

Ruth 2: Under His Wings – the Providence of God

Key verse - “The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge.” (2:12)

Our passage this morning highlights the Providence of God, not just in our daily needs but ultimately our redemption. After being introduced to the main character of this chapter, Boaz (:1), we find out that Ruth “happened” to end up in his field (:3). Unorchestrated by man, but ordained of God. Is this not the story of our lives and the Providence of God? Things seem to just happen, yet the course is shaped by wise, unseen hands. We tend not to really know all that much about the course our lives will take. As John Flavel said, "Providence, like Hebrew letters, must be read backwards."

Chapter 1 left us with two destitute women, but chapter 2 demonstrates just what can “happen” in the Providence of God. Who could have woven such a turn of events such as those before us today? Ruth prayed to find “grace” (:2 – ‘favor’), but could never have imagined the bottomless well of God’s kindness shown through her redeemer Boaz. As we will discover, a greater and better Boaz is here.

:1 – an intro to Boaz

:2 – Ruth’s request

:3-7 – the stage is set

- Boaz speaks with his foreman and makes inquiry

:8-17 – the conversation between Boaz and Ruth

:18-23 – Naomi’s reaction to the grace shown to Ruth

3 Concluding Thoughts