

they lifted up their voice, and wept.

10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? *are there yet any more sons in my womb,* <sup>c</sup> that they may be your husbands?

12 Turn again, my daughters, go *your way*; for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, <sup>4</sup> *if I should have a husband also to night, and should also bear sons;*

13 Would ye <sup>5</sup> tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for <sup>6</sup> *it grieveth me much for your sakes that <sup>e</sup> the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.*

14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: <sup>i</sup> *return thou after thy sister in law.*

16 And Ruth said, <sup>8</sup> *Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: <sup>k</sup> thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:*

17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: <sup>l</sup> *the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.*

18 <sup>n</sup> *When she saw that she <sup>2</sup> was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.*

19 ¶ So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that <sup>p</sup> all

the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is this Naomi?*

20 And she said unto them, Call me not <sup>2</sup> Naomi, call me <sup>3</sup> Mara: for <sup>a</sup> the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, <sup>b</sup> and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem <sup>d</sup> in the beginning of barley harvest.

## CHAPTER 2.

<sup>1</sup> Ruth gleaneth in the fields of Boaz. <sup>4</sup> He taketh knowledge of her, and sheweth her favour.

AND Naomi had a <sup>7</sup> kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was <sup>7</sup> Boaz.

2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and <sup>h</sup> glean ears of corn after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter.

3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her <sup>9</sup> hap was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.

4 ¶ And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, <sup>m</sup> *The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee.*

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

6 And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It *is* the Moabitish damsel <sup>o</sup> that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab:

<sup>2</sup> i. e. Pleasant.  
Cp. 2 Sam. 1. 26.  
Cant. 7. 6.  
<sup>3</sup> i. e. Bitter.  
Ex. 15. 23.  
<sup>a</sup> Job 27. 2.  
<sup>b</sup> Job 1. 21.  
<sup>c</sup> Gen. 38. 11.  
Deut. 25. 5.

<sup>4</sup> Or, if I were with a husband.

<sup>5</sup> Heb. hope.  
<sup>d</sup> 2 Sam. 21. 9.  
Cp. ch. 2. 23.

<sup>6</sup> Heb. I have much bitterness.

<sup>e</sup> Cp. Judg. 2. 15.  
Job 19. 21.  
Ps. 32. 4  
& 38. 2  
& 39. 9, 10.

<sup>f</sup> ch. 3. 2.  
Prov. 7. 4.

<sup>7</sup> Called.  
Mat. 1. 5.  
Booz.

<sup>9</sup> ch. 4. 21.

<sup>h</sup> Deut. 24. 19.

<sup>i</sup> Cp. Gen. 32. 26.  
Josh. 24. 15.  
2 Kin. 2. 2-6.

<sup>8</sup> Or, Be not against me.  
ch. 2. 22.  
Judg. 15. 12  
& 18. 25.

<sup>9</sup> Heb. hap happened.  
<sup>k</sup> ch. 2. 11, 12.

<sup>l</sup> 1 Sam. 3. 17  
& 14. 44  
& 20. 13  
& 25. 22.

<sup>m</sup> Cp. Ps. 129. 7, 8.

<sup>n</sup> Cp. Acts 21. 14.

<sup>o</sup> Heb. strengthened herself.  
1 Kin. 12. 18.  
2 Chr. 10. 18  
& 13. 7.

<sup>p</sup> ch. 1. 10, 22.  
Cp. Mat. 21. 10.

wealth #2428 chayil "a force... an army, wealth, virtue, valor, strength"; sw in Ruth 3:11 "thou (Ruth) art a virtuous woman"; also Ru 4:11; and Pr 31:10 "virtuous woman"

hap #4745 miqreh "something met with, i.e. an accident or fortune"; refers to "chance" in 1Sa 6:9; \*\* Providence!! Ecc 9:1,11

\*\*Spiritual Work Environment!

## Gleaning

- leave of your field and vineyard for the poor and sojourner, the fatherless and widow Le 19:9-10; 23:22; Deut 24:19-21
  - Ruth was all of these things! Ru 2:11
- if you forget a sheaf you don't go back to get it Deut 24:19-21
- Boaz went a step further by having his men pull some grain out of the sheaves Ruth 2:15-16
- remember the poor Gal 2:10