

**Under the Wings of God**

Ruth 2

Character: Our inner quality will manifest itself outwardly

God's Providence vs. Man's Responsibility:

Our Refuge is found in the Gospel

*Letter of the Law vs. the Heart of the Law*

**MEDITATION / APPLICATION**

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1. Reflect on the characters in the story from Ruth chapter 2. List the character qualities of each person in the story. Which qualities are worth emulating?
2. With those qualities as a backdrop, read Matthew 12:33-37. How do we produce fruit (character) in our life that is worth emulating? Refer also to John 15.
3. How is your heart? What character qualities are exhibiting? What needs to change or die? What fruit can you celebrate?
4. Read Ruth 2:3. Discuss how God's Sovereignty fits together with human freedom. Does anything just "happen" by "chance" or "accident"? How can you or do you personally affirm God's sovereign control and man's moral responsibility?
5. How is Boaz a type of Christ? In what does he provide for Ruth, and thus, Naomi? Discuss the extent of his provision. How is it the same or different than Christ's love for you?
6. What is your main take-away from this story? Who will hold you accountable to act on it?

