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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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. . . We are happy to be back with our listeners on XEG and would like to say a very hearty welcome to all who are in tune with The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are thankful to be on this powerful radio station of XEG, and may I add a big "Thank You" to all of those who have helped to make this broadcast possible from week to week. We hope that each of you are well and enjoying the richest blessings of God both temporal and spiritual.

I am thinking of a question today found in the book of Ruth, chapter 2 and verse 19. Let me read it to you. "Where hast thou gleaned today?"

Now the background to this question is an interesting one and is certainly worthy of our consideration. I believe it can help us to better understand how we may reap more from this life; also receive a reward at the journey's end. Take, now, a look at a little of the background history in this case. When the famine was so great in the land of Bethlehem-Judah, a certain woman named Naomi with her husband and two sons moved to the land of Moab. In the course of time her husband died, also both of her sons which left her a widow with only her daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth. Both of these girls loved Naomi and desired to accompany her to her homeland, but Naomi advised them to remain where they were, assuring them she had no more sons to offer them for husbands. This advice Orpah took, but not Ruth for she emphatically stated in Ruth, chapter 1, and verse 16:

"Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:"

She then continued with further proof of her love for Naomi in verse 17: "Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me."

Now you take someone with a love such as this, and you can rest assured that their love is not all in their speech but also is manifested by their actions. Ruth's life of devotion proved a great blessing to many other generations, for God provided her a good husband and from her descendants came the birth of Christ.

But back to the first text. "Where hast thou gleaned today?" This was the question Naomi asked Ruth when she came home from gleaning in the harvest field of Boaz. She had been treated kindly and found much favor and grace in the sight of her master.

But now let us consider this text in the spiritual application of today. "Where hast thou gleaned today?" While others are doing their part to gather in the gospel harvest, are you sharing your responsibility to God and man? Surely the task of carrying

