

"And Boaz said unto her, 'At mealtime Come Thou Hither, And Eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar.' And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left." *Ruth 2:14 KJV*



Boaz was alert to Ruth's needs and, more than that, was determined to meet them. Ruth needed only obey his instructions. Boaz bid her, "Come thou hither and eat." When she did, she found herself the recipient of special attention from the master, himself. He told her, "Eat of the bread and dip thy morsel. He reached her parched corn." She found herself seated at his table with his direct attention focused on her. Boaz made sure the she "was sufficed." In Boaz we find a picture of our Lord Jesus. He is Alert to all our needs and is Determined to Supply them if we only obey and accept His Invitation, "Come unto Me!" Our souls will lack naught if we sit at His Table and eat His Bread. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and ALL these things shall be added unto you." Jesus will extend His Bounty to where we are. "For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask Him." Ruth did not have to ask for a single thing. She only had to be seated near the master. "Draw nigh to God and He Will Draw Nigh to you." Ruth did not have to reach for anything; it was reached to her. When we partake of the "Bread of Life," we will be "sufficed." We will find that Jesus, like Boaz, will instruct others to leave us "Handfuls of Purpose" when we are working in His fields. "My God Shall Supply ALL your needs according to His Riches." The story of Boaz and Ruth is truly a love story of precious implication for every believer. It depicts the relationship of our soul with our Master. We come to Him as strangers from afar only to find ourselves Loved and Wed! "He that Spared Not His own Son, but Delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also Freely Give us all things; according to the Eternal Purpose which He Purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord?" God Worked on our behalf before we knew Him, to Redeem us unto Himself, "that He Might Present it to Himself a Glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be Holy and without blemish." Boaz went to his kinfolk and redeemed Ruth from her obligations to them and brought her to himself. Believers go from stranded stranger to Beloved Bride when they obey the Master's Bidding; from poverty to Paradise! "For ye know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was Rich, yet for your sakes He Became Poor, that ye through His Poverty might be rich." Obey God, work in His fields, and eat at His Table, and find ALL your needs sufficed!

If we will glean in Master's field,
He will suffice us with its yield;
We'll find our hearts in worship kneeled;
Our lives with Love forever sealed! –CGP

Go not to fields of sin adorned with glitz and glitter of lust where many gather. You'll find that they do not suffice your needs. No "Handfuls of Purpose" will be there! Their master cares little for your soul! Sin takes you farther than you want to go, keeps you longer than you want to stay, and costs you more than you want to pay. Stay with the Master and you'll never suffer want and find your effort always yields more than you ever thought it could!

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will Give you Rest. Take My Yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I Am Meek and Lowly in Heart: and ye shall find Rest unto your souls. For My Yoke Is Easy, and My Burden Is Light.' – The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want." *Matthew 11:28-30 – Psalm 23:1 KJV*