

RUTH'S REWARD

Ruth 2 - 4

After Naomi and Ruth had returned to Bethlehem, they had to have some means of earning a living. Read now to see what they did, and what the results of this were:

A. Ruth's Labor: Read Ruth 2:1-23

1. What did Ruth decide to do to earn a living for herself and her mother-in-law? Ruth 2:2
(Look up this work in a dictionary)

2. What people had the special privilege of doing this? Leviticus 19:9-10

3. Who owned the field Ruth "happened" to choose? Ruth 2:3

4. What kind of man was he? Ruth 2:1

5. What can you tell about him from his greeting to his reapers? Ruth 2:4

6. How did he treat Ruth when he discovered her in his fields? Ruth 2:8-9, 13

7. What three things had he heard about Ruth that made him want to help her?
 - a. Ruth 2:11a _____
 - b. Ruth 2:11b _____
 - c. Ruth 2:12b _____
8. Who did he pray would reward her fully for all this? Ruth 2:12a

1. What special provision did Boaz make for Ruth at meal time? Ruth 2:14

10. What command did Boaz give his reapers concerning Ruth? Ruth 2:15-16

11. How much did she glean the first day? Ruth 2:17. (This was about a bushel. Think how long that would last for two.)

12. When Ruth told her mother-in-law where she had gleaned, what additional fact did she learn about Boaz? Ruth 2:20b

13. How long did Ruth continue to glean in Boaz's fields? Ruth 2:23

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B. Naomi's Plans: Read Ruth 3:1-18

1. At the end of this time, what responsibility did Naomi feel for her daughter-in-law?
Ruth 3:1

2. Since Boaz was their near kinsman, what duty did he have? See Deuteronomy 25:5-6.

3. When Ruth, in obedience to Naomi, reminded Boaz of this duty, how did he feel about it? Ruth 3:10 (Note: It was the custom for a widow to lie down at the feet of her husband's relative to indicate her willingness to marry him.)

4. Why was he glad to do what she requested? Ruth 3:11

5. Why could he not do this immediately? Ruth 3:12-13

C. Boaz's Action: Read Ruth 4:1-22

1. When Boaz reminded the nearest kinsman of his duty, what did the kinsman decide?
Ruth 4:6 (Notice what he did to signify this: Ruth 4:7-8. See Deuteronomy 25:5-10).

2. What did Boaz then do? Ruth 4:9-13

3. What two famous people were later descended from Boaz and Ruth?
 - a. Ruth 4:17b, 22b _____
 - b. Matthew 1:5, 16 _____

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Which was greater - what Ruth gave up to come to Canaan, or what she gained?

2. How do the things I give up to become a Christian compare with the things that I gain by doing so? See Romans 8:18; II Corinthians 4:17-18.

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