

Communion Meditation

Ruth 2.14-18

Series: Ruth "Generosity Offered"

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Recap from Last Time

- Ruth (vss 2–7) ~ respectful, industrious ~ went out to glean
- Boaz (vss 5–12) ~ attentive, industrious ~ recognizes and rewards her

Boaz Generous Towards Ruth

- "Come here and eat" (v14)
- "Let her glean even among the sheaves" (v15)
- "Let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her" (v16)

Boaz Specific with Instructions

- "Let her glean .. do not reproach her" (v15)
- "Let grain from the bundles fall .. leave it .. do not rebuke her" (v16)
- Boaz is telling them **to do** what he trains them **not to do**

God's Generosity vs. Ours

- God is very generous with His blessings (e.g., sun, rain, health, wealth)
 - **Prov 26.10** ~ "The great God who formed everything gives the fool his hire and the transgressor his wages."
- God expects us to be generous (**2 Cor 9.7b** ~ "God loves a cheerful giver")
- **Yet** we're in a very different position than God (our resources are limited)
 - We must be wise in balancing giving with saving and investing

Generosity Especially Towards "Household of Faith"

- **Read Gal 6.9-19** ~ "And let us not .. household of faith"
 - God emphasizes being generous towards the "household of faith"
- **Read 2 Cor 9.1,5-8** ~ "Now concerning .. willingness .. Therefore I .. work"
 - This was in the context of "ministering to the saints"

Boaz is an excellent model for us of biblical generosity

God wants His children to be neither stingy nor wasteful

The Table before us is a good example of this . . .

God blesses all His creation / But He reserves special blessings for His children