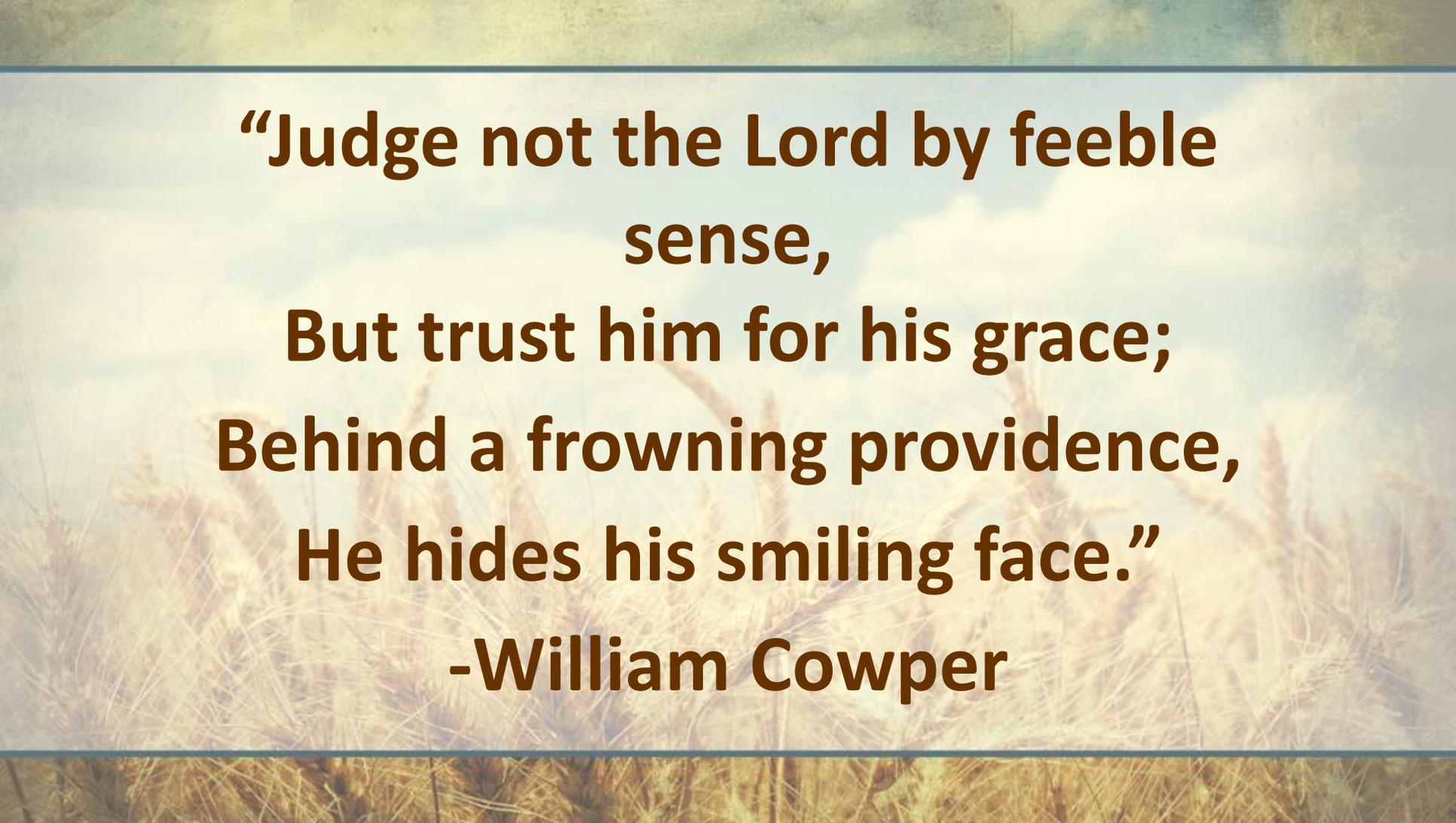




Ruth

A photograph of a field of golden wheat under a cloudy sky. The wheat is in the foreground, and the sky is in the background. The text "Grace in Grief" is centered over the image.

# Grace in Grief



**“Judge not the Lord by feeble  
sense,  
But trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence,  
He hides his smiling face.”**

**-William Cowper**

## **Ruth 1:22-2:17 (ESV)**

**So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest. 2:1 Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. <sup>2</sup> And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi,**

## **Ruth 1:22-2:17 (ESV)**

**“Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor.” And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.”**

**<sup>3</sup> So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech.**

## **Ruth 1:22-2:17 (ESV)**

**<sup>4</sup> And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem. And he said to the reapers, “The LORD be with you!” And they answered, “The LORD bless you.” <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, “Whose young woman is this?” <sup>6</sup> And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered,**

## **Ruth 1:22-2:17 (ESV)**

**“She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. <sup>7</sup> She said, ‘Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.’ So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest.” <sup>8</sup> Then Boaz said to Ruth,**

## **Ruth 1:22-2:17 (ESV)**

**“Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. <sup>9</sup> Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn.”**

## **Ruth 1:22-2:17 (ESV)**

**<sup>10</sup> Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, “Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?” <sup>11</sup> But Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me,**

## **Ruth 1:22-2:17 (ESV)**

**and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. <sup>12</sup> The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!” <sup>13</sup> Then she said, “I have found favor in your eyes, my lord,**

## **Ruth 1:22-2:17 (ESV)**

**for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants.”<sup>14</sup> And at mealtime Boaz said to her, “Come here and eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine.” So she sat beside the reapers, and he passed to her roasted grain. And she ate until she was satisfied,**

## **Ruth 1:22-2:17 (ESV)**

and she had some left over. <sup>15</sup> When she rose to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, saying, “Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. <sup>16</sup> And also pull out some from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.”

## **Ruth 1:22-2:17 (ESV)**

**<sup>17</sup> So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.**

## **Ruth 2:2 (ESV)**

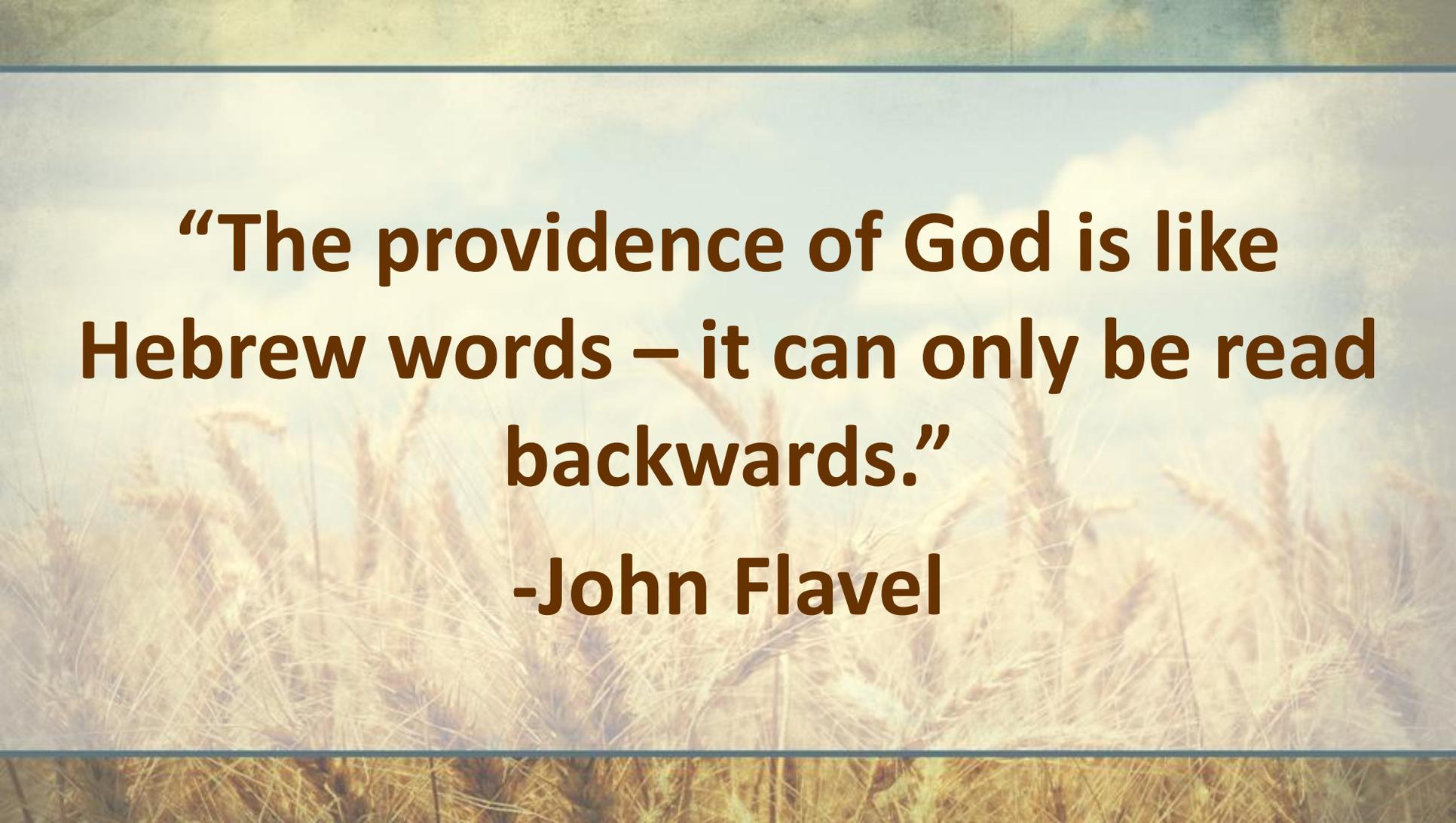
**And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, “Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor.” And she said to her, “Go, my daughter.”**

## **Lev 19:9-10(ESV)**

**When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. <sup>10</sup> And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.**

## **Ruth 2:3 (ESV)**

**So she set out and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers, and she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the clan of Elimelech**



**“The providence of God is like  
Hebrew words – it can only be read  
backwards.”**

**-John Flavel**

## **Ruth 2:12 (ESV)**

**“The LORD repay you for what you have done,  
and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the  
God of Israel, under whose wings you have come  
to take refuge!”**

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