

Day 10 - The Blessing in a Curse | Gauranga Darshan Das

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- When krsn uprooted yamalarjuna trees - two effulgent personalities came from two trees. They are the sons of kubera - nalkubera and manigriva. They were actually intoxicated by their wealth because their father was the richest man and he is a treasurer of all wealth. So they were puffed up and proud of his wealth.
- Once they were bathing at mandakini river with a naked girls and having sense enjoyments which is sacred.
- Situation of Nalakuver and manigriva is described by Sukhdev goswami - although they are associates of exalted personalities like lord shiva who is best of all vaishnavas. They are intoxicated by www - wine, wealth and women. Association of opposite gender, wealth and wine to get anything they want because of that they become falsely proud of their position.
- Sometimes when we associate with great people we may attribute unnecessary pride to ourselves because of our connection with great people. Its not that greatness of kuber that affection toward nalakuver and manigriva they have connection with great person therefore they are attributed to themselves to become irresponsible in their behavior.
- They were in very favorable atmosphere - kailasupanava, mandakini ganga, association of lord shiva and such beautiful garden upavana. So, all these ambience are suitable and conducive for advancement in spiritual life. If someone uses its favorable atmosphere for practicing spiritual life can come closer to God. And sometimes, material person are addicted to sense gratification and when they see favorable ambience, nice climate, nice atmosphere immediately ability to gratify sense may sprout in materialistic people.
- So, association of opposite genders and pleasant ambience around does not induce the desire to sense enjoyment in great devotee because they were absorbed in rendering service unto SPOG.
- This devotees are krsnatmanam because they are absorbed in krsna their minds and hearts in absorbed in krsna and passionate and ignorance cannot touch to their minds although they have close associates with opposite genders both men and women are engaged in glorifying SPOG and they don't have desire for sense gratification. These is the degree or consciousness of vaikuntha vasis.
- SP said to avoid sinful reaction they take bath in ganga but these people bathe in ganges to commit sinful activities. It's not that everyone become purified by bathing in ganges, it depends on consciousness. Its not that everyone can get purified it depends on mental conditions. If atmosphere may be favorable for spiritual life but we should be diligent and smart to utilize that spiritual atmosphere to practicing PDS.
- With full attention and consciousness even in the unfavorable ambience - they do bhakti. Example - prahlad maharaja. But he was fixed and absorbed in PDS unto SPOG.
- Mother sitaji was captivated in ashokavana in lanka, demons were constantly glorifying ravana in front of sitadevi so that sitadevi will agree the demonic mentality of ravana and she was amidst in the middle of ravana in that also sita devi was absorbed in her devotion and remembrance of ramachandra. So, its not an actually the atmosphere of spiritually surcharged atmosphere that helps us around to do service but what is also actually important is our own commitments to the process.
- One can so spaced out and distracted even in so many opportunities in advancing in spiritual life and other hand some are so absorbed in spiritual practice although ones unfavourable atmosphere in their life. Everything spiritual or material depends on our

consciousness or mental state if our mental condition is proper and devotion than atmosphere doesn't matter. And ofc in our sadhakas stage we have to keep ourselves in favourable atmosphere so that we can overcome our lower tendencies and shortcomings and then advances in our life But self drives and inspiration from within has to progress in bhakti.

- When they are absorbed in enjoying in naked girls and Naradmuni has entered in that place. When PD entrance in place he will create ultimately auspiciousness. When he entered in that place that girls when they saw naradmuni immediately they felt ashamed and they immediately closed their bodies with clothes to acknowledge the presence of great souls. But nalakuver and manigriva was so engrossed in their degraded consciousness they did not done anything to acknowledge the presence of naradmuni and they continued their sinful life.
- When someone is so intoxicated, puffed up in wealth, power and influence - ones fail to give respect the great soul - out of arrogance. But they were not only intoxicated by wine but also they were internally intoxicated by their wealth. No humility, no respect, no etiquette to respect narad muni atleast to hide somewhere because they don't have humility. Although people in that stature they have better opportunities to focus on spiritual consciousness, but these people so degraded on their consciousness.
- Naradmuni cursed these two person to become trees in nanda maharaja courtiyard. Naradmuni cursed them out of his compassion to uplift their degraded consciousness to show some mercy toward them to bring them contact with krsna. It is a pure and sincere desire for their own spiritual welfare.
- When great soul shows anger also, it is the benefit of common soul. It is not that out of envy.
- Human being has lot of wealth degrades our consciousness. Beauty, being learned, high family - all this may be cause in arrogance and degradation of ones consciousness but wealth will create more arrogance.
- If somebody may be beautiful and not wealthy. He may not attract to opposite gender.
- If someone has lots of wealth that could degrade in such an extent. Its not all wealthiest people are sense gratifier and not all poor people are pure devotees.
- Pride in material wealth lead to animal killing or nirdaya. Such person get anything because he pays it and he never empathize with the hard work done by poor..., they cant even control his tongue or material sences.
- This material body becomes ashes or germs. Sometimes soul leaves the body., the body is buried in earth and body becomes germs. And sometimes body is thrown like this that vulture, foxes, jackles and starts eats the dead body and that body becomes dead stool and someone taking pride in this body than he is foolish. We are not these bodies but we are spirit soul inside the body and soul is service of krsna. Maameva ahamsha jivaloke jivabhuta sanatana - all this living entities are part and parcel of krsna and we are not these material body that meant to love and serving God.
- Finally, naradmuni thought to cursed them to become trees in vrindavana and they are degraded in their consciousness by being such a holy place in ganges river.
- Naradmuni cursed them to tree in vrindavana dham and they became tree in nanda maharaja home.
- Trees. They became these trees and krsna's sadhan/ These trees don't remember past lives. Because of naradmuni mercy, nalakuver and manigriva able to remember past lives.
- We have become immovable trees, naked trees in these place because we were behaving in such a sinful manner infront of naadmuni earlier. Because of their sinful activities, they regretted for that.
- While regretting and while remembering sinful activities they are also fortunate to witnessing krsnas pastimes In vrindavana. And their consciousness was purified.
- when there is repentence of once sinful activities then one purified by consciousness

Why could krsna deliver these two sinful person when such loving reciprocation was happening

with yashoda?

- Because naradmuni desired and he is pure devotee and Krsna has to fulfilled the desire of naradmuni.
- So, similarly, when sincere devotee has a sincere desire that another person should receive krsnas mercy. To please that devotees, krsna shows mercy even to unqualified people. Therefore, its important to offer sincere prayers to krsna for the deliverance of common people. Example prahlad maharaja was tortured by hiranyakashipu and when narshimadev appeared to kill hiranyakashipu prahlad offered his sincere prayers that please protect my father. This is called vaishnava's mercy.
- A devotee will never hold any grudge to any envious feeling towards offenders. Even if the devotees angry towards other also...still that anger is the exhibition of their concerned and their compassion on them. When devotee shows mercy to common people, krsna shows mercy upon the common person
- Devotee mercy = krsnas mercy
- Krsna exhibits his quality in this leela - bhaktair jitatvam, bhaktir bhaddam, bhakta vashata, bhakta paradhina. - krsna is conquered by the love of His devotees. Krsna makes sinful person eligible to PDS. After regaining the forms of devatas from nalakuver and manigriva. They offered their heartfelt prayers to krsna that we will spend our rest of our life to glorifying you and perform PDS.
- Tatha prema bhaktim sva kaam prayascha - we should pray to krsna that you have deliver N&M from bondages and you have made them eligible to attain prema bhakti. You also give me that prema bhakti as you have given to N&M because we have also have desire for sense gratification so please protect me from the bondages of birth and death. I want frailties that blocking me from taking your shelter.
- If you have love for krsna than you are the wealthiest person all over the world.
- LCM says na dhanam na janam na sundirm I want only bhakti. I don't want any thing material possession.
- Vani gunana kathaine - we will use our tongue to glorify you, we will use our ears to hear your glories, we will engage two hands to serve you and serve many devotees. We will absorb our mind in meditating in your service.
- When devotee meditates on krsna, all the sinful proclivities completely vanquished.
- Unless devotee is sincerely praying for you, we have no hope. We cannot directly approach krsna but we can approach krsna only through His devotees(guru)
- When the sun shines around than we cannot experience darkness around. Similarly, when a devotee comes infront of us and shows mercy on us than there is no bondage for us. And when we don't take advantage of sun shine and continue stay in darkness than there will be no sun's influence. Similarly, even in the devotee present infront of us. We should diligently and intelligent to take advantage of such devotee association.
- Without the mercy of vaishnavas, we cannot come closer to krsna. So one must be very intelligent to take an advantage of association of devotees that makes you to reach closer to krsna.

Thank you very much
Hare Krsna