

Vachanamrut GP3

Sermon 1

Difficult Words

- Antar – Within (in the heart/mind)
- Sambhari – Remember
- Kadapi – Maybe/ if
- Padvi - Status
- Rudu – Good
- Antkale – End time (before death)

Summary

- Maharaj says even someone who remembers and sees Bhagwan's murti constantly, should still read and remember about the leelas that various avatars have done in different places.
- And he should have het (love) towards Brahmcharis, Sadhus, and satsangis and remember them as well.
- The reason for this being that when leaving the body (dying), he forgets the Murti, but if he remembers the leelas which Bhagwan has done in different places or if he remembers brahmcharis, sadhus or satsangis, he will gain a higher status.
- Maharaj says that's why we do great jagans, janmastmis, ekadashis, etc vrats and utsavs every year. Brahmcharis, santos and satsangis are called and gathered in these utsavs, so if a sinner comes to these utsavs and remembers it in his end time, he will attain Bhagwan's dham.

Points to consider

- Neither Maharaj nor the audience posed a question. Maharaj has given this sermon out of happiness/grace so it is known as a krupa vakya.
- Two ways of seeing the murti, one is in the antahkaran and the second is in the jiv (soul). When one sees the murti in his heart in human form but without divine light (tej), and when he sees the face (mukharvind) he doesn't see the feet (charnarvind) and vice versa, this is known as seeing the murti in the antahkaran. When one sees the tejomay complete Murti that is known as seeing the murti in the jiv.
- Maharaj is not addressing this sermon to the latter, ie not to those who can see the Murti within the soul. But he is saying it for those who see the murti in their antahkaran as they still have a habit of forgetting the Murti. Hence if he remembers leelas he will remember the Murti as well.
- Furthermore the former will not be able to have akhand vrutti of Bhagwan because he has not yet understood the greatness of Bhagwan by listening to his leelas.
- He will also not be able to focus upon the murti at the time of his death. Because of circumstances and thoughts of uncomplete desires we would not be able to remember Bhagwan. But if we would have affection for saints and haribhaktos, they would come to our deathbeds and remind us about Bhagwan.

- Maharaj expresses the importance of having het (love) with the santos and haribhaktos because if there will be affection then and only then can the santos be able to care for you and point out your negative points and you will listen to them.
- Nishkulanand swami has written in Purushottam Prakash and various other santos have described that no other avtar has done atyantik kalian in this way and the he has made the difficult path of ultimate salvation very easy for us. The examples we hear are prove this however some might say this is unfair because even the sinners get salvation. Maharaj gave salvation even to the sinners so that devotees could see his greatness from these examples. However we must understand how difficult it would be for a sinner to remember Maharaj on his deathbed. Furthermore Maharaj says that one will attain salvation in the end of this Vachanamrut but he has not specified what type of salvation. It might not be that the sinner will go straight to Akshardham, but possibly get another life as a satsangi and then go to Akshardham.

Examples

- Brahmanand Swami's Belly

During Maharaj's time, Brahmanand swami and his mandal were roaming in gujarat doing satsang vicharan. The santos on one occasion had not received food for a few days and were passing a farm.

Upon seeing the saints passing a young boy who was ploughing the field, ran towards the santos to pay his respects.

Brahmanand swami said to the boy that our santos are very hungry as they have not eater for a few days, we would be very grateful if you could spare some food. The boy replied, I don't have much but you can have the food which i've got. The boy went and provided the food to the santos.

Brahmanand swami was very pleased with this young boys selfless donation and thought I should make him a satsangi, so he can attain bhagwans abode.

Swami said to the boy, when you get time, you should chant bhagwans name, Swaminarayan. By chanting bhagwans name you will get peace and happiness in this life and the next.

The boy said, swami, I am illiterate and will not remember this, give me something easier to do.

Swami suggested a few different things but each time the boy said I wont remember it.

Swami then asked what will you remember, the boy said, swami i'll remember you.

Swami said if you can't remember all those other things which i suggested then how will you remember me.

The boy said, swami i will remember you because of your big round stomach. Swami laughed and said, even by remembering that you will get peace and happiness.

Just before his death he remembered swamis words and his stomach and upon dying, Maharaj came to collect him. He said I will not

come until the big stomached swami will come. Maharaj then came with brahmanand swami and took the devotee to his abode.

– Selan Story

Once Maharaj wanted to feed all the people of a village. He also called the adi-vasis (natives of the jungle [untouchables]). The adi-vasis said we don't eat all this salty and spicy food. We want to eat selan (cooked rice and jiggery [ghor]). Maharaj fulfilled their wish and served selan himself.

At the end time of one of the adi-vasis, he was feeling uneasy and wanted to eat selan. Being poor, there was no rice or jiggery in the house. While remembering the selan that Maharaj had fed he left the mortal body. Before he left he told his family that I can see the Maharaj who fed us the selan, he has come in a divine plane to take me.

Other Vachanamrut references

- GP 14 Ante ya matih sa gatih (what you remember in your end time is what you attain)