

OM SATNAM SAKHI

Satsang of Satguru Swami Bhagat Prakashji Maharaj in Las Palmas

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Satguru apne das ka lekha det nivar
Kahe teon parlok tis koyi na poochan haar

A person who is sheltered by a Guru can never be harmed, says Swami Teonram. A Guru is able to change the destiny of his disciples.

Sadai kurbaan vanya tuhinje naam tan
Jeh piyare prem ras dino aatam gyaan
Rahiyo ne rasi jetro andar mein agyaan
Saami tav jahan samayo sarva roop mein



I'm grateful to you my Lord for blessing me with the nectar of love and bestowing upon me the gift of naam which has helped me destroy my ignorance.

Tu nimaaran jo dhani bhuliyal jo rakhwaro
Saari duniya thi jape naath sada tuhinjo naalo
Tuhinji baani thi diye dil khe sada dildaari
Swami Teonram vana totan sada balhari
Chota tuhinji aa mitha soorat pyari pyari

Oh Swami Teonram, you are the caretaker of those who have lost themselves in the vices of this world. The whole world praises you and your valuable teachings which bring relief to our hearts. Your beautiful glimpse is always adored by everyone, my Almighty.

Tuhinje darshan saan mitha gyaan mile bhakti mile
Sheel santosh mile dhyaan mile shakti mile
Tuhinji darbar ditham deh saje khan niyari
Swami Teonram vanya totan sada balhari
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With your sacred vision we gain knowledge and devotion which brings calmness within us. Your temple is the most wonderful place I have ever seen. I will always be grateful to you, dear Swami Teonram.

In His ambrosial words, Swami Teonram Maharaj tries to explain to us that in this world we have made many friends but when the time to leave this earth plane comes, we realise that they will not be with us. Our last breath is inevitable: this body which is made of five elements will be destroyed one day regardless how intelligent one might be or how poor or rich a person is; everyone has to leave this earth and go ahead.

Ant kaal mein aakar jabhin yam ka dhoot daravat hai
Shabd guru ka yaad karan se nikat nahin ve aavat hain

During our last breaths of life, nobody will help us but our Naam, which we have obtained from our Guru to help us cross this ocean of fears. The moment our soul departs from this body is known only by saints but a normal person will not know which form is awaiting him for his next birth. He comes again in this world and takes a form according to the deeds done in his previous birth. Even if we meet a relative from the previous birth, we won't be able to recognise him/her due to the change in forms. The blessings of our Guru is most valuable for us because it helps us overcome all the bonds and ties which we create around us. One comes across sorrows and happiness in life and tries to overcome all the difficulties which come in the way. Behind every sorrow, lies some happiness. The cycle of births and deaths is the most painful element in one's life and is unavoidable.

Jatin kande je ketraa
Bhando bhajno aa mulk chadno aa
Bhavar kar na bavaran
Lal ladno aa mulk chadno aa
Bhavar kar na bavaran

Do not have pride of yourself my friend, one day you too will have to depart from this world, says our Guru.

We can control everything in our lives but death: this is one thing which we cannot change. Everything else is prone to changes in this world but death is inevitable. We have read in our history that many intelligent rishis and munnies also tried to control their body and mind but could not control death because nobody can escape from it. Nobody can change their destiny as what ever is written will surely happen.

Do baaton ko bhul mat je chaho kalyan
Narayan ik maut ko dooja Shri Bhagwaan

Today is Saturday, the auspicious day of Swami Teonram and on this day Swamiji prays to his mother to allow him to recite the name of God and dedicate his life to the Lord. On hearing this, his mother advised him to dedicate his life to God but to complete his duties at home as well. We have read in our history that Shankaracharya told his mother that he wanted to leave this world and dedicate himself to the service of the Lord to which his mother did not agree. In order to make his mother understand, he created such a situation that one day when he was bathing in the river, a bear attacked him. Upon seeing this, his mother started crying but Shankaracharya told her: "if you do not give me permission to become a saint this bear will kill me." On hearing this, his mother gave him permission to become a saint and dedicate his life to the service of God. In the same way Swami Teonramji Maharaj also prayed to their mother:

Muhinjo jogi jeev jate viya
Chit sadan mein ta late viya
Sabh sansa shok kate viya
Maa tinja pandh puchayaan
Thi jogi jog kamayan
O maata mukhe meher kare de mokal

Tu sumaran kar ghar vehi
Par karaj kar tu sabhei
Tihe safali theende dehi
Maa bhalo tuhinjo thi chahyan
Bheetho kaal kuleh te ahe
Sabh kam tho adh mein chahe
Hite rehano kekhhe nahe
Pohe kehlaye sur kamayan

Dini maata mokal rohi
Chahin kar tu kam uhohi
Jeheme ras ahe sabh koi
Maa sheetal saaf sunaya
Thi jogi jog kamaya

Swami Teonramji Maharaj wanted to dedicate his life to the meditation of the name of God but his mother, Mata Krishna was not willing to let him go. So he explains to her that this life is very short and death is around so for what should I earn when everything will be left here in this world. He pleads to his mother to let him go along with the saints because his mind was drawn towards them. Our duties will never end and our wishes and desires will keep on increasing: some are fulfilled and some are not. At this point we begin to doubt our faith in God. When one child demands for something, a mother does not allow everything he asks for. She knows what is good or bad for him. In the same way, God also knows what is good for us and thus he does not fulfill everything we pray for. We should always think that whatever God does is for our own good.

We should always keep our mind stable regardless the circumstances. Our guru advices us to be content with everything the Lord gives us. Arjun prayed to Lord Krishna:

Hai jeet tumhare haathon mein aur haar tumhare haathon mein
Ab saup diya is jeevan ka sabh bhaar tumhare haathon mein

One who gives up everything in the name of God is a true disciple .He always remains neutral be there happiness or sorrows. All the comforts of this world will remain here, nothing will go with us when we leave this world. So we should always be grateful to God for whatever he provides and recite His name which is the only thing which will accompany us when the end of our lives is near.

Duniya ja kamm na khutanda khutandi aa zindagani
Vende haliyo tu adh mein jadeh khutando daano pani
Haliyo aa haliyo aa haliyo aa gurua darbar mein

Our duties will never end: we will leave everything in midway when our end comes so let us make our today successful without leaving it for tomorrow and pray at the sacred feet of our Guru:

Tumhi satguru tum pita maata
Tum hi harihar tum hi vidhaata
Hum hai bhikhari tum ho daata
Baar baar lakh baar na maami