

Providence and Responsibility

Ruth 2

- I. **Scene 1 – Ruth goes to work: God providentially honored Ruth as she was faithful in her work (Ruth 2:1-7)**
 - A. Working in the right place – Ruth took initiative, but God’s plan put her in the right field (2:1-3)
 - B. Working hard and being noticed – Ruth worked hard, but God made sure the right people noticed her (2:4-7).
- II. **Scene 2 – Boaz blesses Ruth: God providentially cared for Ruth as she faithfully cared for Naomi (Ruth 2:8-16).**
 - A. Boaz gave Ruth protection and praise (2:8-13).
 - 1. Protection – Boaz insists that Ruth work in the safety of his fields (8-9).
 - 2. Praise – Boaz praises Ruth for taking care of Naomi and for seeking God as her refuge (10-13).
 - B. Boaz gave Ruth position and provision (2:14-16).
 - 1. Position – Boaz insists that Ruth eat with him
 - 2. Provision – Boaz tells his workers to deliberately leave extra grain for Ruth (15-16)
- III. **Scene 3 – Naomi realizes God’s providence: God’s providence with Ruth assures Naomi that God cares for her (Ruth 2:17-23).**
 - A. When Ruth returns with much grain, Naomi realizes that someone has blessed her deliberately (2:17-18).
 - B. When Naomi finds out it was Boaz, she recognizes God’s providence (2:19-23).