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The Prayer of Monika for her son Augustine

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Bible reading: Matthew 7: 7-11 (KJV)

⁷ Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you:

⁸ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

⁹ Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

¹⁰ Or if he asks a fish, will he give him a serpent?

¹¹ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Today I would like to talk about the prayer of Monika which turned the prodigal son into a holy son.

If there are miracles in the world certainly the most wonderful miracle is when an evil person is transformed into a good person, or when a person's heart which is bent out of shape is made straight again. This cannot be done by the abilities of human beings alone; it can only be done by God's power. All that human beings can do is pray for God's grace. Such was the prayer of Monika who was the mother of Augustine.

Augustine is respected by many; he is known by his book entitled, "Confessions." He was a bishop, a Church Father in the Early Church and a respected theologian. However before he converted to Christianity at the age of 31, he went a very fallen path. He was a prodigal son and travelled a very licentious path.

His mother prayed for him in tears day and night. She prayed for her son with desperation, with a heart that no one would be able to understand. She prayed like this for five years and ten years but even after that period there was no sign that her son might be thinking of repenting. One bishop in the Christian Church was saying that a child of tears certainly would never be destroyed.

One night Monika had a dream about her son. She had been praying for him, she had fallen asleep during the prayer and had this dream. She was in the middle of the ocean and her son

was next to her. He was drowning into the water and was desperately crying out to her to be saved. An angel came from heaven and told Augustine that his mother would save him. So he grabbed hold of a piece of the ore that his mother was clutching and he was rescued from sinking into the water.

When Monika woke up she felt that there was some deep meaning in this dream. She thought that the ocean or the sea was representing the world of suffering and that the ore that he was holding and hanging onto was the faith that would prevent him from sinking into that world of suffering and evil.

Not long after, Augustine travelled to Rome, and there he heard a sermon given by Ambrose, and as a result of that he converted to Christianity and repented. There is an old Korean saying that ultimate sincerity moves heaven. The incredible sincerity and dedication of Monika, the mother, saved her son. He was a child of tears so he was not destroyed. In fact he repented and became a saint in the Christian Church who has been respected by many for hundreds of years.

Twenty years after his conversion, Augustine spoke of his mother in a sermon and he explained how her sincerity saved him. He wept many tears as he was mentioning her, and it was as if rain were falling. Augustine said that the power of his mother's prayer was greater than the power and the strength of an army of hundreds of thousands.

One spiritual person has said that Augustine later in the spiritual world converted to Unificationism and he is lecturing the Divine Principle to the people there. His greatest regret is that he was not able to attend the Lord of the 2nd Advent during his time on earth; he is very envious of people on earth for having the chance to meet the Lord and attend him while he was here.

He is actually calling out to the people on the earth," You have the merit of the age. You are able to attend the lord. If I was born later, I would have been able to meet the Lord on the earth." He regrets very deeply that he could not meet the Lord in the physical body on the earth. Also a spiritual person has said that right now St Augustine is in a very high level in the spiritual world and he is waiting for me to come to him.

The reason why I mentioned this today is because I have a request to make to St Augustine. I want to ask him to do his mission in the spiritual world so that all the work that the 2nd King is doing can be victorious. I have chosen to speak about him today because I want to make that request to him.

His early life was licentious and the life of a prodigal child, but he regretted it and he repented for it. After going to the spiritual work he has understood the Will of our Father and he has been working to evangelize the people there so that Father's Will can be accomplished on this earth.

He truly regretted and repented very deeply for his life. He prayed to Father that he would plant the knowledge and the understanding of the Lord of the 2nd Advent in the hearts of many people, and that he would testify to the Lord of the 2nd Advent in the spiritual world. The spirit world transcends time and space, therefore he can pray at any time and any place. I am incredibly grateful that he overcame all difficulties to convert to our church.

Father once spoke about Augustine. He said that he was an incredible person that not only he repented deeply but that also he has done a lot of work to help others repent as he has, and become like him. I am also praying for him, that he can achieve a lot for God's will in the spiritual world so that this world can be victorious as quickly as possible and so that he can accomplish much towards that end.

Truly the work that we are trying to accomplish here cannot be done by human beings; it can be completed only if there is assistance and help from God and the spiritual world; God has to do it!

I pray every day that his Will can be realized on earth as it is in heaven, that the Will that God set out to accomplish at the beginning of creation can be established on this earth as quickly as possible.

Thank you very much.

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