

LUCK, FAVOR, AND GOD'S PROVIDENCE

Ruth, Part 2

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Ruth 2:1-17

Review

- This true story takes place during the “dark” period of the Judges, over 1,000 years BC, in Bethlehem.
- A theme of Ruth is the Providence of God.
- God is both Sovereign and Good.
- Naomi and Ruth respond to suffering by returning to God and God's people (the church).

“Man of standing” literally means _____ man of _____.

Ruth desires, not luck, but _____.

God gave Israel the law of gleaning to provide for the _____.

“When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. It is the same with your grape crop—do not strip every last bunch of grapes from the vines, and do not pick up the grapes that fall to the ground. Leave them for the poor and the foreigners living among you. Leviticus 19:9

Leave (the gleanings) for the foreigners, orphans, and widows. Then the Lord your God will bless you in all you do. Deuteronomy 24:19-22

The reason for Ruth's success or “luck” is actually God's invisible hand of _____.

We find favor with God by following him _____.

God's Grace cannot be earned, but _____ can.

“I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward everyone according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.” Jeremiah 17:10

What attracts Boaz most about Ruth is her _____.

Boaz was unbelievably generous: he went far beyond the law, to _____.

He did this because he understood the gospel (good news).

Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” Galatians 3:8

Ruth is an Old Testament picture of _____, while Boaz is a picture of _____.

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*