

Ruth

(4) Ruth meets Boaz

Ruth 2:11-13

Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband – how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. 12 May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

13 "May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord," she said. "You have given me comfort and have spoken kindly to your servant – though I do not have the standing of one of your servant girls." NIV

Taking refuge in the God of Israel...2:11-17

Why had Boaz showed kindness to Ruth (2:8-9)? 2:11

He already knew of her kindness to Naomi. Leaving homeland to live with Jews.

What might have been his response to this Moabite refugee?

Could have ignored her, scorned her, or openly rebuked her for intruding.

And what great insight is given re Ruth's faith? 2:12 Ps.17:8; 36:7; 57:1; 61:4; 63:7; Mt.23:37

She had come to take refuge under the wings of the Lord, the God of Israel!

What equally important insight do we have now of Boaz's faith? 2:12 see Mt.1:5

He prays for the Lord to richly reward her! Maybe he learned such kindness at home?

What do we see in Ruth's response to Boaz? 2:13; Col.3:15-17

Continued humility and thankfulness for his favor. Kind words were a comfort.

What happens next? 2:14; Ps.23:4-6

Boaz singles Ruth out for lunch! Gives her the best and more. Her cup runneth over!

Then Boaz orders his men to do what...? 2:15-17

Help her! Harvest some extra and leave it for her to pick up. The love story begins!

Naomi's faith is rekindled...2:18-23

When Ruth returns with an obvious bounty (vs.18) what's Ruth's question? 2:19a

Where did you get all this? (translation...) Who was the man who took notice of you?

When Ruth declares it was Boaz what is Naomi's first response? 2:20a

The Lord bless him! Her faith is reviving. She knows this could only be of Him!

What's the lesson(s) here for us? see Jer.29:11

In addition to Boaz being kind to Ruth, what (2) things does Naomi know of him? 2:20b

She knew him to be kind before she left! Also a close relative; possible kinsman-redeemer

What does Naomi encourage Ruth to do? 2:21-23

Stay in Boaz's field, it's safe there. So Ruth continued to work, living w/Naomi.

Next: What is a kinsman-redeemer?