

**General Questions about Sermons:**  
**Text: Ruth 2**

**July 8, 2009**

What is the intended message of the writer?

Does the sermon capture the main point of the text?

What doctrinal truth is emphasized here?

How is that truth consistent with the rest of Scripture?

What promise is given? Have I been leaning on that promise?

What errors or sins does this passage warn against, which I easily fall prey to?

How can I use this passage to fight against such sins?

Are there duties and responsibilities in this passage that I am neglecting?

How does this passage feed my joy in Christ? How can I use this sermon to increase my joy this week?

**Questions about this week's sermon:**

1. Three theological realities were highlighted in the sermon based on chapter 2. Did you observe any other doctrinal truths that would be worth emphasizing from this text?

2. II Corinthians 4:18 says, "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us an exceeding great and eternal weight of glory". How has this truth been helpful in your life? What is the work of many afflictions in our hearts?

3. The text says in verse 3, “*So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.*” Did God guide Ruth as she went out to glean? What other references from the book of Ruth can we use in order to strengthen the fact that “chances” for believers are actually directed by the merciful hands of God?

4. The word “HESED” was mentioned in the sermon which is the Hebrew word for “favor” or repay”. It is usually performed by a stronger person for a much weaker person. It is also expressive of relationships and includes loyalty, faithfulness, kindness, goodness, mercy, lovingkindness, and compassion. How does this word help you understand the way God shows us his mercy in light of what Boaz said to Ruth about her faith?