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BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!
 O what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long.

 Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

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Perfect submission, all is at rest

 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

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"Leftovers"

Ruth 2:17-23

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Abusing the Grace of God

- 1. Many people, when they have experienced an outpouring of the grace of God upon their life, will take advantage of that grace by seeing how much they can get by with.
- 2. The response to grace therefore is either humility or pride.
- 3. The flesh sees itself worthy of the grace God has given.
- 4. The flesh, when filled with pride, will respond to the grace and goodness of God by either the neglect of personal responsibility and discipline (lack of self-control), or by adopting conduct that is licentious.
- 5. The person controlled by the Spirit and not the flesh will respond to God's grace with humility and unworthiness resulting in obedience, responsibility and self-discipline.

Gal 5:13

13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh,

"God does not save us by grace so that we may live in disgrace."

—Faber

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How much was an ephah? Probably somewhere around 30 pounds or enough to sustain the two widows for up to ten days!



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14 At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come here, that you may eat of the bread and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." So she sat beside the reapers; and he served her roasted grain, and she ate and was satisfied and had some left.

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Matt 14:19-20

- 19 Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds,
- 20 and they all ate and were satisfied. They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets.

Our Blessing Overflows Mal 3:10

10 and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

John 10:10

10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Eph 3:20

20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

Luke 6:38

38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure — pressed down, shaken together, and running over.

Our Grace From God Overflows Rom 5:17

17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

1 Tim 1:12-14

- 12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service,
- 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.

Our Cup Overflows Ps 23:5

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

Our Hope Overflows

Rom 15:13

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Joy Overflows Phil 1:26

26 that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

Our Love Overflows

1 Thess 3:12

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What happens after Boaz's harvest is over? Matt 6:31-34

- 31 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'
- 32 "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.
- 33 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

NAOMI'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. Ruth 1:3-5

3 Then Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died
4 They took for themselves Moabite women as wives
5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died, and the woman was bereft of her two children and her husband.

Ruth is helping Naomi turn her:

- •Bitterness into Blessing
- Unbelief into Faith
- •Despair into Hope
- •Emptiness into Fullness

3. Ruth 2:20

"May he be blessed of the Lord who has not withdrawn his kindness to the living and to the dead."

2. Ruth 1:20-21

20 She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

21 "I went out full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi, since the Lord has witnessed against me and the Almighty has afflicted me?"

RUTH'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH

John 1:16

16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

James 4:6-7

6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

Naomi is helping Ruth:

- •Through acceptance.
- •Through encouragement.
- •Through example.

Through guidance.

Ruth 1:5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion also

died,

2. Ruth 1:16 16 Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God.

5. Ruth 2:13 13 Then she said, "<u>I have found</u>

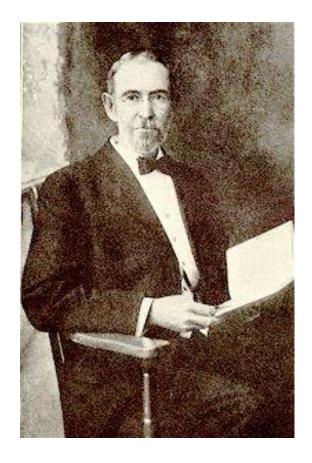
<u>favor</u>in your sight, my lord,

4. Ruth 2:10

10 "<u>Why have I found favor</u> in your sight that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

3. Ruth 2:2

2. "Please let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain after one in whose sight <u>I may find favor</u>.



Johnson Oatman, Jr. 1856-1922

Johnson Oatman, Jr., son of Johnson and Rachel Ann Oatman, was born near Medford, N. J., April 21, 1856. His father was an excellent singer, and it always delighted the son to sit by his side and hear him sing the songs of the church.

For many years he was engaged with his father in the mercantile business at Lumberton, N. J., under the firm name of Johnson Oatman & Son. When his father died, he was involved for fifteen years in the life insurance business, having charge of the business of one of the great companies in Mt. Holly, N. J., where he lived. He wrote over three thousand hymns, and no gospel song book is considered as being complete unless it contains some of his hymns. In 1878 he married Wilhelmina Reid, of Lumberton, N.J. God blessed them with three children, Rachel, Miriam, and Percy.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

1. When upon life's billows You are tempest tossed, When you are discouraged, Thinking all is lost, Count your many blessings, Name them one by one, And it will surprise you What the Lord hath done. Refrain Count your blessings, Name them one by one, *Count your blessings,* See what God hath done! *Count your blessings,* Name them one by one, And it will surprise you What the Lord hath done.

2. Are you ever burdened
With a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy
You are called to bear?
Count your many blessings,
Every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing
As the days go by. *Refrain*

3. When you look at others With their lands and gold, Think that Christ has promised You His wealth untold; Count your many blessings. Wealth can never buy Your reward in Heaven, Nor your home on high.

Refrain

4. So, amid the conflict Whether great or small, Do not be disheartened, God is over all; Count your many blessings, Angels will attend, Help and comfort give you To your journey's end.

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Application

- 1. A believer is most vulnerable to sin when he/she experiences the abundance of God's grace.
- 2. One person, trusting the Lord and obeying His will, can change a situation from defeat to victory.
- 3. God possesses an infinite amount of everything we need.
- 4. Wing-dwellers are those who, in humility, not only receive the abundant blessings of God but are also the ones who are the most thankful.
- Spiritual growth makes some of its greatest progress when we hit rock bottom and discover God's abundant grace on our way out.