

# A WORD ON WORSHIP

## REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM MAY 25, 2014

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### Ruth 2:15-17

*“When she rose to glean, Boaz commanded his servants, saying, ‘Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not insult her. ‘Also you shall purposely pull out for her some grain from the bundles and leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her.’ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.”*



For many years the issue of giving to the church and charity to the poor has been one of the great debates in the Christian community. Should our giving be to the church allowing the church to meet the needs of the poor or does the Christian have an obligation to meet the needs of their community as an individual. And when you finish wrestling with that, does giving to the poor offset your tithe to the church or should it be above what you give to Christian ministry?

For many years, I thought of giving as a New Testament teaching. Since we are now under grace, rather than under law, the Christian is not obligated to tithe or give a tenth of what they make to the work of the kingdom of God. The Christian still has the obligation to give because this responsibility is clearly taught in the New Testament, but the amount that is given was a matter of personal choice. When it came to the amount that was to be given I had lost my way in the discussion over tithing. I was caught up in the details of giving and lost sight of the heart of the giver. To put the matter in the mind of Jesus, I had fallen into the trap of straining gnats while swallowing camels.

Reading the account of Boaz's generosity in Ruth 2 challenged me to consider giving in a new light. The Israelites of that day were "doing what seemed right in their own eyes," which is but another way of saying that they disregarded the Word of God as it was revealed to them in the law. Boaz was a man who (like Paul in Romans Chapter 7) loved the law and who delighted (like the psalmist teaches) in doing it. Boaz, like Ruth, had the law written on his heart, a heart of flesh, not a heart of stone. As a New Testament believer, that should be true of you and me as well.

The instructions of the law pertaining to giving (particularly to the poor) were not a burden to Boaz, but a delight. He did not strive to figure out how he could reduce his benevolence to the bare minimum, but instead he went far beyond what the law required of him. The law was just a baseline for Boaz. This, my friend, is the kind of heart we should have toward giving to the poor and all those who are in need. No more debates for me about the minimum requirements of the law, or of the New Testament, for that matter. I pray God would give us all the heart of Boaz, who gave bountifully and joyfully.

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*Come acknowledge the Lord in our midst*  
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## The Hymns We Sing

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### Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Words: <http://www.hymntime.com/tch/htm/l/e/t/letallmf.htm>

Music: <http://www.hymntime.com/tch/mid/p/i/c/picardy.mid>

"Let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Habakkuk 2:20

Words: Liturgy of St. James, 4th Century; translated from Greek to English by **Gerard Moultrie, 1864.**

Music: **Picardy**, French carol melody; harmony from The English Hymnal, 1906, number 318

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six wingèd seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

### May and June 2014

May 25	8:45 a.m.	Ruth 2:1-23 <i>Can Christian Mingle Beat This</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
May 26		Memorial Day
May 27		No Bible Study- Wendy's Post Operation
May 30		No Friday Night Activity
May 31	2:00 p.m.	Retirement Party for Pastor Heather Williams <i>Westminster Presbyterian Church</i>
June 1	8:45 a.m.	Ruth 3:1-18 Undercover Operations
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
June 3	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Colossians
June 6	7:00 p.m.	Game Night
June 8	8:45 a.m.	Pentecost Sunday <i>Ruth 4:1 -22 Gentile Redemption!</i>
June 10	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Colossians
June 13	6:30 p.m.	Friday Night Fellowship
June 15	8:45 a.m.	Father's Day <i>Boaz: A Mighty Man of God</i> No Second Hour- Celebrate Father's Day
June 17	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Colossians
June 20	7:00 p.m.	Game Night
June 22	8:45 a.m.	New Series In 1st John <i>The Tests of True Christianity</i>
	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
June 24	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Colossians
June 27	6:30 p.m.	Friday Night Fellowship

## How could U.S. Stop Christian persecution in China?

China Aid Association China Aid president's full congressional testimony released

(Washington) China Aid founder and president Bob Fu testified at a May 22 Congressional hearing held by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organization, entitled *Protecting Religious Freedom: U.S. Efforts to Hold Accountable Countries of Particular Concern*.

The hearing is in reference to the effectiveness of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom's designation of nations as countries of particular concern for those countries tolerance or perpetration of "particularly severe violations of religious freedom." USCIRF has designated China as a country of particular concern since it was founded in 1999.

The full text of the testimony submitted to Congress by Fu, complete with suggestions for holding these nations accountable is at:

<http://www.chinaaid.org/2014/05/china-aid-president-bob-fus-full.html>

