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Night

Ch. 8-9 study questions:

1. What is Elie's fear as they arrive at Buchenwald? Why does the crematorium leave no impression?
2. When trying to convince his father not to sleep, Elie feels he is struggling directly with who? Not his father.
3. Why does Elie become angry at his father?
4. How does Elie describe his father?
5. How do you see the relationship between father and son changing? Give three examples throughout the book to support.
6. What happened when the alarm sirens went off? What glimpse does the reader have of Elie's internal conflict?
7. When Elie finally finds his father again, what is Chlomo's condition?
8. Elie describes his father as passing him "like a shadow." (p. 107) Explain the significance of the simile.
9. Elie states, "I gave him what was left of my soup. But my heart was heavy. I was aware that I was doing it grudgingly. Just like Rabbi Eliahou's son, I had not passed the test." (p. 107)

Explain what Elie means by "failing the test."

10. What illness does Chlomo have? Why didn't he receive food?
11. Why did the other prisoners beat Chlomo?
12. What advice did the head of the block give Elie concerning his father?

13. What was Elie's reaction to this advice?
14. What was the last word from Chlomo Wiesel?
15. Why is Eliezer unable to weep?
16. How does the language in section nine reflect Elie's state of mind?
17. Once they were free, what was the first thing all the prisoners did? How does this behavior illustrate the way the men have been treated during their time in the concentration camps?
18. The memoir ends with these lines:
"From the depths of the mirror, a corpse was contemplating me. The look in his eyes as they gazed at me has never left me." (p. 115)

Explain the significance of these lines both literally and figuratively.

Read Page 101 from “It was daytime....” to the page break on page 102, then answer the following questions.

1. Which of the following demonstrates Elie’s internal conflict as it relates to the care of his father?

- a. “But at the same moment this thought came into my mind: “Don’t let me find him!”
- b. “And then I remembered I had a father.”
- c. “Like a wild beast, I cleared a way for myself to the coffee cauldron.”
- d. “I gave him what was left of my soup.”
- e. “With those few gulps of hot water, I probably brought him more satisfaction that I had during my whole childhood.”

2. Why is Elie’s father denied food?

- a. because he missed roll call.
- b. because his father was given two rations of soup at lunch and was told to save on for dinner.
- c. The guards ran out of food and could not give any to Elie’s father.
- d. Elie took his father’s ration of soup.
- e. The guards will not give food to the sick prisoners who are going to die soon.

3. When Elie remarks that just like Rabbi Eliahou’s son, he had failed the test, he is suggesting that

- a. he has failed God by not believing in Him.
- b. he has failed his father by serving him grudgingly.
- c. he wishes that his father would die.
- d. he wishes that he would die so he does not have to see his father suffer.
- e. he wishes that he and his father would die together.

4. In the third paragraph of this section, “But at the same moment....” what shift occurs in Elie’s tone between the final two lines?

- a. from hope to shame
- b. from shame to hope
- c. from faith to doubt
- d. from commitment to obligation
- e. from revenge to submission

5. In the third to last paragraph of this section, the one that begins “Seeing my father...”, he uses what type of figurative language to describe his father?

- a. simile
- b. metaphor
- c. personification
- d. hyperbole
- e. onomatopoeia

