

“QUITE THE DOWNPOUR!”

RUTH 2:8-16

Instead of a temporary trickle or a short shower, our acts of kindness to those around us should surge like a torrential cloudburst. Yet there is One alone who graciously bombards us with everything we do not deserve on a daily basis.

THE FAVOR OF GOD

① P _____ (2:8-9a)

God inserts Boaz into the equation as a guardian of Ruth. It's His perennial _____ to the vulnerable (Ex. 22:21-22; Deut. 10:18; Ps. 146:9; Prov. 15:25; Isa. 1:17; Jer. 22:3; Zech. 7:10).

Since Ruth poses as a vulnerable target in a foreign land, Boaz invests _____ around her.

② P _____ (2:9b)

_____ and _____ aren't unimportant in the Bible (Eccl. 5:18; 2 Kings 19:5-8; Matt. 14:13-21; 1 Tim. 4:4; Matt. 25:35; John 21:9-13; Matt. 6:11).

③ P _____ (2:11)

Be careful who _____ your _____ (Prov. 27:2).

Our works should sound loudly who we are and whose we are (Matt. 5:16; Eph. 2:10; 2 Tim. 3:17).

_____ signals only _____ up others.

④ P _____ (2:12)

Consider the works of our hands (1 Corinthians 3):

1a) We are only responsible for the _____ (3:9)

1b) He alone is responsible for the _____ (3:7)

2a) Each of us is equally _____ in the endeavor (3:8)

2b) Each of us is equally _____ for the endeavor (3:10)

3a) We are to exercise _____ in the process (3:12)

3b) We are to examine ourselves in the process (3:10)

⑤ P _____ (2:14)

He's named Emmanuel for a reason – He is with us!

We all gather at the same table and one day all God's people will _____ with Him together at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

⑥ P _____ (2:15-16)

He was _____ Ruth in his household hierarchy.

CONCLUSION

How incredible the favor of Boaz to this woman from a foreign land. This is what it means to love your neighbor. It's also a remote picture of what the Savior has done for you. You are never too far gone to receive the _____ of God. In Christ, you are incredibly graced. You've been redeemed. You've been pardoned. And you are most blessed.