

## Chapter 15

### Buddha Visits His Mother in the Realm of Heaven

The Buddha Sakyamuni surely wished to go to see his mother, Queen Maya, in the realm of heaven soon after he attained Enlightenment and became a Buddha. However, He could not do so because He had to save a lot of people from suffering and agony. He had to save them first at one place, then another.

After saving all these suffering people for six years, He wished to teach the truth to his mother in heaven. After Queen Maya bore her son, Siddhartha, her eternal soul stayed in the realm of heaven instead of the Buddha Land because she wanted to watch her son grow. When she saw her son, the Buddha Sakyamuni, in the heavenly realm, she recalled the great prediction of Hermit Ashita thirty-five years ago. “The Prince will become a Buddha to save people around the world,” said Ashita. That lovely prince has become a Buddha and is standing in front of her now as the hermit predicted. That holy baby who had walked seven steps toward the north and had said, ‘From heaven to the earth I alone am the most honored One! The triple worlds are full of suffering, but I alone am able to be free from these sufferings; had become the Buddha as Hermit Ashita had declared.

Queen Maya listened to her son, now the Buddha, preach to her “The One and Only Truth in the Universe.” She cleansed her attachment to her son and entered into the realm of the Buddha. She stays in the Buddha Land forever with her son, Buddha Sakyamuni, who joined her later after the Buddha’s Nirvana (Perfect Death). So Queen Maya and the Buddha Sakyamuni are together in the Buddha Land now and watching us always.



When you think about the Buddha, and wish to see him, say, “Oh the Buddha!” He will be with you together with Queen Maya because she is within the Buddha.