

Ruth – The Beautiful Pearl
Wednesday Noon Bible Study
Good Shepherd Baptist Church
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Lesson Seven The God Who Provides (Jehovah Jireh)

1st Point Who Provided All These Blessings? (2:19...Where hast thou gleaned today?)

- Naomi looks at all the blessings that Ruth had received and asked one question; **Who has blessed you with all this?**
- *Saints, when we look at our life, do we ask who has provided all that we have?*

2nd Point Naomi Response (Ruth 2:20)

Naomi's greatest lesson is the lesson that she teaches us here in **Ruth 2:20**.
When she discovered who had blessed her and her daughter-in-law, she gave thanks.
Is that not what the Psalmist teaches us ?

Psalm 18:49

Therefore will **I give thanks** unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

Psalm 35:18

I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

Psalm 69:30

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 105:1

O **give thanks unto the Lord**; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Psalm 106:1

Praise ye the Lord. O **give thanks unto the Lord**; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 107:1

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 119:62

At midnight **I will rise to give thanks** unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

2nd Point **Like The Psalmist, Naomi Is Very Specific (5:20)**

- Saints, let's you and I be very specific in who and what we give thanks for.
- Naomi thanks God for HIS kindness. This word kindness is the Hebrew word "hesed" – *which means loyal love*
- It what the prophet Jeremiah said in **Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness (hesed love) have I drawn thee.**
- God changed Naomi's sorrow into joy. Compare what Naomi said in **1:20-21** with what she now says in **2:20**.
- **Yes, the Lord changes our mourning into dancing !**
- **The words of Psalm 30:5 is so appropriate at this point**
- **One of my life verses is Romans 8:18**
- **The promises of God gives the saint of God the right perspective about life.**

3rd Point **The News Gets Better (5:21)**

- When I read what Ruth says here in this verse, I reminded of words to the song "The Longer I Serve HIM":
The longer I serve HIM the sweeter HE grows
The more that I love HIM more love HE bestows
Each day is like Heaven, my heart overflows.
The longer I serve HIM the sweeter HE grows

Ruth had more good news for her mother-in-law

Boaz had invited her to remain in his field throughout the harvest

The Psalmist David said in **Psalm 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

4th Point **When the Season Is Over (5:23...glean unto the end of barley harvest)**

- As I was reading those words, a lot of questions came to my mind.
- **What would happen to these two widows after the harvest is over?**
- **They have plenty of food now, but the harvest will come to an end.**
- **How would they be able to survive?**
- **We go through many seasons in life.**
- **Saints, Seasons Change! The Savior Does Not Change!**
- The prophet Malachi said in **Malachi 3:6 For I am the Lord, I CHANGE NOT; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.**
- The writer in **Hebrews 13:8** says; **Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.**
- **Because our Provider has no expiration; then our provisions have no expiration!**