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Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(Revelation 22: 20)



In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

One God.

Amen

George and Youstina had to leave their little child Maria, who was 5 year old, alone from 10 am till 2 pm on holiday so that they can go ahead with the visit service. Both George and Youstina were true Christians whose lives were based on the love of Jesus and their purpose was to glorify the Lord and make him happy.

This was their first time to leave Maria alone. They used to leave her with Youstina's sister Ann who lived in the same building, but as Ann was travelling to Canada, they could not find another solution except to leave Maria alone. Youstina was afraid, but George asked her to enter the prayer room⁽¹⁾ and ask the Lord as it was not possible to take Maria with them during the visit of poor, elderly, sick people and those with special needs as this may leave bad impact on Maria who could not see any person suffering.

(1) Some Christian families dedicates a room in their apartment for prayers.

George and Youstina entered the prayer room and started by praising. After praying, they read the bible. Their daily reading for that day was from Isaiah Chapter 49 to 52. In chapter 49, they found God's promise and answer to them in verse 15 **“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!”** (Isaiah 49: 15). They both cried upon reading this verse, and thanked God for his love and mercy.

The father and the mother started to get ready to leave home. Youstina prepared some Christian cartoon films for her lovely daughter which she loved the most. George has placed the DVD player in a suitable position so that Maria could reach it and play the cartoon DVDs easily. Maria was a very smart child and George wanted her to be self-dependant at early age.

Both George and Youstina had peace, as they knew

that Maria was in the hands of the creator of the universe, so what could go wrong? They left home after asking her to keep calm. Maria promised to obey their instructions, and George told her: (I will bring you a picture of the Lord Jesus upon returning home).

Both parents went out at 10 am. Once they left, Maria headed towards the DVD player to watch some cartoon, but she noticed the DVD case of the film “Jesus”. George and Youstina used to play the first DVD of the film to Maria. This part included Jesus birth and some miracles while the second DVD which they never played to Maria contained the arrest of Jesus, crucifixion, death and resurrection. They used to put the case of Jesus film on the upper shelf after Maria watches the first DVD, but this morning as they were very busy, they placed the case of Jesus film along with the other Christian films so that Maria can watch them during their absence and forgot to remove the second DVD from it.

Maria kissed the picture of Jesus on the film case and placed the second DVD expecting to watch the usual part, but this time was different. The film started at the end of her usual watch. Maria was very surprised. She used to watch this film dozen of times and she had already memorized it very well but this was the first time for her to watch such new scenes.

In the beginning, there was the part of the last supper, and then Jesus went to Gethsemane where he was sad and prayed and his sweat was like drops of blood. Maria started to be emotionally affected, especially at the scene of Judas' betrayal and the guards' mocking at Jesus. She then started to cry as she watched the guards beating Jesus, spitting in his face and striking him with their fists while others were slapping him. She began to shout out saying (*Please stop. He is my lovely Jesus*). At the scene of scourge, Maria cried with a loud voice, saying (*They are beating my lovely Jesus*).

At the scene of the crucifixion, Maria could not say a word. She was crying bitterly to the extent where she was in a condition that she might lose consciousness but God saved her. While Jesus was on the cross, Maria moved towards the TV and kissed him while her tears were running down her face.

The time between the death of Jesus and his resurrection went very fast as Maria was not aware of anything. She was only saying inside herself just two words: (*Lovely Jesus ... Lovely Jesus*). But at the first scene of Jesus' appearance after the resurrection, life started to return to Maria. She watched Jesus free from blood and pain. She could not understand what was going on but she was very happy to see the Lord Jesus safe.

All of a sudden, something happened in this film which was different from any other version. As Jesus appeared to his disciples, he did not go towards them,

but he went out of the television screen and headed towards Maria. At first, Maria was a little bit confused but Jesus gave her peace as he said to her:

Jesus: *Do not be afraid lovely Maria. I am the Lord Jesus. I came to say I love you and I want to play with you.*

Maria (Astonished) : *Lovely Jesus !*

Jesus: *Why do I see tears on your cheeks? I am doing well now.*

Maria: *Do you mean that you are all right and do not feel pain ?!*

Maria cried in the arms of Jesus while saying to him:

I Love you so much my Lord Jesus, more than anyone or anything.

Her parents saw in her that principal. Before going to bed, they always prayed with her that prayer:

Teach me my lovely Lord Jesus how to love you more than anything or anyone in this world, even more than daddy and mummy.

Maria was filled with joy and peace and started to play with Jesus. Time was going on very fast and at 2 pm, Jesus said to Maria:

Jesus: *I will go for now Maria.*

Maria (Crying): *Please Lord Jesus stay with me. Play with me. Please stay as I want daddy & mummy to see you. They will be so happy.*

The Lord Jesus replied to her with the most amazing smile which fills the heart with peace and joy.

Jesus: *Maria. Do you love me more than daddy and mummy?*

Maria: *Sure. I love you more than anything or anyone in this world, even more than daddy and mummy.*

Jesus: *Do you want to stay with me forever?*

Maria: *Sure.*

Jesus: *OK. I will come today at night and take you with me. Bye for now.*

The Lord Jesus gestured his hands to say goodbye and she replied in return. The Lord went to the television screen through which he came back to the film in the scene of ascension.

During the ascension scene, Maria was waving her hands while saying:

Bye Bye. I am waiting tonight. Don't forget.

At this moment, George and Youstina arrived and saw their little child standing in front of the Television saying: *Bye Bye. I am waiting tonight. Bye Bye.*

At first, they could not understand what was happening, but once they saw the last scene, they realized that Maria had watched the second part of the film. They were confused especially when they saw some marks of tears on Maria's face. Before they could ask Maria about anything, Maria said to them joyfully:

Lord Jesus came to me and played with me !

It was a shock for both George and Youstina. They left everything and got around their lovely child asking her about what had happened? Maria told them the whole story. The parents were astonished and could not decide whether the story of their lovely child was true or was just a reaction or imagination of a child who had watched some difficult scenes in the film. However, they were relieved when they saw their child doing well and not suffering due to the scenes of the passion of Christ.

The father and mother tried to imagine what had happened, and they were very surprised about the strong belief of Maria who told them the same story with the same details upon asking her in different ways. Their minds were rejecting the story as there was no evidence like incense or anything which proves the appearance of the Lord to their child, but at the same time they had, deep inside, a strong belief that this actually happened.

As usual, George and Youstina went to the prayer room, and as they prayed deeply, their strong inner feeling that Maria had actually had that experience was becoming stronger more and more. They asked the Lord to answer them through his words and they opened the bible to read that day reading for the afternoon according to their schedule. The reading was from chapter 53 to 56 from Isaiah. They had already memorized chapter 53 very well as it was the subject of their meditation on Holy Week for each year, but the timing of reading this chapter according to their daily reading schedule was a big sign to them as this chapter was the top of the Old Testament prophecies on the passion of the Christ. It was as if Isaiah, the prophet, was standing beneath the cross writing down what was happening.

Both George and Youstina felt that God wanted to tell them that the story of Maria was true and not just imaginations of a child. They went to Maria's room and

saw her standing in front of the picture of the Lord Jesus which she loved the most. She was praying with tears saying:

Lovely Lord Jesus. I love you so much. Please do not forget to come today. I am sure that you will come to take me so that I can stay with you forever.

Her parents were surprised of her deep prayer and its content especially with the part of:

Come to take me so that I can stay with you forever.

Youstina was disturbed from the last part of Maria's prayer. George interrupted Maria's praying and gave her a picture of the Lord Jesus, while Youstina took her in her arms.

Time passed very fast and at 7 pm, Youstina asked Maria to have dinner with them. While having dinner, they noticed that Maria was acting in a different way. She was holding the picture of Jesus and her eyes were completely focusing on it. After dinner, Maria went to

her room, holding the picture, as it appeared as if she was talking to him. Her parents could not understand what she was saying and did not ask her.

At 8 pm, George and Youstina prayed with Maria the prayer before bed as usual, and they asked her to sleep with them that night, but Maria told them:

Maria: *No daddy. I will not sleep. I must be awake as Lord Jesus promised to come back to me and take me to stay with him forever.*

Youstina started to cry, while George took courage and told Maria:

George: *Lovely Maria, let us go to bed now together and we shall be awake in the night to see the Lord Jesus.*

Maria: *I am afraid I might fell asleep and cannot get up on time when Jesus comes.*

Youstina: *Do not be afraid. You will get up and do not forget that the Lord Jesus loves the girls who obey their daddies and mummies as the Lord Jesus used to obey Saint*

Joseph and Saint Maria.

Maria obeyed her parents and went to sleep in their room for the first time in years, as George and Youstina used to let Maria sleep in her room since she was one and a half year old.

At 11 pm, Maria woke up alone by an internal motivation and went quickly to her room. She stood up in front of the picture of Jesus and said:

The night has already come. Why haven't you come yet? May be you have already come while I was sleeping. Please do not be upset from me. I went to sleep as daddy and mummy told me, and I must obey them to make you happy. I am sure that even if you came while I was sleeping, you would have awakened me. Yes, you would have awakened me. I am now sure that you haven't come yet. Please come now. I missed you so much.

At 11:50 pm, both George and Youstina woke up together on a very strong & wonderful incense. They immediately shouted: *Maria! Maria!* . They went quickly to her room, but they could not enter it firstly as a cloud of incense was filling the room heavily. Inside this cloud, they saw their child raising her hand towards the Lord Jesus and holding his hand while saying: *I was sure that you would come.*

Jesus' face was brightly shining in the way that it was difficult to fully recognize its features. The light shining from him was filling the soul with joy and peace. The Lord Jesus, holding Maria's hand, went to her bed and lifted her up on it so that she could rest forever. All this was happening while George and Youstina were watching from outside the room filled with peace. The Lord then walked to them, his face features started to be clearer, it was the most excellent of men, and said to them:

I came to take Maria with me. Do not feel sad. This is the best time to take my lovely Maria. Receive my peace that no one can take away from you.

The Lord then smiled to them and they replied by smiling to him. Their hearts were full of joy and peace as their Lord was with them, fulfilling them with his care and peace. Then the Lord disappeared. After around 10 minutes, George and Youstina could enter the room to find Maria passed away to live with Jesus forever. They stood up in front of her bed, crying with joy, and said: *The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.* (Job 1: 21)



Beloved in the Lord,

This symbolic story is an example of what can happen to us in our daily life. The purpose of this story is to realize that the Lord of Glory is not far from you. He is close to you more than you can imagine, as you are the subject of his love and care. He is just waiting for you to accept his love and to enthrone him on your heart. He is standing at the door of your heart, knocking, waiting for you to accept him⁽²⁾, so will you open your heart to him to stay forever?

The Lord may not physically appear to you, but he is able to shine with his peace and joy inside your heart. Believe me, the work of the Lord inside your heart is not less amazing than the physical appearance which can be seen by eyes. In fact, the aim of any miracle is to make changes inside the heart.

(2) Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3: 20)

Now talk to the Lord as Maria talked to him. Talk to him as you used to when you were a child. No matter how old or how much knowledge you gain, you will remain as a child in the Lord's eyes. Talk to him easily and frankly. Cry and do not be shy. Complain to him as Maria did. Do not be afraid as he welcomes this complain. He just wants to enter with you in discussion in any possible way. Enthroned him on your life and commit your way totally to him. Let it be today not tomorrow, a new true beginning with your savior who endured all the passion of the cross for your sake. Yes! For you personally.

Prayer

- ❖ My Lord and savior Jesus Christ,
 - ❖ Thank you for being my God.
 - ❖ Thank you for the grace of existence which you granted me.
 - ❖ Thank you for creating me in your own image.
 - ❖ Thank you for being in your thought even before the creation of the universe.
 - ❖ Thank you for redeeming me on the cross.
 - ❖ Thank you for your great love.
 - ❖ Thank you for not leaving me during my deep weakness.
 - ❖ Thank you for giving me a new chance to repent.
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- ❖ I want to start a new relation with you,
 - ❖ Relation based on mutual love.
 - ❖ I know that you already love me more than my weak mind can ever imagine,
 - ❖ But the problem is in my love to you.

- ❖ I may say by mouth that I do love you from all my heart,
- ❖ But these emotions are usually subsided by the temptations and anxieties of life.
- ❖ Enough being away from you Jesus, as being away from the source of life is death.
- ❖ Jesus: You are the way, the truth and the life.

- ❖ Teach me how to love you my Lord,
- ❖ You said: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”
(Matthew 7: 7)
- ❖ Teach me how to make the desire of my heart is to love you more and more.
- ❖ It is only through your endless love to us Lord which has been shown on the cross⁽³⁾, that we can discover the true meaning of love.

(3) Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.
(John 15: 13)

- ❖ Pour out your Holy Spirit in me Lord so that you would be enthroned as King of my heart.
- ❖ As with my personal ability, I will deny you as Peter did.
- ❖ I may deny you with my mouth or my deeds which do not glorify your name,
- ❖ But by the power of your Spirit within me,
- ❖ I will become a fisher of people as you did with Saint Peter and your disciples.
- ❖ So that I may enjoy and share your love with my brothers and sisters in your One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Sing My Soul

Meditations on Isaiah 54

1 “Sing, my soul, you who never experienced true peace; burst into song, shout for joy, you who never discovered God’s love; because your creator will give you more than you can ask or imagine” says the Lord.

2 “Enlarge your heart, stretch your emotions, do not hold love; lengthen your prayers, strengthen your faith.

3 For you will enter in the deep love of God; you will inherit, by God’s grace, the Kingdom of heaven and settle the broken hearts of others.

4 “Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace because Jesus loves you. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your sins.

5 For your Maker is your Lover— the Lord Almighty is his name— your Redeemer has the full power; he is

called the God of all the earth.

6 The Lord will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit— a wife who married young, only to be rejected,” says your God.

7 “For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back.

8 For discipline, I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,” says the Lord your Redeemer.

9 “To me this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to reject or leave you.

10 Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

11 “O Afflicted soul, lashed by anxieties and not comforted, I will rebuild your heart with love, your foundations with orthodox faith.

12 I will make my Fiery Holy Spirit dwell in you.

13 All your thoughts to be an aroma pleasing to the Lord, and your peace and joy with no limits.

14 In obedience you will be established: evil will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you.

15 If evil forces do attack you, it will not be my doing; whoever attacks you will be defeated by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells inside you.

16 “See, it is I who created all things to do my will, so even if evil forces managed to throw their temptation nets on you, do not be afraid. I am able to transform your defeat into victory.

17 No temptation forged against you will prevail, and you will have victory on every spiritual fight that attacks you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me,” declares the Lord.

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- ❖ قدسني يا الله .
- ❖ هلم إلى حضن يسوع .
- ❖ انتظر الرب .
- ❖ ثق! قم! هوذا يناديك .
- ❖ سفيرة السماء .
- ❖ النصر في انتظارك .
- ❖ سر الزيجة . طلب وجه الرب ، أم رضى العالم ؟!

The background of the image is a vibrant blue sky filled with soft, wispy white clouds. At the bottom of the frame, there is a thick, bright white layer of clouds that appears to be a horizon or a ground level, creating a sense of depth and light.

*“I love you so much my Lord Jesus,
more than anything or anyone.”*

The child Maria