

Read the following passage and answer the following questions in your own words.

## God Sees the Truth, But Waits

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In the town of Vladimir lived a young merchant named Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov. He had two shops and a house of his own.

Aksionov was a handsome, fair-haired, curly-headed fellow, full of fun, and very



fond of singing. One summer Aksionov was going to the Nizhny Fair, and as he bade good-bye to his family, his wife said to him, "Ivan Dmitrich, do not start to-day; I have had a bad dream about you." Aksionov laughed, and said, "You are afraid that when I get to the

fair I shall go on a spree." His wife replied: "I do not know what I am afraid of; all I know is that I had a bad dream. I dreamt you returned from the town, and when you took off your cap, I saw that your hair was quite grey."

Aksionov laughed. "That's a lucky sign," said he. "See if I don't sell out all my goods, and bring you some presents from the fair." So, he said good-bye to his family, and drove away.

When he had travelled halfway, he met a merchant whom he knew, and they put up at the same inn for the night. They had some tea together, and then went to bed in adjoining rooms.

It was not Aksionov's habit to sleep late, and, wishing to travel while it was still cool, he

aroused his driver before dawn, and told him to put in the horses.

Then he made his way across to the landlord of the inn (who lived in a cottage at the back), paid his bill, and continued his journey.

### Question Answers

i) Who was Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov?

Ans. Ivan Dmitrich Aksionov was a merchant.

ii) How did Ivan look?

Ans. Ivan was a handsome, fair-haired, curly-headed fellow.

iii) Was Ivan a happy person?

Ans. Yes, Ivan was a happy person, he was full of fun and fond of singing.

iv) Where was Ivan going?

Ans. Ivan was going to a fair Nizhny Fair.

v) Why was Ivan's wife stopping him from going out?

Ans. Ivan's wife was stopping him from going out because she had seen a bad dream about Ivan.

vi) Did Ivan listen to his wife?

Ans. No, Ivan did not listen to his wife.

vii) What did he say to his wife?

Ans. Ivan asked his wife not to be scared and he will bring some presents for her from the fair.

viii) Whom did Ivan meet while travelling?

Ans. Ivan met a merchant while travelling.

ix) Did Ivan travel at night? Where did he stay?

Ans. No, Ivan did not travel at night.

x) Whom did Ivan pay his bill?

Ans Ivan paid his bill to the landlord of the inn who lived in the cottage.

xi) Write the meaning of the following words –

a. Handsome

Ans. Having a pleasing appearance

b. Landlord

Ans. Owner of a house

c. Spree

Ans. Activity that is done without any limit

d. Inn

Ans. Place where travellers can rest and have food

e. Merchant

Ans. A person who sells goods for making profit

xii. Write the antonyms for the following words –

a. Lucky

Ans. Unlucky

b. Young

Ans. Aged

c. Fond

Ans. Indifferent

d. Dawn

Ans. Dusk

e. Summer

Ans. Winter