

Festival of Gratitude | Radhanath Swami

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***Pushyabhishek Festival* :**

Topic - Festival of Gratitude

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Notes -

- A celebration of a universal sacred principle. LCM presented this very in a concise way. This means high aspirations of all our life - ultimate love of Supreme Lord. Love is the source of all other love. We read about love, in music, in books, in movie and so on.. Some our hearts broken by the love. everyone is seeking love ananda maya abhyasat - everyone is searching for happiness. In Mumbai, you can see rats are crawling down here and there, horses and birds and human beings and each every living entities are looking for pleasure some how or other. Pre-dominant features of all other features is Fear. There is lot of money spends in defence, medical. We fear anything that interference with love. therefore we defend. Fear is inevitable. Every rise and sun is physical we do. However and whatever power and money you have. You won't stop the time called death. Happy news that we never die(hanyate hanya mane sharir) soul never dies. death means change. change of the body. Somebody say thank you. we feel happy. we are looking for the pleasure here and there. despite of so many obstacles. Ultimate pleasure is Sri Krsna.
- The essence of the love is to teach the universal message to love and to be loved. Things brings some degrees of some pleasures to our body. some emotional and physical pleasure but cannot touched to heart.
- There is only one connection that can give ultimate love is to love and to be loved. The original love is to love the super soul or supreme Lord. SB teaches us if you pour the water of the tree then all the twigs, branches , fruits gets water. When we awaken the love for Rama or Krsna than we can become permanently happy. Our nature is unconditional, unmotivated love to Krsna. If that love is awakened than we love every living entities.
- When you love someone Whether that love is anticipated or anything. We may be think that it may love in physical basis but we can't love the dead body. Whatever happened in the world may forget that. Every soul is the object of the super soul. If you love the super soul than we can love every soul in everything and everyone. We love super soul therefore we love every thing connected to Krsna and everything related to Krsna.

How to awaken that Love ?

- BG says patram pushpam phalam toyam.. if anyone offers anything with love and devotion as a fruit flower and Anything. Lord Will accept. What will you give to Lord. He is the supreme proprietor of the world. Everything is the gift of Lord. Everything is a gift of Lord. Science of Love given many analogies. How do you offer prayers to Ganga. You take the water on hand and offer prayer to ganga and offer it. Does she needed your water? ganga has limitless water but all devotees offers her. but we offer her as a love. Therefore she conquered by love.
- Humility is the important part of Love. With humility, we must be very grateful how grateful we are. And same gratefulness should be there amongst all the living entities. Bible it says. love thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul and to all thy neighbor.
- **Spiritual love seriously humbles us by flowing through us. Compassionately, we should love all the souls by which develops love for heart.** * If you are sincere anyone can do this for the Supreme Lord

as a humble intention.

- If you are offering anything with love that become sincere perfection. sincerity means we honestly do Anything for the Lord as much as you can.*
- Ravana has an everything in his palace one could dream off but what is the use of such prestige that everything is stolen by him. Sita is the goddess of fortune. Bhishishana is the great devotee of the Lord. Ravana abducted sita for his sensual pleasure. Bhishishana thinks himself as servant of servant of servants. and everyone loves bhishishana. This story tells that bhishishana has lot and offers for Lord that itself is known as compassion and love for Lord. Wealth is not disqualification. *Over wealth is disqualification of the heart which creates lust or envy.*
- saragrahi janardhana - *sincerity of our love to please the Lord*. Krsna in a very tiny hands given grains little things to lady and then in return Krsna gave him limitless wealth to her. 2nd part - and henceforth, she found so much joy for giving Krsna and he want to serve the Lord more more and more... more and more.. because she had given fruits. Krsna reciprocated that love to her and she got lots of jewel  which is filled with love. Supreme Lord wants to share his love with everyone. He given all fruits to gopas, gopis and all the brajvasis at vrindavan.
- Sudama story - Sudama was staying in village. and his wife told let I will go and beg for the chipped rice. And sudama told no no. you should not give to Supreme Lord. sudamas wife packed chipped rice to Krsna but sudama told no no you must not offer this to supreme Lord. and Krsna found something that sudama hiding from him self. than he took it off and stolen that chipped rice and ate it. Krsna was eager to taste the love of his devotees
- Moral - The same akincana gocara consciousness was there when they were rich after getting lots of things from Krsna.
- Whether we are rich and poor or anything we just offer it this to Supreme Lord. *We should recognize and we should live that consciousness that is called bhakti.
- We should not expect honor and dishonor because everything is related to Krsna. Flower festival is all about love and putting all the focus and connecting the Love   towards Supreme Lord. Dozens or dozen of dozen of flowers with different fragrance and different quality of flowers. There was 50 baskets in each every room of the temple. all are plucking the flowers were pluckings. everyone was doing this service. Everyone was plucking despite of not having any envy, egoistic. Everyone was serving happily unto the Supreme Lord. Everyone was doing service. Quantity doesn't matters. quality matters to offer beautiful in the service of the Lord.
- Bhakti means appreciating what somebody else's does.
- if you are apparently appreciating to someone who has done better than you. You get more blessings from Lord. Appreciation is the beautiful offering that anyone can do it.
- When we love and care for others we get Krsnas blessings. If you appreciate anything in the service of the Lord and share everything with others. This is the love for supreme Lord to share with others.*

Thank You very much
Hare Krsna