



God Fills An Empty Cup (Part 1)

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Ruth 2:8-13



8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids. **9** "Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you. When you are thirsty, go to the water jars and drink from what the servants draw." **10** Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" **11** And Boaz answered and said to her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law after the

death of your husband has been fully reported to me, and how you left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people that you did not previously know. **12** "May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge." **13** Then she said, "I have found favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and indeed have spoken kindly to your maidservant, though I am not like one of your maidservants."

– Ruth 2:8-13, NASB

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| <p>I. Act One: The Royal Line with Hope in Ruin (1:1-22)
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II. Act Two: The Royal Line with Hope Renewed (2:1-23)

A. Scene One: Ruth Reaping (vv. 1-7)

B. Scene Two: Ruth Rewarded - Part 1 (vv. 8-13)

<p>Boaz provides for Ruth's needs by granting her undeserved privileges that reflect her position under God's protective wing.</p>
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1. Grace Revealed: Boaz The Gentleman (8-9)

- a. "My daughter" (8a, cf. 3:10)

b. Boaz the gentleman is gracious and merciful to Ruth the foreigner (8b-9)

(1) Special privilege and protection (9)

(2) How this applies to us (2 Cor. 8:9; James 2:5; John 6:39, 10:27–28; 1 Peter 1:4–5; Eph. 4:32)

2. Grace Received: Ruth the Humble Foreigner (10, 13)

a. How does Ruth respond? - v. 13 - an action and a question

b. Verse 13 (Hebrew noun *shiphchah* = a female slave)

c. Grace is received with humility – *God only fills empty cups*

"Grace is not intended to replace lowliness with pride. It's intended to replace sorrow with joy." [John Piper]

3. Grace Rewarded: Boaz and Ruth Under the Same Wing (11-12)