

# Ruth 2:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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Ruth returns to Naomi: '**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**'. The large amount of grain visibly demonstrated God's provision. The phrase 'brought forth...that she had reserved' refers to the food from Boaz's meal (v. 14)—Ruth saved leftovers for Naomi, demonstrating selfless care. Rather than consuming all the special food Boaz provided, she saved portion for her mother-in-law, exemplifying covenant loyalty and practical love.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Mediterranean societies valued sharing food with family as expression of covenant loyalty. That Ruth saved choice food for Naomi rather than consuming it all herself demonstrated the *chesed* (loyal love) that characterized her. Bringing home both day's wages (grain) and special food from employer showed Ruth's success and Boaz's extraordinary kindness, giving Naomi first concrete hope since returning to Bethlehem.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

### Study Questions

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1. How does Ruth's sharing with Naomi model Christian generosity within covenant community?
2. What does her thoughtfulness in saving food teach about practical expressions of love?

### Interlinear Text

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וַתֶּשֶׂא	וַתֵּב וְאֵ	הָעִיר	וַתֵּרָא	הַמָּוֶת הַ	אֵת
And she took it up	and went	into the city	saw	and her mother in law	H853
H5375	H935	H5892	H7200	H2545	
אֲשֶׁר	לָקְטָה	וַתוֹצֵא	וַתֵּתֵן	לָהּ	אֵת
H834	what she had gleaned	and she brought forth	and gave	H0	H853
	H3950	H3318	H5414		
אֲשֶׁר	הָיְתָה	מִשְׂבָּעָה:			
H834	to her that she had reserved	after she was sufficed			
	H3498	H7648			

### Additional Cross-References

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**Ruth 2:14** (Parallel theme): And Boaz said unto her, At mealtime 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.

**1 Timothy 5:4** (Parallel theme): But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.