



**-- A Different Kind of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1, 3).**

- A household in the OT is quite different from that of Western cultures.
- Each tribe was sub-divided into households, and each family unit belonged to a household (Judges 21:24).
  - Each household had a patriarch who served as the head over multiple family units (Genesis 50:7-9).
  - Boaz was the head of his entire household and an image of Christ as Head of the church.
- The household of Boaz is an image of God's household in Christ.

**-- The Household of God: The Household of Boaz is a beautiful picture God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

- v. 4 – God's household is a place of prayer and blessing (Mark 11:17, 1 Corinthians 10:24).
- v. 5-6 – God's household is a place of compassion (Colossians 3:12).
- v. 7 – God's household is a place of service (Colossians 3:23).
- v. 8 – God's household is a place of invitation (Matthew 11:28, 9:37-38).
- v. 9 – God's household is a place of renewal (John 7:37-38).
- v. 10 – God's household is a place of reconciliation (Ephesians 2:19-20).
- v. 11 – God's household is a place of faith (Romans 4:16, 2 Cor. 6:2).
- v. 12 – God's household is a place of refuge (Psalm 61:3-4).
- v. 13 – God's household is a place of redemption (1 Pet. 3:18, 1 Cor. 1:30).
- v. 14 – God's household is a place of fellowship (Rev. 3:20, 1 Cor. 11:23-26).

- v. 15-16 – God’s household is a place of providence (Philippians 4:19).
- v. 17 – God’s household is a place of lavish love (1 Jn. 3:1, Eph. 2:6-7).

**Application – Live a life worthy of membership in God’s household!**

**-- v. 18 – Be eager to \_\_\_\_\_ others (reaching out).**

- Ruth couldn’t wait to share with Naomi the abundance that God had provided her.
- In God’s household, God’s children seek to bless each other with the blessings we have received (Galatians 6:9-10)

**-- v. 19 – Be eager to testify about your \_\_\_\_\_ (sending forth).**

- Ruth can’t wait to tell about Boaz and all he had done for her.
- Shouldn’t we testify even louder about our redeemer, Jesus Christ? (Jeremiah 20:9, Romans 1:15-16)

**-- v. 20 – Practice loving-kindness in the \_\_\_\_\_ (welcoming in).**

- *chesed*, *x*, (“Chesed”) – God’s unfailing kindness, mercy, and covenantal love.
- God’s household ought to resound always with God’s covenant love (John 13:34-35, 1 John 4:11-12).
- Who will believe that we have received loving-kindness unless we show it to one another?

**-- v. 21 – Never forsake the fellowship of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (welcoming in).**

- Boaz urges Ruth to stay with his workers until the harvest is complete.
- Our “harvest” does not end until Christ returns.
- Thus, we are called to remain together in close fellowship while we get ready for that Day (Hebrews 10:25).

**-- v. 22 – Get involved in \_\_\_\_\_ (building up).**

- Ruth was blessed to learn from the wisdom of the older women and from Naomi.
- Boaz also counsels the young men in His household (v. 9, 15-16).
- Likewise, our fellowship ought to be characterized by a culture of discipleship (Titus 2:1-6).
- If we attempt to grow in any field other than God’s Word, we will be in danger indeed.

**-- v. 23 – Let us live up to our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.**

- Like Ruth, “reach out” by continuing to live for the blessing of others.

- Like Ruth, “welcome in” by constant fellowship in our Redeemer’s household.
- Like Ruth, “build up” by plugging into discipleship.
- Like Ruth, “send forth” by testifying about God and His covenant love.
- Philippians 3:16 – *“Only let us live up to what we have already attained.”*