

## THE LORD PROVIDES AND BLESSES

(Ruth 2:14-23)

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#### C. The Bountiful Results (2:14-23)

1. More \_\_\_\_\_ from Boaz was extended to Ruth when he invited her to sit down for a meal, and he even \_\_\_\_\_ passed her dishes of roasted grain; she had \_\_\_\_\_ than she could possibly eat. (v. 14)

\* Is this not a picture of our Lord and His grace towards us sinners?

2. After the meal, Ruth did not linger but returned to the field to work; Boaz gave his reapers specific orders which would drastically \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_, but at the same time maintain her \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 15-16)
3. Ruth had worked hard from early \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_ time, and she then \_\_\_\_\_ out the grain from the stalks, and ended up with about a half a bushel (approximately 30-40 pounds) of barley. (v. 17)
4. Ruth was \_\_\_\_\_ and she did not waste anything; she carried this grain back to Bethlehem, and even though she had worked a full day, she \_\_\_\_\_ gave Naomi her leftovers from lunch. (v. 18)

5. The day's events had given Naomi \_\_\_\_\_; by the generous amount of barley, she immediately concluded that someone had \_\_\_\_\_ taken \_\_\_\_\_ of her daughter-in-law. (v. 19)
  
6. After Ruth mentioned Boaz's name, Naomi acknowledged the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (*hesed*) of Yahweh upon these two widows. (v. 20a)
  
7. Naomi had renewed hope because of *who Boaz* \_\_\_\_\_—a near kinsman who was wealthy and influential; but she also had hope because of *what Boaz* \_\_\_\_\_: he showed kindness to Ruth and took a \_\_\_\_\_ in her situation. (v. 20b)
  
8. Naomi's hope grew even stronger when she heard *what Boaz had* \_\_\_\_\_ to Ruth, which revealed not only his kindness, but his possible \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 21-23)
  
9. While Ruth was uninformed at this point, Naomi was very much aware of the \_\_\_\_\_ law. (Lev. 25:23-25, 47-55)

\* With such a God and such blessings and promises, as a believer do you have good cause to feel hopeless?

\* Is your hope to be contingent upon your circumstances in this life?

\* How can you personally apply this truth today?