

"Then said Boaz unto Ruth, 'Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go Not To Glean In Another Field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:" *Ruth 2:8 KJV*



Boaz was interested in Ruth the first time he saw her. "Then said Boaz, 'Whose damsel is this?'" Of all the poor that gathered to glean, he noticed her. He invited her to supper. "At mealtime come thou hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar,' and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed." God bids every sinner, "Come and dine." Boaz instructed his reapers, "And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her." If we stay in His field, that is, obey Him, God places Handfuls of Purpose along our way that we'll not find elsewhere. The gleanings from God's infinite Field will more than suffice our needs, and along the way, we'll find His bonus "Handfuls of Purpose."

We are all beggars before God, and if we would better our plight, we must away to His Field to gather our sustenance. God sees us the instant we arrive, nay, He foresaw our approach from Moab. It is important to note that Ruth did have to stay in Boaz's field. Boaz did not just hand her grain, but saw to it that she never left short. "Also he said, 'Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it.' And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley." Because she returned day after day, their relationship blossomed. If we are ever to know God intimately, we must return to Him daily for our needs. Boaz was gracious towards a stranger. He did not turn her away, but inquired after her. He took care of her before she knew he was. God provides for us in our ignorance. It is "the Goodness of God [that] leadeth thee to repentance." God's infinite Grace and Mercy Pour Bounty on the just and unjust alike. God Controls the universe and therefore, your air and food. Those that feast on God's delicacies while planning evil, know not their life depends on the Goodness of the very One they defy. When this Truth dawns on us, we will sorrow over our iniquities and plead with God for His Mercy. "Godly sorrow worketh repentance to Salvation." Repentance is the return to obedience of God's Word. Thankfulness is the earmark of believers. Only a fool thinks he deserves what God provides! We are warned to shun those who persist in evil. "Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY!" God sustains those that come to Him, who depend solely on Him, and are thankful for what He gives. "The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." Ruth was grateful. She said, "Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger? Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord." Ruth acknowledged Boaz's kindness as undeserved.

Of gleanings in our Master's field,
We'll find our needs met with its yield,
The more we glean, the more we'll find,
The Master's heart to us will bind. -CGP

We can search for sustenance amid the glitter and glut of Satan's hucksters, where nothing is free, or we can gather real supply where handfuls are left for us on purpose. Stay in the Right Field, never suffer lack, and dine with the Master!

"But my God Shall Supply all your need according to His Riches in Glory by Christ Jesus." *Philippians 4:19 KJV*