

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

God Sees the Truth, But Waits

by **Leo Tolstoy**

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?
- ii) How did Ivan look?
- iii) Was Ivan a happy person?
- iv) Where was Ivan going?
- v) Why was Ivan's wife stopping him from going out?
- vi) Did Ivan listen to his wife?
- vii) What did he say to his wife?
- viii) Whom did Ivan meet while travelling?

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

x) Whom did Ivan pay his bill?

xi) Write the meaning of the following words –

a. Handsome

b. Landlord

c. Spree

d. Inn

e. Merchant

xii. Write the antonyms for the following words –

a. Lucky

b. Young

c. Fond

d. Dawn

e. Summer