

THE SHEPHERD'S TREASURE

SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTER

- Once there was a poor Shepherd in a village in Iran.
The Shepherd was very poor. He does not know how to read and write.
Though he is poor and uneducated but he is very wise.

He understands people's sorrows and troubles and helps them face their problems with courage and common sense.
He becomes famous for his wisdom.

The king of the country also wants to meet the wise Shepherd in disguised form.

One day the king disguises himself as a shepherd and visits the famous Shepherd

The king is greatly impressed by the Shepherd's hospitality and wise conversation.

When the king was to leave for his palace next day, the Shepherd recognizes the king.

- The king appoints the wise Shepherd the governor of a small district.

Other governors from other provinces become jealous of the new Shepherd governor and call him dishonest.

The governors of other provinces begin to talk to the king against him.

They say the new governor is very dishonest and keeps for himself part of the money that he collects as tax from the people.

One day the new Shepherd governor is summoned to the palace.

The king asks the Shepherd governor why does he always carry that iron chest on the camel's back.

The Shepherd governor smiles and asks his servants to open the iron chest.

- Iron chest does not contain gold, silver or jewels but an old blanket. The governor replies with quiet dignity, "This blanket is my oldest friend. It will still protect me if, any time, your majesty should wish to take away my new cloaks."

Other governors who are jealous of new governor are embarrassed by his wise reply and this scene.

The king now knows that the Shepherd governor was the humblest and wisest man in the entire kingdom.

And the king makes him the governor of a much bigger district that very day.

MORAL OF THE STORY

- *Humility, wisdom, helping nature, hospitality, sympathy, goodness and kindness are very important qualities which we should all imbibe.*