

Praise the Lord in the darkest moments for His glorious grace

- 1) The misery of Naomi
- 2) The worthiness of Ruth
- 3) The mystery of providence

1)
“Providence neither does, nor can do anything that is really against the true interest and good of the saints; for what are the works of providence, but the execution of God’s decree, and the fulfilling of his word? And there can be no more in providence than is in them. Now there is nothing but good to the saints in God’s purposes and promises; and therefore whatever providence does in their concernments, it must be the performance of all things for them.”

John Flavel
The Mystery of Providence

2)
“Proverbs 14:1 says that a wise woman builds her house but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands. What we have witnessed over the last century is millions of women in America, in unison, tearing down their houses with their own hands...As we look around us, not much is left. Women are capable of great destruction...But on the flip side, a wise woman is capable of building a house just as much as a foolish woman is capable of tearing one down...Think of the women of Scripture who gave birth to, nursed, built up, defended, and saved the nation of Israel. Sarah, Naomi, Tamar, Ruth, Esther, Mary. These were women whose obedience had incredible results.”

Rebekah Merkle
Eve in Exile and the Restoration of Femininity

3)
Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up his bright designs
And works his sovereign will.

William Cowper
God Moves in a Mysterious Way

“As Christians in the New Testament era, we know even more than the author of the book of

Ruth about what God was planning and working out through the lives of its central characters.

In this way, God is saying to us, ‘Do you see how I planted my footsteps in the sea in the lives of

these my children in past days? Let me show you how I did that. This is the kind of God I am;

that is the kind of thing I do; and that is precisely what you may expect me to do in your lives,

too. Trust me! I know exactly what I am doing.’ As we learn from God’s Word in this way, it

becomes profitable to us.”

Sinclair Ferguson

Faithful God: An Exposition of the Book of Ruth

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“If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay.”

-Charles Spurgeon

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“The Day of the Lord is either approaching or it is not. If it is not there is no cause for adjournment. And if the Lord is returning, I, for one choose to be found doing my duty. I therefore ask that candles be brought.”

-Speaker of the 1780 Connecticut House of Representatives