

Food Down the Chimney

Years ago, an old lady down South had no money to buy food. But with complete trust in God, she got down on her knees and prayed aloud: “Dear Lord, please send me a side of bacon and a sack of corn meal.”

Over and over again, the old lady repeated the same plea in a loud voice.

Now it happened that one of the town’s worst characters, overhearing her supplication, decided to play a trick on her. Hurrying to the nearest store, he bought a side of bacon and a sack of corn meal.

Upon his return to the cabin, he dropped the food down the chimney. It landed right in front of the hungry woman as she knelt in prayer.

Jumping to her feet, she exclaimed jubilantly: “Oh, Lord, you’ve answered my prayer!” Then she ran all around the neighborhood, telling everyone the good news.



This was too much for the scoundrel.

He ridiculed her before the whole town by telling her how he had dropped the food down the chimney himself.

Not to be outdone, and secure in her faith, the wise old woman quickly replied: “Well, the devil may have brought it, but it was the Lord who sent it!”

Perhaps, in your life, God has answered your prayers in unexpected fashion.

He does take care of His children, even if He does it in mysterious ways.

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