28)
- B. More important than his reputation, Boaz is a man of God (2:4).

II. The determination and strength of Ruth to fulfill her promises

- A. Ruth takes the _____ to care for her mother-in-law (2:2).
- B. Ruth shows _____, taking initiative without being presumptuous or pushy (2:7a).
- C. Ruth demonstrates _____ as a remarkable worker (2:7b, 17, 23).

III. The LORD, “whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead”

- A. Ruth “_____ to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz” (2:3-7).
1. Boaz shows her great kindness, even though she is a foreigner.
 - a. He provides food (2:8).
 - b. He provides protection (2:9a, 22).
 - c. He provides for her thirst (2:9b).
 2. Ruth responds with humble astonishment (2:10).
- B. Boaz’s _____ that the LORD would repay and reward (2:11-13).
- C. Boaz’s active _____ as a servant of the LORD (2:14-23).

Vital concluding takeaways:

- There is _____ beneath the wings of God (2:12; Psa 57:1; Psa 147:10-11).
- Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is _____ (2:12,14; James 2:14-18; Gal 5:6; 1 Cor 15:10).
- We must fight for _____ that are susceptible to kindness and grace (2:10; Luke 13:34-35; 2:20).