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“ A Letter to God”

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Study Material:-

Lencho was a poor farmer. His house was the only house situated on the crest of a low hill in the entire valley. He lived there happily with his wife and two sons. Their life was altogether smooth there. The only means of livelihood was cultivation. They depended on their good harvest for the whole year. The present year his crops needed at least a downpour or shower. Rain was the only source of irrigation for him. When he saw some dark patches of cloud in the sky, he began to dance in wild joy predicting of a pleasant rain in the form of gold and silver to him.

Well expected rain reached as per his prediction but to his surprise the small drops of water were five cent coins and the bigger drops were ten cents. To have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body, he went out of his house in the expectation of a good harvest. But this keenly desired sight turned into a disaster. Strong wind along with heavy hailstones began to fall and in

the duration of one hour the whole of his field was ruined. It seemed that the whole valley was covered with white salt. Ultimately the hail had left nothing in the field for their survival. Now, there was the most shocking problem before them of getting food for the whole year.

Thinking of his only hope he decided to get help from God and so he wrote a letter to God. He posted his letter to God demanding a hundred pesos in order to sow his field again and to live until fresh crop came. The letter was surprisingly picked by the postman in the post office as the letter was addressed to God. He was thrilled to see this and handed it over to the postmaster. He was an amiable person. He also began to laugh to see the address but at once turned serious when read the letter. He had not expected such a deep faith in God as Lencho had. His heart moved and he decided to gather help from his office employees and close friends and send to Lencho so that Lencho's faith in God could not be shaken. He collected 70 pesos and put the money in an envelope addressed to Lencho and along with it a letter containing only a single word as a signature 'God.

The postmaster had thought that the farmer would be glad to receive the money. But to his utter disappointment, the postmaster was shocked to

notice that it had made Lencho angry and he wrote another letter to God but with a warning not to send the rest money by post but by mail as he considered the postal employees 'a bunch of crooks' who had stolen thirty pesos from the hundred pesos sent by Him.

The story has two kinds of assumptions. Conflicts between humans and nature and humans themselves. Rejoicing at the rainfall ultimately turns into gravest sadness to show the conflict between humans and nature. On the other hand Lencho had extremely faith in God but not in the postal employees even slightest. He considered them as a bunch of crooks even though they tried to help him. This depicts the conflict among humans. In a nutshell, it is quite obvious that the story has been knitted with optimistic feeling to highlight Lencho's faith in God.