

**“Ruth: From Rags to Riches”**  
**Ruth 2:4-13**

Introduction:

What illustration is given in the following Psalms?

- Psalm 17:8 / 36:7 / 57:1 / 61:4 / 63:7 / 91:1,4
  
- How does that relate to Ruth’s expectation in Ruth 2:12?

The faithful in Hebrews 11 turned their backs on the world’s offers for what?

- How did Ruth make a similar choice?

Review:

I. The Return of Naomi with Ruth (1)

**II. The Reaping of Ruth (1:22-2:23)**

**A) God’s Kind Providence (1:22-2:3)**

**#1 – God’s Timing (1:22)**

**#2 – God’s Provision (2:1-3)**

Explain “gleaning:

Though Naomi questioned the Lord’s care for her (1:20-21), what provision did He supply her demonstrating His continued support?

Explain the logic in this phrase: “If God is willing to take care of me today, He’s willing to take care of me”:

Comment on God’s perfect timing, as it relates to Ruth and Boaz, in Ruth 2:3-7:

How much of your life is God sovereign over?

## **B) Ruth's Reputation for Kindness (2:4-13)**

### **#1 – The Report about Ruth (2:4-7)**

What is our first clue that Boaz is a nice guy? (2:4; cf. Numbers 6:22-27)

The foreman's words in Ruth 2:6 reveal what about Ruth's reputation?

What request did Ruth make of the foreman? (2:7)

### **#2 – The Regard for Ruth (2:8-9)**

Comment on the given phrase or command of Boaz to Ruth:

*“my daughter”* –

*“do not go to glean in another field . . . stay here”* –

*“stay here with my maids”* –

*“let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them”* –

*“I have commanded the servants not to touch you”* –

*“when you are thirsty . . . drink from what the servants draw”* (cf. John 3:9) –

### **#3 – The Recompense for Ruth's Kindness (2:10-13)**

What is Ruth's response and attitude toward all these kindnesses given to her by Boaz?

2 Primary Reasons for Boaz's Favor on Ruth:

#1 – Because of what Ruth had done for \_\_\_\_\_ (2:11)

#2 – Because of Ruth's desire to serve \_\_\_\_\_ (2:12)