

The God of the Ordinary
RUTH

Ruth 2:1-23 (pt. 1)
A Kind Providence

Introductory comment:

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband, a man of standing, of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz.

(Ruth 2:1)

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1. A “Chance” Encounter

- “her chance chanced upon” the field of Boaz – divine providence!
- “behold” – Boaz arrived at the same field when Ruth was present

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2. A Right Interpretation

- Naomi understood these “chance” events as being from Yahweh
- Boaz’s kindness to Ruth was an expression of Yahweh’s kindness to Naomi’s family

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3. An Unexpected Hope

- Boaz was a “kinsman-redeemer” (go’el) for the family of Elimelech...*might there be the possibility of an heir in Naomi’s family!?*

Kinsman-redeemer (*go’el*)

- denoted the near relative who was responsible for the economic and social well-being of his relative who was in distress, including...
 - repurchase of property that was sold by his relative (Leviticus 25:25-30)
 - buying back those who sold themselves into slavery (Leviticus 25:47-55)
 - tracking down and executing murderers of near-relatives (Numbers 35:19-27)

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Do you live with a confidence in the providence of God governing all things, including the seemingly ordinary?