"Interventions"



God Gives Man Opportunities A Wondrous Occurrence



Around midnight someone knocked on the front door. An old woman stood there, who asked the Priest to commune a sick man.

The Priest got everything ready, took the Holy Gifts, and set out together with her. Approaching a shoddy little hut, the old woman opened the

door and showed the Priest into a room. Suddenly the Priest found himself alone with the sick man.

Catching sight of the Priest, the man began to shout:

"Get out of here! Who invited you? I'm an atheist and I will die an atheist!"

The Priest was taken aback.

"But I didn't come on my own. The old woman called for me."

"What old woman? I don't know any old women!"

The Priest then noticed a photograph of the woman who had called for him hanging over the bed of the sick man.

He replied, pointing at the photograph:

"There, it was her!"

"What do you mean it was her? Do you know what you're saying? That's my mother. She died years ago!"

For a moment both of them froze, overcome with a sense of awe. The sick man started to weep. When he had collected himself, he asked to confess, and then received Holy Communion.

His mother had taken care from Heaven to show him the way of salvation.

This true story shows how God gives man opportunities to repent and to believe, all the way up to the end of one's life.

Of course, no one is truly an atheist. Those who say they do not believe in God, believe in substitutes for Him: fame, wealth, power, etc. Deep down, however, they feel His absence....

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