

# Ruth 2:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz.

## Analysis

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Naomi responds with questions: **'Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee'**. The large amount of grain prompts Naomi's inquiry—this exceeds normal gleaning. Her blessing on the unknown benefactor who 'took knowledge of' Ruth shows Naomi recognizing human kindness as God's providence. Ruth then reveals: **'The man's name with whom I wrought to day is Boaz'**. This revelation sets the stage for Naomi's recognition of God's redemptive plan unfolding.

## Historical Context

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Naomi's blessing on Ruth's benefactor before knowing his identity demonstrates faith that God works through human agents. Her immediate recognition of Boaz's significance (revealed in v. 20) shows she understood kinsman-redeemer laws and saw God's providence positioning Ruth with a potential redeemer. The narrative structure creates dramatic irony—readers know Boaz's identity and significance before Naomi, heightening anticipation of her response.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does Naomi's blessing demonstrate faith that sees God's hand in apparently random human kindness?
2. What does this teach about recognizing providence working through ordinary circumstances?

## Interlinear Text

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אִיפֹּה	לְחֵמוֹתַי	לָהּ	וַתֹּאמֶר
and where	And her mother in law		and said
H375	H2545	H0	H559
יְהוָה י	עָשָׂה יְתִי	וְאֵלֶּיךָ הַיּוֹם	לִקְטָה טֶהֱלָה
H1961	with whom I wrought	to day	unto her Where hast thou gleaned
H6213	H575	H3117	H3950
וַתִּגַּד	בָּרַךְ וְ	מִכִּידָהּ	
of thee And she shewed	thou blessed	be he that did take knowledge	
H5046	H1288	H5234	
וַתֹּאמֶר	עָמָל	עָשָׂה יְתִי	אֲשֶׁר אֵת
and said		with whom I wrought	And her mother in law
H559	H5973	H6213	H2545
בְּעֶזְרִי	הַיּוֹם	עָמָל	אֲשֶׁר רַ
is Boaz	to day	with whom I wrought	The man's
H1162	H3117	H5973	H376
		H6213	H834
			H8034

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 41:1** (Blessing): Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

**Ruth 2:10** (Parallel theme): Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

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