

Class 8

Chapter -12

The Bishop's candlesticks

A- Answer the following questions

1- Where did the Bishop live and with whom?

Ans - The Bishop lived in a village in France with his sister, Persome.

2- Why was Persome summoned downstairs? What was her reply?

Ans - Persome was summoned downstairs to unlock the cupboard and provide food to the Bishop's visitor. She was not very willing to do so in the middle of the night.

3- Why was the Bishop fond of his candlesticks?

Ans- The Bishop was fond of his candlesticks because they were a gift from his mother in her death bed and he had promised his mother never to part with them.

4- Who caught the Convict when he first left the Bishop's house? How?

Ans- The sergeant of Gendarmess caught the Convict the first time he left the Bishop's house. They caught him because they found it suspicious that he was going about so late in the night and when they tried to arrest him, he resisted.

5- Where did the Convict finally go? Why?

Ans The convict finally went to Paris with the Bishop's help to start a new life.

6- What did the Bishop do for the Convict and why?

Ans- The Bishop saved the convict from being arrested for the second time because he had been wrongly arrested and suffered previously. The Bishop reformed the convict not through punishment but through sympathy and kindness.

B- Answer the following question

1- That was in the beginning, when I was still human! I have been living in Hell for ten years now!

a- Who is the speaker? What Hell is he referring to?

Ans- The speaker here is the Convict. Hell refers to the prison.

b- Why was he in this Hell?

Ans-He was imprisoned on charges of stealing food for his dying wife.

c- How did he describe his time in Hell?

Ans - He describes his time in hell as being very bad. He says he was chained up like a wild animal, fed filth, and beaten up. There they took away his name and his soul.

2- The fault is mine, sister. I led him into temptation.

a- Who said the above lines? Who is he/she talking about?

Ans- The above lines have been said by Bishop. He is talking about the Convict.

b-What was the temptation?

Ans - The temptation was the thought of stealing the candlesticks.

c-Why did the speaker feel he /she deserved grief?

Ans- The speaker feels that he deserved the grief because he had been too proud of his possessions.

3- I had forgotten what it was to be treated like a man!

a- Who is the speaker! Who treats him like a man?

Ans-The speaker is the Convict. The Bishop treated him like a man.

b- Why did the speaker forget what it was to be treated like a man? what, according to him, does it mean to be treated like one?

Ans-

The speaker had forgotten what it was to be treated as a man because he had been treated like a wild animal in prison for ten years. To treat someone like a man is to show him care and compassion.

c-Do you think the Convict leaves a changed man? Give reasons for your answer.

Ans-

Yes, the Convict leaves a changed man because the Bishop, with his sympathy, had managed to soften the Convict's hardened heart. When the convict left the Bishop's house he left with the desire to begin his life afresh in Paris.

C- Think, discuss and then answer the following questions.

1- Why do you think the convict laughed when he found out he was in a Bishop's home?

Ans- The convict laughed when he found out he was in a Bishop's home because after living for ten years in prison, he had forgotten how it felt to be a man and further he had lost faith in the goodness of mankind and the blessings of God. He may have also laughed because he must have thought that the Bishop, being a man of righteous ness, would report him to the police and send him back to prison.

2-Why do you think the convict was glad he was caught?

Ans-The convict was glad that he was caught because if the sergeant had not caught him he would have gone away easily with the candlesticks and his life of theft and robbery would still continue. However because the Convict was caught, he got the chance to transform himself and start his life afresh..

3- What do you think the Bishop meant when he said this body is the Temple of the living God?

Ans-This body is the Temple of the Living God means that every individual has been created by God and God resides within every individual. By saying this the Bishop meant that before doing any wrong we must always ask ourselves about how righteous or ethical our act is.

Grammar

- 1- Niraj was so hungry that he decided to eat dinner early
- 2- Kunal didn't win the race although he was the fastest runner
- 3- Anirudh is a good student and a gifted athlete too.
- 4- I don't want to read this book because I have already read it.
- 5- Rahul and Anant made fun of everyone.
- 6- I am sure that he is wrong.
- 7- Either come in or go out
- 8- He fled somewhere where his pursuers could not follow him.