

Day 1

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Topic - **Spirit of gratitude**

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Notes -

- BVT says where there is greatest need, there is greatest opportunity
- LCM said that impediments are actually a friends of a devotees and when we understand through the eyes of great souls and scriptures they takes up to the hands who allows to take shelter unto Lord and many transformations in the life of saints happens in the time of great problem.
- Today we have karthik yatra apparent separation from devotees and vrindavan and becomes an opportunity to get the mercy and grace of this times
- Separation is an impediment and RR says that the only separation I knows that in the association of devotees we can truly feels that presence of Supreme Lord
- Separation is the impediment that how the great personality grows through the challenge like vrajavasis of vrindavan and krsna left vrindavan from mathura and went to dwarka and the separation of gopis and gopas never been understood by human heart and we can only catch that attraction and know that only by the mercy of Radharani and Krsna
- While krsna performing lilas in vrindavan all the devotees feels separation with Krsna and the gopis criticized brahma putting eyelid and blinking of eyelids and even they with krsna but blinking of eyes even they were with krsna directly and blinking of eyes was so much separation
- That one supreme personality manifesting sweetness in this way and that blinking of eyes seems forever separation with Krsna
- When Krsna with cowherd boys and girls, the gopis and gopis who were at home they were constantly singing krsnas pastimes reminding each other with total absorbtion that makes sweeter union when krsna will return and then akrura took krsna from vrindavan for approx. 110years and krsna was away from vrindavan in his manifested spiritual form.
- And that time, what kept brajvasis alive was absorbing in remembering krsna by chanting his names and forms and pastimes as a community they were at eachother reminding each other of krsna
- And in this way there love was expanding increasing every moment
- Udhava was good friend and constant associates of krsna and when he was sent to vrindavan and saw the love exhibited in the impediment of separation in vrajvasis that he don't know that he don't have love at all and prayed to become a piece of grass so that gopas and gopis can step on his head and by that connection and serving in that way he may have the glimpse of love for krsna that is union in separation
- Krsna tells narada muni that wherever my devotees come together to chant and glories and absorbing in remember me then that's where I am present
- SP said, krsna never takes steps out of vrindavan and devotees are actually absorbed in remembering krsna chanting his names and glories that is vrindavana and there krsna is present
- Vrajavasis was hearing the news of krsna that krsna left mathura with whole yadudynasty to dwarka that increases their impediments in separation and marrying beautiful 108princess with children and grand children would he ever return?

- Krsna sent udhava to meditate on you but we prolonged to serve you and drowning in limitless ocean to serve you and our aspiration to serve you and LCM said, there is no higher love than the mood of gopas and gopis in separation and highest level of impediments when they helps us to take absorb ourselves to remember krsna that is greatest impetus in bhakti
- Krsna born in mathura when devaki and vasudev was in lockdown with iron and chains in the underground prison under the persecution and harassment of kamsa and in that state, krsna reciprocated with them and took birth as their own child
- The greatness of vrindavan needs to be understood through the context of scriptures that given us the way to approach
- Approach to vrindavan is revealed in SB itself although krsna appears as gopa as an ordinary boy we cannot take it cheaply and not to take something and something has been revealed as a dept of gratitude and surrender
- BG is the preliminary study of SB teaches the greatness of God and reveals so many things that aham sarvasaya prabhava that I am the source of all sources and aham bija prada pitaha that I am the father and mother of every soul and
- Parikshit maharaj taught us how to surrender that he was dying in 7 days and this was serious impediment and he made a small mistake and he was deeply regretted and he was cursed to die in 7 days been bitten by snake and bird.
- Parikshit maharaj was young and handsome and ruler of world and he was having everything and taken as blessings and saw the door to surrender
- SB narration begins when he was seated at the banks of Ganges hearing the glories of Lord from Sukhdev Goswami who was the son of Vyasadeva and eternal identity is parrot of Srimati Radharani of Golok Vrindavan who knows each and every pastime of Krsna and Srimati Radharani
- and we are not meant to jump on 10th canto but we need to enter into mystery and realization ye yatha mam prapadyante that how you surrenders to Krsna and Sukhdeva Goswami gives us matured realistic approach to Krsna's pastimes
- First nine cantos describes the how Krsna is great and SB given the profound realization which is preliminary and then various incarnation of Lord describes in great detail in SB to show that supreme transcendence of God's power and greatness and all these incarnations they appear in reciprocation to the devotees who are taking shelter of them
- We read about Prahlada, Dhruva, Ambarish Maharaj how they fearlessly endured the difficult impediment while taking shelter of Krsna that how they were protected and in this way greatness of God is profoundly understood before we come into 10th canto
- Jivera swarop haya krsnaera nitya das the eternal nature of every soul is that we are servants of Krsna
- Patram pushpam phalam - Krsna reveals that actual service is in Love that is samasidhir haritoshanam and Krsna gets pleased by our service and Krsna says, I reveal myself those who serve Me with love
- According to our real love then Krsna reveals more intimately with our relation with Him.
- God is given everything and be grateful for that and in Vrindavan increases the opportunity to serve and Krsna appears to devotees as friend, child or lover and devotees desire to serve and please Krsna with love so deep that Krsna opens the door for such relationship that we don't expect anything from God that we simply want to give.
- sa vai pumsah - the supreme dharma is to awaken our love in the service of Lord that must be unmotivated and uninterrupted and the highest revelation of truth is Vrindavan and vrajavasis transcended even the full knowledge that Krsna is God and they don't consider Him to be as God but they simply serve the Lord with body mind and soul to Lord and to please Krsna and this is what Vrindavan is whose place is highest of loving service and this is the way to approach Vrindavan where we can enter into eternal abode in a

genuine way of total absorption in remembering krsna

- RR says that the only suffering I know that without the association of devotees because devotees reminds each other of krsna and they share krsna with each other and this is what actual the devotee community is and the everything else is meant to facilitate this that they help us to absorb in krsna and pleasing krsna
- BSST says do not try to see krsna but serve krsna in such a way that krsna will be pleased to see you and this is the heart of bhakti
- Krsna is non-different than vrindavan and srimati radharani is vrindavaneshvari who expanded her heart as vrindavan and don't try to see vrindavan but try to serve vrindavan in a way that vrindavan reveals to us
- And in bhakti there is a process of hearing, chanting, remembering to be absorbed
- We are in Vrindavana through the sound vibration wherever we are in the world and we must treasure this forever and LCM taught us how to become a devotee and LCM was constantly absorbing in vrindavan and running to vrindavan and to spread sankirtan movement he stayed in Navadvip and because of his mother, he stayed in Jagannath Puri and his enthusiastic sight to be in vrindavan and taught us to be in union in separation
- LCM was in Gambhira and taught us that how to be in vrindavan in the mood of separation and separation makes us to absorb in vrindavan and RR and Ramanujacharya was constantly in vrindavan by chanting and glories of vrindavan and they were always there in Vrindavana mentally
- LCM glorifies holy names in Shikshashtakam and SP said that amongst most confident associates of LCM, some never went to vrindavan but they were always be there in vrindavan in their hearts like Gadhadhar Pandit who never went Vrindavana physically and serving tota gopinath at Jagannath Puri and LCM comes together to discuss SB and read SB in such a way that flooding the tears of joy in separation and immersed in vrindavan
- Swaroop Damodar Goswami never went to vrindavan but chanting of his sweet kirtan and katha then Lalitha Sakhi was relishing the kathas and discussing the glories of krsna consciousness was there in vrindavan and Sarvabhavum Bhattacharya was closest associates of LCM they never went to vrindavan and his Navadvip is non-different than vrindavan because of their absorption and love for vrindavan and separation is actually an impediment but nourish our love if we take shelter of krsna in that condition
- Actually so many of the associates their life in vrindavan in the separation, LCM sent Jagadanand Pandit to stay in vrindavan and always be in the associates of Sanatana Goswami otherwise you will take anything as an ordinary and you will make an offense and go carefully and returned.
- Subudhi Ray who was in difficult situation who was rejected by entire society and defamed and he was all alone and LCM told go to vrindavan and serve vaishnavas and arrange nice rice and dahi and get the tour of vrindavan so that they can have absorption in vrindavan and so that they can have this experience and they will remember it forever.
- Purpose is to preach the serve the mission to stay in vrindavan dham to become the world more krsna consciousness and directly experience krsna and establish standards of temples so that we can build temples all over the world and he want to exhibit through his examples how devotee should live in the absorption of vrindavan and krsna and serve the mission of LCM and that mission was very much preaching and sharing the glories of vrindavan to the whole world and how to see and feel vrindavan taught by LCM when he was in the way to vrindavan during the journey came to Kanainathshala there he saw this forest is non-different than vrindavan and Vrindavana can exist in many places if that existed in our hearts
- When LCM was south India tour and remembering vrindavan and he saw Godavari as river Yamuna and that's not an imagination and that's not a poetic explanation and he was seeing Yamuna who becomes non-different than Yamuna because of his absorption in

remembering krsna and he saw forest as wonderful forest of vrindavan

- When LCM living in puri there was chatakparvat in that he saw govardhan hill and in the night of full moon karthik that moon rise over the sea and saw the yamuna in that sea and dove in it and absorbed in that. Ye yatha prapadyante - vrindavana, krsna, radha, lords pastimes they are all non different and taste their sweetness and realize our identity in relation to krsna according to our surrender how we take surrender. daivi esa guna mayi - these material world in a 3 modes is difficult to overcome but one who takes shelter of me then cross beyond it.
- SB tells the beautiful story of gajendra who locked down the jaws of crocodile which is very painful and in that state he remembered what he had forgotten the blessings of great sages and attain perfection and not only is taking shelter of krsna is only way to overcome miseries of material existence and in this way that we are given the entrance of divine grace into vrindavana
- mana mana mad bhakto - the surrenders is how we are absorb in remembering krsna and total absorption we are seeking in our lives that how that's possible by pleasing krsna through our sincerity
- Brahmaji was a spiritual master but he don't understand who krsna was and so many times he was having darshan of vishnu and narayana but then too krsna delivered the asuras then brahma came back to vrindavan and saw that krsna was sitting in banks of yamuna with his friends and not having any recognition that krsna is god and when brahma saw gopal having exchange with his friends and brahmaji was perplexed and little boy was playing with his friends and how it possible that he is god? And brahmaji wants to test that he is god and brahmaji saw that all the gopas transforming into his beloved Lord and all were disappeared and just remain krsna and brahma got bewildered and I don't know who is krsna and I don't know who is god and brahmaji became very humble than blade of grass and in that state surrender and took shelter of Krsna that time he was able to see vrindavan
- Previously, he was there in vrindavan physically but he wouldn't able to see what vrindavan was and external covering was hiding it and because truth of vrindavan is revealed into proportionately how you take shelter of krsna and how you take shelter in the mood of das anu das anu das that pleasing to krsna and brahmaji understood that how insignificant he was when any trace of egosit completely evaporated by this impediment of bewilderment and took surrender for the pleasure of Lord and total transformational vision and he was able to recognize that every particle of dust was cintamani and every tree was kalpavriksha and every cow was kaamdhenu which is nectarean water which was flowing in yamuna and these beautiful pastimes we gain entrance into how to approach vrindavan
- Akrura teaches us how to approach vrindavan and such eagerness and enthusiasm and humility and surrender to krsna how he takes journey to vrindavan and SP said we cannot enter into vrindavan by getting plane ticket or bus ticket but through the process of surrender and devotion that we can enter into the spirit of vrindavana
- Jiva goswami was staying with rupa and santanan goswami and rupa goswami wants to teach the world through jiva goswami. Vallabh bhatta came in the mood of service to assist rupa goswami to editing BRS and rupa goswami assist him and jiva goswami explains the glories of rupa goswami and vallabh acharya came to the conclusion that there is no need to edit of BRS and get back to rupa goswami and your student jiva goswami is the exalted vaishnavas and disciple and love and surrender to his guru with the incredible knowledge and you must proud of him
- Rupa goswami said to jiva goswami that Vallabh bhatta is my senior and came to help me and what kind of ego do you have to correct me and one who has a trace of ego doesn't fit to live in vrindavan and you must go home and jiva goswami went and performed

austerity to free his ego but actually there was no ego and the nature of devotee is to be happy to be fallen although they were not and sanatana goswami crying for the mercy of lord and got him back to rupa goswami and showed the world that the imp lesson of what is mean to be in vrindavan and how to approach vrindavan

- Srinivas acharya was the son of chaitanya das and learned many pastimes of LCM and devotees and when he was going to meet LCM who was yearning for the associates of LCM and his associates and before he arrived that he got to know that LCM disappeared from this world and intensified his eagerness and LCM appears in dream and takes shelter of gadhadhar pandit and take shelter of SB and when he goes to gadhadhar pandit and that SB is covers with tears of love and you want to get another volume so that I can teach you and when he returned then gadhadhar pandit left planet and directed to rupa and sanatana goswami and feelings in separation and walked in vrindavan and when he arrived in vrindavan then got to know that sanatana and rupa left the world and found the shelter of jiva goswami and this was the eagerness and sacrifice to go to vrindavan and we cannot imitate that. Finally, he got the shelter of vrindavan under the shelter of jiva goswami
- NDT was practically crying day and night and left his home and secretly goes from jungle without accompanied man without any facilities and accept the intense eagerness to serve krsna in vrindavana and what was anticipation and experience when he was in vrindavana and their he lived with shyamananda goswami at radha damodar temple with all the 6 goswamis who showed how to approach vrindavan and how to live and serve vrindavana and they didn't stayed in vrindavan and gone to bengal to preach the message of love of vrindavan to the whole world and took their goswamis spend their rest of their lives outside of vrindavan physically but forever intimately living in vrindavan for preaching to share the message to the whole world and broadcasted the message to the whole world.
- LCM and NDT taught us to actually live and enter into the spirit of vrindavan we need to follow the footsteps of 6 goswamis and their followers
- SP said that you cannot see vrindavan through our eyes but our ears by hearing from great souls we have faith and on that basis of faith adau sradha tatha sadhusanga and by practicing devotional service and by that practice in this process of hearing, chanting and being the das anu das anu das then anartha nivrtti get cleansed from our heart and gradually we develops attachment to the krsna and then we experience and awaken our love for sri krsna and even that bhava of love still not qualified to enter in vrindavan but when that love is developed through our devotion, surrender and absorption becomes prema and in that prema that vrindavan reveals to us in our hearts.
- Sanatan goswami met LCM in varanasi that he prayed to LCM that make me a puppet and make me dance as if you wish to make me dance and he approached LCM that LCM given instruction to go vrindavan and SP was living in vrindavan in the heart of vrindavan which is sevakunj where goswamis comes to meet goswamis that besides of samadhi of rupa goswami
- And SP was ordered by his guru maharaja BSST just take this message of vrindavan to the whole world and when he was approaching to boston harbor after such an impediment of heart attacks and sea sickness, SP offered the same prayers which is offered to LCM by sanatana goswamis to make me puppet and let me dance as you likes to make me dance and this is the mood of shelter and this is the mood of gratitude is the beautiful example that SP given us and this is the very heart of our teachings and our movement
- Let us pray to aspire for this goal to be a puppet in the hands of acharyas and SP and LCM and in this way wherever we may be vrindavan will awakened in our hearts and we are in vrindavan and when you go to vrindavan on a yatra in the association of devotees and the spirit of SP which is non-different than LCM pastimes then you returns to the home as

services which vrindavan will shine within our hearts

- SP invited devotees to come to vrindavan when he was going to discuss BRS of rupa goswami and given the experience and direction to them and as his guru maharaj taught him and LCM taught him, he taught to his disciples that how we should absorb in krsna through our chanting and hearing and care for vaishnavas and enthusiasm and determination to serve our gurus and serve SP and LCM's mission by sharing vrindavan with each other and to the whole world

Thank you very much
Hare Krishna