**THE TEST**

There is an old woman who lives alone in a remote village. She is a very kind person. In everything she does, God is always in his mind. She lives with faith in God. She has been dreaming of talking to God for a long time. Also because she has no other relatives and he is alone in life. One night she dreamed with God.

**God:** Child.

**Old woman:** My Lord.

**God:** Child, how are you?

**Old woman:** I'm fine, my lord. (She was very happy because he heard God's voice from the light.) My Lord, I wish I could see you. I have been praying for a long time to talk and see you.

**God:** Don't worry my child, I will visit your home tomorrow night.

**Old woman:** (Very happy) Thank you very much my Lord for answering my prayer. I will prepare delicious food for you.

The next day, she woke up early and prepared delicious food and various kinds of drinks. There are different types of fruits and vegetables. She arranged and cleaned her home and also put decorations. The smile did not disappear from her lips until the night came. While the old woman was waiting for the Lord a child knocked on her home.

**Child:** Knock! Knock! Knock!

The old woman opens the door for the boy.

**Old woman:** Oh child, why you came to my home?

**Child:** I'm hungry grandma. If possible, I would like to eat with you.

At the same time, the old woman looks at her table full of delicious food. But the food she prepared is for the Lord.

**Old woman:** I'm sorry, child. But I am waiting for a very important visitor. You can only eat with others.

The boy leaves sadly. The old woman returned inside her home and happily waited for the Lord. An hour later someone knocked on her door again. She happily got up and went to the door hoping that it was the Lord who was knocking.

**Old woman:** (Opening the door.) Oh my dear, why did you come from home. Do you need anything?

**Girl:** Grandma, I'm lost. I went to this village with my family this morning. I just went for a walk alone and I didn't notice that I was far away from my family. I was still hungry and thirsty. Fortunately, seeing your house gave me hope that my thirst and hunger might be quenched.

The old woman felt sorry for the young woman but she remembered that the Lord would come to her home. And the food she prepared was only for the Lord.

**Old woman:** I'm sorry. My prepared food and drinks are for my important guest who is coming tonight. Take that road and you'll reach the outskirts of this village. You can see your family there.

**Girl:** Alright grandma. Thank you very much.

The girl left the old woman's home sad and thirsty.

The old woman went back inside her house and an hour later someone knocked on her door again.

**Old man:** Kniock. Knock. Knock.

The old man knocks weakly from exhaustion.

**Old woman:** Where did you come from and why are you so tired?

**Old man:** I looked for something to eat but I couldn't find anything and I was late on the way. If possible, I would like to rest at your home.

**Old woman:** I'm sorry but I'm expecting a valued visitor today.

**Old man:** Even for a moment, I'll just rest inside your home and I'm getting cold outside.

**Old woman:** I'm sorry. It is not possible because my guest is coming. Rest in others.

The old woman closed the door of her home and returned to her chair. The old woman fell asleep waiting for the Lord. She fell asleep in his chair and dreamed again talking to the Lord.

**Old woman:** My Lord. Why are you still gone? I've been waiting for you for a long time.

**God:** Child. I knocked on your door three times but you did not let me in into your home.

**Old woman:** My Lord, you did not knock on my door. Only a child, a young woman and an old man knocked on my door.

**God:** I can't knock on your door like this.

The old woman thought about what she said. And he thought that God would not be incarnated as a human being so that he could talk to him personally.

**Old woman:** I'm sorry, my Lord. I didn't think that it was you who knocked on my door.

The old woman said sadly and started crying because God was already in front of him earlier but he didn't even let him stay in his home.

**God:** Child. Someone requested you for help three times, but you never helped them. You've lost your mind if you think it's terrible to say no to those who need help, especially when you can help someone else. May this be a lesson for you, my child. That we should never forget about helping people in need. The old woman began crying as she realized what she had done wrong to the three persons who had come on to knock on her door.

**Old woman:** My Lord. Please forgive me for my sin. I promise that I will help those in need even if I have important guests or work.

**God:** That's right son. Goodbye, sleep well.

THE END.