

*"And Boaz said unto her: 'At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar.' And she sat beside the reapers; **And He Reached Her** parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left." Ruth 2:14No2 KJV*



What marvelous depth of meaning we find in the words; *"He reached her!"* Of all the reapers to maidens at the meal, Boaz, the master himself, *"reached her."* Ruth, the impoverished stranger was singled out by the master, given drinking privileges, and now, summoned to the table, dining privileges; the master, himself serving her! She had done nothing to merit this attention, but was given it, nonetheless. Tom Hayes, a friend of mine, once preached a sermon on Ruth's, *"Sipping, Supping, and Sopping Privileges."* The servants didn't serve Ruth, the master, himself did! She had been chosen for favor by the master; *"he reached her."* This scene beautifully parallels the Love of God that reached out to fallen man in a Bethlehem manger. Strangers to God, *"He Reached us."* On a more personal note; He reached you! *"There is none that seeketh after God;"* God Seeks men; *"The Son of man Is Come to Seek and to Save that which was lost. They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth, for the Father Seeketh such to worship Him."* God gives us drinking privileges. *"Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Whosoever drinketh of the Water that I Shall Give him shall never thirst; but the Water that I Shall Give him shall be in him a Well of Water Springing up into Everlasting Life."* He gives us dining privileges. *"Jesus Said unto them, 'I Am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger: This is the Bread which Cometh down from Heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I Am the Living Bread which Came down from Heaven: if any man eat of this Bread, he shall Live for ever: and the Bread that I Will Give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. In the beginning was the Word...and the Word Was Made Flesh and Dwelt among us.'" We eat the "Bread of Heaven" by ingesting and digesting the Word of God by faith receiving and believing it; proved by our willing cheerful obedience. Christ's battered, beaten, bloodless corpse was tenderly laid in a borrowed tomb, and Death was fatally wounded "on the third day" as His Flesh once again lived! Jesus, the "Word Made Flesh; the Truth; the Life;" told Satan in the wilderness, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the Mouth of God." Everlasting life must feed on Everlasting Food; "the Bread of Life; the Living Word." The Word preached by men "Saves them that believe, for faith cometh by hearing...the WORD OF GOD." If you have heard God's Word and foolishly rejected it in favor of human reason, you are an unbeliever! You are "condemned already, because [you] have not believed in the Name of the Only Begotten Son of God!" You have just walked away from Heaven into eternal hell! If your lips say you believe and your life says you do not: "Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep (obey) His Commandments. He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, IS A LIAR, and the Truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily, is the Love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him." If you're not sure, you do not KNOW!*

The Love of God that reaches down,
To souls by sin and darkness bound,
His favor frees the humble souls,
Who by His grace have been made whole! -CGP

Dear Believer, when the *"Spirit of Truth"* first reached your dead soul, and through faith resurrected your spirit, you heard the Master say, *"Come, and dine!"* Seated at His Table, He reaches you the Living Bread which is always sufficient. One Day soon, He'll *"Reach"* out and Gather His Children forever Home! Jesus Said:

"It is the Spirit that Quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the Words that I Speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are Life." John 6:63 KJV