

There Is a Redeemer Ruth 2:17-23

The BIG Question ... Is God _____? Psalm 107:9 ... Psalm 34:8 ...

The BIG Idea ... God is _____ to _____ the longing soul.

Full Hands

- Application: Rather than _____ about the weaknesses of others, God calls us to _____ the weaknesses of others (Ephesians 4:1-2).
- Ruth walks into the house carrying a big bag of barley and the “doggie bag” of leftovers from dinner with Boaz (vs. 18—“after being _____”).
- Naomi cannot contain her surprise: “Where did you glean today? Where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you.”
- The word, “worked” appears three times in verse 19. The fact that Ruth has worked for the bag of barley proves that she is all-in on caring for Naomi. Ruth works all day in Boaz’s field, not to _____ his grace, but in _____ to his grace because she will not _____ upon his grace. A brief theology of work:
 1. Work is not a _____; it’s a _____ (Genesis 2:15).
 2. Work is one of the ways God graces His people with a sense of _____ and satisfaction (Colossians 3:22-24).
 3. Work is a gift of His grace that enables you to become a _____ of His grace (Ephesians 4:28).
- Ruth casually responds: “The man’s name with whom I worked today is _____.”
Naomi: “May he be blessed by the LORD, whose _____ has not forsaken the living or the dead!”

Full Hearts

- Naomi: “This big bag of barley isn’t just about God filling our empty hands with _____; it’s God filling our empty hearts with _____—the hope of redemption! Boaz is a close relative of ours, one of our _____” (Leviticus 25 and Deuteronomy 25).
 - Boaz is qualified to be Ruth’s redeemer, but God’s law does not _____ that of him.
 - Will Boaz be Ruth’s redeemer—even though she is “Ruth the _____” (verse 21)?
 - Ruth: “There is _____ ... because he told me to keep close by his young men until they have finished all his harvest.”
- Naomi: “It is good, my daughter. You will be _____ in Boaz’s field, so go out with his young women. Stay _____ to them, because in another field, you could be assaulted.” Applications:
 - In our seasons of emptiness, there is a tendency to _____ from others—in order to insulate _____ from acknowledging our emptiness to others.
 - God built us for community. One of the ways he fills our emptiness is through other people. So rather than isolate from God’s people, _____ with God’s people.
- “And Ruth lived with her mother-in-law:” The author isn’t only saying that Ruth is really committed to Naomi; he is saying that, through Ruth, God is _____ the _____ in Naomi with _____.

The Takeaway: When you doubt that God is _____ for you, remember that He has _____ you (Luke 1:46-49, 53).