

## A Lonely Girl

Once upon a time, there lived an orphan. The father died four years after she was born. The mother also died five years after the father's death. At the tender age, this girl was left by herself. The relations of her mother and father were not helpful to her in any way. Instead of helping her they mocked her. When she could no longer take their mockery, she ran away from them all. Anywhere she sits or goes people also mock her. Even she was nicknamed "lonely girl" because of her tattered wears. They say " see it is this lonely girl again. Who knows where she comes from? Maybe from hell" says the passersby. She virtually forgot her real name, Joy because all she could hear around her was "lonely girl" how are you? Don't you have a home? And so on and so forth.

This lonely girl was a fine soul whose mother before she died had impacted the fear of the Lord in her. She had taught her about the Lord, and she believed strongly in Him, therefore she feared not the unknown because of her belief and total trust in the Lord. The mother had also told her that she is truly never alone because she had the Lord with her always. She prayed all the time in her heart. She fondly prayed two prayers daily. First goes thus:

O' Lord let every moment hold gain for me spiritually.

Second goes thus:

O' Lord let my hands hold joy and happiness always so that no evil can approach me. These two prayers always in her heart to the Lord. The mother had also taught her that if her inner mind is pure and prayerful without any dark thoughts of hatred, envy, jealousy or holding grudges against anyone. A heart that has forgiven her neighbor everything. With this she would always attract the Lord's Goodness, Mercy, and Favor. That also the Light of God would abide with her which would bring help to her and never would she lack or want. So, she kept to this belief and survived without the help of her relatives. Good Samaritans always there to help with her needs. One day a lady picked her from the street, housed her and educated her. That was how she survived till the age of twenty-one with the Lord's help.

Can you call such a person a lonely one? Definitely not. When the Lord is with one, you can never be alone. So it pays to get used to purifying ones thoughts at all times. Never to have bad thoughts of envy, jealousy, hatred, bitterness against anyone, so that at every time the Lord's help will be nearest to one. Come to think of it, you have no business with anyone as such for you came alone to this world and you will go alone at the Lord's call.

At twenty-one the prince of the land was in search of a maiden he could marry. So he went round the land in search of her and then came across the "lonely girl" so was she called, but her real name was Joy. The prince liked Joy at first sight and decided she was the right lady for him. After the death of the king, the prince took over the throne and became the king of the land which automatically made Joy the queen of the land. Then the relatives surfaced, with shame in their hearts, but amazingly, forcefully they had to look up to praise the Lord because of her for

the goodness and mercy over Joy, His own. *All those who struggle to purify their thoughts and run away from sin to desist from any darkness will also gain the Lord's Goodness and Mercy like Joy.* Joy never disregarded the relatives with all their malicious behavior towards her but welcomed them all because of her good nature. For she knew better never to pay back evil for evil and that anywhere there is darkness one should be a channel of shining light of God. Her relatives knew of Joy's lifestyle of praying when she was young and were not completely surprised she ended up the way she did. Joy as a child of God stood in His Protection, His Love, Kindness, and Mercy at all times.

Though it is not easy to achieve the purifying of one's thoughts in this World of Matter due to the upper hand of darkness amongst mankind of the present time, but one still must be serious, determined, focused, and make up one's mind to be an obedient creature before the Creator and all the strength needed will be giving to attain this. I wish you the strength.

*Never believe you are alone. You are never alone when you stand aright in Creation by knowing the Laws of God and obeying it. That is consciously doing His Will. You will walk in the Light. Enjoy all the treasures of Creation. Bask in the Light. Then everything you do will be done in the Light. Therefore, you are never alone. The Light of God will always be with you.*

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