

## Waiting upon the Lord

### Scripture

“And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, ‘Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor.’ Also he said, ‘Bring the vail that [thou hast] upon thee, and hold it.’ And when she held it, he measured six [measures] of barley, and laid [it] on her: and she went into the city. And when she came to her mother in law, she said, ‘Who [art] thou, my daughter?’ And she told her all that the man had done to her. And she said, ‘These six [measures] of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother in law.’ Then said she, ‘Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.’” (Ruth 3:14-18 AV)

### Commentary

Ruth had done all she could to put herself in the place of blessing. Now she must wait upon the Lord. This is often the most difficult place to be. We want quick fixes. However, running ahead of the Lord can be disastrous.

The fact that Boaz asked Ruth to keep her visit quiet until later might be viewed as more evidence to support the notion of impropriety. It was said before in a previous devotion, the commentators are at a difference on this point. However, it could be that Boaz did not want to risk losing his opportunity to redeem Ruth. There was another kinsman closer than Boaz, and if he were to hear of Ruth’s actions before Boaz approached him, he might have been persuaded to make it difficult or more expensive for Boaz seeing Boaz had more than a financial interest in the deal. Instead, Boaz uses the need to purchase Ruth as a way to dissuade the other kinsman from redeeming the property and Ruth (Ruth 4:6).

Therefore, if Ruth had spoken of, or others had spoken of her visit and request, then the situation might have been more difficult or impossible. So, she waited patiently.

Are you able to wait upon the Lord? Do you find that you pray and immediately start trying to solve your problems? Sometimes, we just need to pray and wait. I would never suggest you place yourself in danger by waiting. However, on many issues, we are often too eager for a solution. Take some time and see what the Lord is teaching you. Remember we are to count trials as a joy because they produce patience, and in the end completeness (James 1:4).

### Prayer

Father, we need to cast our cares upon you. Too often we only feign our dependence upon you. Forgive us our pride and lead us in the way everlasting, amen.