

Super Abundance in the Lord

1. Boaz Showers Ruth with Growing Favor.

- A. Boaz Blesses Ruth with Favor at Meal Time (14).
- B. Ruth Takes a “Higher” Seat at Boaz’s Invitation (14b).
- C. Boaz Instructs His Men to Favor Ruth (15-16).
- D. Ruth Ends the Day with a Super Abundance (17).

2. God Provides This Abundance for Ruth through Boaz.

3. He Continues to Provide Us with Great Abundance.

Conclusion: This part of the story shows us a piling on of abundant favor. Boaz is making it clear that Ruth is to be afforded every honor and courtesy by all those in his employ. Boaz in turn is in the service of the God of Israel and here is His agent for blessing Ruth and Naomi. How does this picture of Divine favor help us to understand Christ’s blessings to us?

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that *according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,* ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to *know the love of Christ* that surpasses knowledge, *that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 14:7-11

Now Jesus told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do *not* sit down in a *place of honor*, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Mark 8:8 (see also Luke 9:17)

They *ate* and were *satisfied*. And they took up the broken pieces *left over*, seven baskets full.

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him *graciously give us all things*? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ*? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Galatians 3:29

And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.