And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name [was] Boaz.

And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after [him] in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

And Ruth the Moabitess came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered her, The LORD bless thee.

Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel [is] this?

And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It [is] the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house.

Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my maid? Go not to glean in this field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:

Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my maid? Go not to glean in this field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens:
Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I [am] a stranger?

And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and [how] thou hast hasted left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore.

The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

Then she said, Let me find favour in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaids.

And Boaz said unto her, At mealtimes 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.

And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not:
And let fall also [some] of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave [them], that she may glean [them], and rebuke her not.

So she gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned; and it was about an ephah of barley.

And she took [it] up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed.

And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou that thou wast so good unto the Lord? And Naomi said, Blessed be the Lord, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man [is] near of our kinsmen, a next kinsman, of our kinsmen.

And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Be thou near to me, for whosoever shall go out of the way, I will go out after him; and I will be near to my mother in law. And Ruth the Moabitess said, Behold, your servant will go out with your maidservants. But note; for it may happen that I shall bring��come to a city of the land of Moab.

And Naomi said unto her daughter-in-law, Be it far from you, my daughter, to speak [thus] after me. Is it a matter of God that thou shouldst go? go not. It may be, when she shall straighten herself, that she will do good unto you, than when I go down. And now I pray you, consider it not a fault with me, because the Lord hath blessed me of all that he wrought, and because you have turned your heart to the Lord's portion.

And Ruth the Moabitess said, Or let it even be to the Lord that I die of envy mine unto you, not to other man. And Ruth the Moabitess said, I pray you, let her take [it] up that she may go on the way, and I will go after her. Wherefore shall I be as another man's mother-in-law, to be bowed down, and to make a mourning for you? Behold, your daughter-in-law returneth unto her people, and unto her gods. But as touching me, [be] it far from me to take to heart; neither count ye me with you. Are all men your kinsmen, and maidens of your people? What then [is] Boaz, this near to our kinsman? And Naomi said, He is near to my daughter-in-law, for he is a near kinsman, to redeem you with a right of redemption; yea, he is a nearer than I.

So she turned back, and came and sat her down beside the reaper in the field, and the reaper gathered barley after barley; and it came to pass, that she took it up, and laid it at her bosom, and it also came to pass, that she gat [it] up to [her] bosom again. And Boaz said unto her, At whom [are] ye? And she answered, I am Ruth your maidservant. And he said, Why dost thou come back? turn not away from me; for thou hast found favor in mine eyes, and shalt eat bread with mine household. And she said, Let me find grace in thy sight, my lord, that I may gather crumbs under thy table. And thou didst say, It shall not be so, my brother: now therefore, see, I pray thee, my lord, the field is not the whole field after mine, neither art thou overpassed of any of the young men; let mine handmaid find grace in thine eyes. And Ruth the Moabitess said, I beseech you, let the young men pass over before me, for I am not so bad as to go under the young men: I beseech you, let me pass over till I have gleaned till I come behind you.

And he said, Let the young men cease out of the way, and come near to me. And he plucked of the ears, and laid [them] in his bosom, and he went behind into another place. And Ruth the Moabitess said, Behold, [thou] hast preserved for thy servant the choicest portion of all the field, for what thou hast now done is acceptable in mine eyes, and I will accept thee. And Boaz said unto her, At meal-time come thou, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the wine; and let it be toward the end of the day. And she said, Happy are you of the LORD, my lord, that thou hast not utterly rejected thy servant this day, to come in to the young men, as one of the young men do.

And Ruth the Moabitess said, Boaz, they said unto me, The young men have spoken on thy behalf, and say, Let the young men cease out of the way, for what thou hast now done is acceptable in thine eyes, and we will go by thee. Now therefore, consider it not a fault with me, because I have come in at the meal-time to eat bread, and to dip my morsel in the wine; I will not go to be other man's wife. And Boaz said unto her, Stay a little, my daughter; until thou know how the matter will end: for she shall go on to tell me. And she said, There will be tender mercies on the young men, and on all the men of my people in every place, where thou goest. And she said, I will be tender mercies unto thine people, and will be better unto thee than the young men, and than Boaz. And Ruth the Moabitess said, I will go to the field, my lord. And Boaz said unto her, Go in, my daughter. And she went, and came and gathered barley after barley. And Boaz said unto her, Behold, thou hast but now just begun, and hast gathered as much as another getter gathers. Let mine handmaid gather till thou finishest. And Boaz said unto her, Let me give thee at meal-time, and thou shalt drink of the wine, and thou shalt go up to thine own person. And she said, And why shouldest thou also give unto thine handmaid? Would I had been even over-passed by a young man of the field, who had gathered enough for himself. And Boaz said unto her, Let not my hand be with thee, that thou gather not, lest thou gatherest more than thou shouldest.
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