

Ruth 3:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

Analysis

Ruth's execution: '**And she went down unto the floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her**'. The narrative confirms Ruth's complete obedience—she followed instructions precisely. This repetition emphasizes her faithfulness and the plan's proper execution. Her actions set in motion events leading to redemption, demonstrating how God works through human obedience to accomplish His purposes. What appeared risky became the mechanism for divine provision and covenant fulfillment.

Historical Context

Threshing floors during harvest were busy places during day but quieter at night, with owners and perhaps some workers sleeping there guarding grain. Ruth's nighttime approach allowed private conversation without public spectacle. Archaeological evidence shows ancient threshing floors were flat, hard-packed circular areas, often near fields. The setting provided appropriate venue for discussing redemption rights without formal legal proceedings but still maintaining propriety through semi-public location.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Ruth's obedience demonstrate that faith requires action, not merely intellectual assent?
2. What does this passage teach about God using human initiative and obedience to accomplish His sovereign purposes?

Interlinear Text

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And she went down	unto the floor	and did	H3605	H834	bade
H3381	H1637	H6213			H6680

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according to all that her mother in law

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Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 1:8 (Word): My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: