



WOW: Word Of the Week

Refuge (Old Testament book of Ruth)

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Theme of Ruth? Love, faithful love, protection, providence, refuge, under his wings.

Begin as I often do, it is amazing how a quick Bible study can shed light on the meaning of Scripture. In the book of Ruth, twice we encounter an interesting and unique phrase: under his wings, 2:12, 3:9. We often fail to see the point in 3:9.

Word of this week—refuge, protection, providence, God provides.

Ruth had come to Israel with her mother-in-law seeking refuge under the wings of God. Moabite, excluded from the formal worship of Israel, seeking refuge. God's care and concern for his creation is universal.

Ruth's request to Boaz is for him to cover her with the protection of his care, his wings, because he was a kinsman-redeemer.

Where do we seek refuge? Where do we put our trust?

Refuge is a word often associated with danger. We need protection.

Such is our world.

Ruth is the story of refuge requested; refuge received.

What can we learn? How will we change our lives? Where do we look for stability, understanding?