**CLASS 10 CBSE NOTES LETTER TO GOD**

**Chapter Sketch**  
The story recounts the hard life and extreme faith in God of a poor farmer (Lencho) who has lost his crop due to heavy rain and hailstones. It was the only source of income to fulfil his family’s desires. He firmly believes that God will help him in such a situation and would not let him and his family die due to hunger. He writes a letter to God to seek help. Some kind employees of the post office helped him. So, the story tells us to have faith in God and never lose hope in adverse situations.

**About the Characters**  
**Lencho** A poor farmer who lives on the crest of a low hill with his family. He was a firm believer of God. He is innocent, hopeful, caring and responsible.  
**Postmaster** A fat, amiable fellow who helped Lencho to retain his faith in God. He gave a part of his salary in the charity for Lencho on behalf of God.  
**Post Office Employees** People who helped Lencho on postmaster’s call. They laughed at Lencho when they saw the letter but helped him in his need. Lencho called them a bunch of crooks.

**OVERVIEW OF THE CHAPTER**

**Lencho’s Hope of Good Harvest**  
Lencho was a farmer who lived on the crest of a low hill with his family. His was the only house in the entire valley. His field was full of ripe corn and easily visible from the house. He was eagerly waiting for a good rain to have a good harvest so he could earn money for his family.

**Turning of Lencho’s Hope into Despair**  
As Lencho hoped, it started raining at the time of supper which gave Lencho a ray of hope. He was extremely happy to see that. He compared the raindrops as silver coins which show his joy.  
But soon his joy turned into despair as the rain changed into hailstones which ruined the crops. The field had been covered with snow like a layer of white salt. Lencho was worried for his family.

**Lencho’s Firm Belief in God**  
Though Lencho was a poor farmer and had lost all his crops; he had firm faith in God. He found in God his last hope and decided to write a letter to God for help. He asked God to send him a hundred pesos so that he can sow his field again and support his family until the new crops were harvested.  
He also wrote that if God didn’t help him, his family would die with hunger.

**The Postmaster’s Reaction to Lencho’s Letter**  
After reading Lencho’s letter to God, the postmaster laughed but soon realised that Lencho had firm faith in God and his belief should not be shaken. So, he decided to help Lencho with the help of his post office employees. He collected seventy pesos and handed the envelope to Lencho himself in which he also contributed a part of his salary.

**Lencho Gets Angry at Receiving Less Money**  
Lencho became angry when he saw seventy pesos in the envelope as he demanded a hundred pesos. He did not believe that God could do so and send L n less money. So, he decided to write a letter again for the rest of money. This time he requested God not to send the rest of the money through the letter because he thought that the post office employees were ‘bunch of crooks’ who might have stolen his money.

**Chapter Highlights**

1. Lencho’s hope of good rain to have a good crop.
2. It rains but the rain soon changes into hailstones.
3. Lencho has firm faith in God.
4. Lencho writes a letter to God to help him.
5. Lencho asks God to send him hundred pesos.
6. Postmaster and other employees laugh at Lencho’s letter to God.
7. Postmaster decides to help Lencho in his problem.
8. Postmaster wants every employee to help in this noble deed.
9. Postmaster collects seventy pesos and gives the envelope to Lencho himself.
10. Lencho gets angry after getting seventy pesos amount as he had asked for hundred pesos.
11. Lencho calls the employees of post office a ‘bunch of crooks’ as he thinks that they have stolen the rest of amount.
12. Lencho again writes a letter to God to send him rest of the money.
13. Lencho has firm faith in the magnanimity of God; and God never betrays the trust of a believer.

**WORD MEANINGS**  
The given page nos. correspond to the pages in the prescribed textbook.

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| **Word** | **Meaning** |
| entire | completely                                        . |
| valley | a low area of land between hills or mountains |
| crest | a top of a mountain or hill |
| ripe | Developed to. the point of readiness for harvesting and eating |
| corn | a kind of grain |
| downpour | a heavy fall of rain |
| shower | drizzle |
| intimately | in a private and personal way |
| supper | an evening meal, typically a light or informal one |
| God willing | by grace of God |
| **PAGE 4** |  |
| predict | guess |
| approaching | coming close to someone or something |
| pleasure | a feeling of happy satisfaction and enjoyment |
| satisfied | pleased |
| expression | the action of making known one’s thoughts or feelings |
| regard | consider or think of in a specified way |
| draped | covered with something (cloth) |
| curtain | a piece of material suspended at the top to form a screen |
| hailstones | pellet of hails |
| resemble | have a similar appearance to or qualities in common with someone or something |
| exposing | making visible by uncovering it |
| frozen | covered or rigid with ice |
| quickly | at a fast speed |
| hillside | inclined side of hill |
| destroyed | ruined |
| plague | an unusually large number of insects infesting a place and,causing damage |
| locust | insects which fly in big swarms (group) and destroy crops |
| solitary | done or existing alone |
| upset | unhappy; disappointed or worried |
| instructed | order someone to do something especially in a formal way |
| conscience | an inner sense of right and wrong |
| daybreak | dawn |
| peso | currency of several Latin |
| sow | plant the seeds of a crop |
| envelope | paper cover to mail letter |
| heartily | loudly |
| amiable | having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner |
| **PAGE 6** |  |
| serious | thoughtful |
| tapping | to hit in gentle strokes |
| correspondence | letters sent or received |
| evident | clearly seen or understood |
| resolution | a firm decision to do or not to do something |
| charity | help or money given to those in need            . . |
| contentment | a state of happiness and satisfaction |
| deed | a brave or noble act |
| slightest | quietness |
| confidence | firm trust |
| deny | refuse |
| wrinkling | a slight line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face |
| lick | to strike with tongue gently |
| affixed | attached to something else |
| **PAGE 7** |  |
| blow | cause to move |
| bunch | a number of things, typically of the same kind |
| crooks | dishonest people or criminals |