

Questions for Ruth 2:1-23

1. What provision in the Law of Moses was Ruth utilizing to glean grain? Who is Boaz and what can we tell about his character from his introduction? (Verses 1-4)

2. What does Boaz provide for Ruth? Is it significant that he did not just give her all that she needed and instead allowed her to work for it? (Verses 5-9)

3. Why was Boaz being kind to Ruth? Is Boaz following the Law of Moses in his treatment of Ruth or going beyond it? What can we learn here about the character of Ruth? (Verses 10-13)

4. What additional privileges does Boaz give to Ruth? How much was an “ephah” of grain and what is the significance of this detail? (Verses 14-18)

5. Why is the faith of Naomi rekindled upon hearing that Ruth was working in the field of Boaz? Both Boaz and Naomi talk about the possibility of Ruth being harmed in the field. Does this tell us a little bit about the societal climate of the time and does this make the character of Boaz stand out even more? (Verses 19-23)