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"Srimad Bhagavatam"

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Canto 4:

From Feb 14th of this year, our groups all over the globe have started conducting global peace prayers. Groups have started to do this prayer as a part of the morning or noon or evening prayers, as per their convenience. The main objective of the prayers is to invoke energies which help in establishing peace and law at a global level. We see that in present times there is a lot of extreme activity going on due to extreme ideologies and we pray that such activity is eliminated and goodwill is established at a global level. Instead of a separate gathering on Sunday, we can conduct this prayer every week before the Bhagavatam discourse begins and that is what I felt we should do. This is just a small contribution that we can make to the global peace and it is one way we can gain the grace of the Lord and the Grand Masters. Our contribution might not make much of a change and it takes the work of higher intelligences to establish peace and they are on that job. So do not think we are doing something very great but we aspire for peace through this prayer and we make a little contribution to peace.

The prayer has already been circulated to the groups globally through Brother Ludger. You can follow me which I chant. You can repeat the prayer after me.

Prayer for Global Peace

In this prayer, we recollect the intelligences and Masters who are responsibility for maintaining the law and order on earth. Sanath Kumara is the Lord of the planet and its beings and he resides in Shamballa village which is situated in Gobi desert. Vaivaswatha Manu is the Lord principle who presides over all the minds of the beings on the planet. Through him came the Manusmrithi, which tells us how to lead a righteous life on the planet. Most of the regulations that we follow are given in that Scripture. We pray to him that he grants all the beings with harmonious thoughts which will help in maintaining peace on the planet. Mahachohan is none other than who we know as Vidura. Vidura is also one of the Masters who presides over the development of civilizations on this planet. He works along with Lord Maitreya, Master Morya and Master Devapi.

We pray to Vidura that he grants all the beings with the thought of leading a civilized life on this planet. Civilized means that one should learn to live in cooperation with others and ensure the

happiness of everyone around. There were Civilizations in the past who taught such a way of life but they got diminished and now such a civilization is again needed to eliminate the extreme idealism that is dominating the world now. Then we also invoke Master CVV who is the Master of synthesis. All the Grand Masters on this planet have been working on this planet for thousands of years and trying to help the humanity progress in the Divine path.

Now, there is lot of chance for disasters happening on planet because the planet is wanting some adjustments to happen and such adjustments lead to earthquakes and water related disasters. So we also pray to Mother Earth that she ensures that adjustments cause the right change in the lives of the beings of the planet. Then finally we pray to the Divine Mother. That is how the prayer has been visualized and all our groups have actively taken it up.

Now coming to Bhagavtam. We were discussing about the words spoken by Sati devi addressing her father Daksha. Her words are given in brief in this Scripture. For detailed conversation, one can refer to the Scripture "Shiva Purana". We will now try to detail what she spoke.

She says "Lord is the basis of existence for all the beings. Who can be closer to a being than the Lord?" We should remember that we exist only because of the Lord. In fact, he exists as each one of us. We are all his images. We feel that we exist and we are conscious of our existence only because of his presence in us. He is present in us, as us. That is what is to be realized. That is the truth. An egoistic person feels that he exists. A knower knows that only the Lord exists and he is just a reflection of Divine existence. We should constantly see the Lord in everything and only through that practice, we can realise this truth of Divine existence in us. The Lord in us has no form of his own. Our form is his form. It is just like the water taking the shape of the container in which it is present. He is all permeating in and around us. There is nothing in this creation where the Lord is not present. A devotee can see the Lord in everything around. That is what Sati tells to Daksha.

We definitely like ourselves. The problem is we like ourselves more than others. A devotee sees the Lord in himself and others too. As a result, he sees everyone equal and likes everyone. He does not see other different from him because of his Divine vision. A devotee can rejoice in the presence of any person and any situation because he sees only the Divine. Here Daksha is creating something in which the Divine existence is not realised.

Everyone says 'I AM' without any exception. Who is saying "I AM"? Who is that I AM? Such a kind of introspection is needed as an aspirant. We then need to realise that THAT I AM is this I AM. So when you remember THAT I AM whenever we say I AM, you will gradually become a knower. The first I AM lead to knowledge while the 2nd I AM leads to ego. As long as you remember with THAT I AM, you are with the Lord.

Without this knowledge, whatever you do will be temporary. Daksha is doing lot of things but without Divine knowledge and as a result, his work will not be permanent or long term. There are temples which have permanent nature while some temples have temporary existence. What is the difference? The difference is that the former temples were established by those who remain in complete Divine alignment. Similarly the scriptures. Ramayana and Bhagavatam have permanent existence. Other books come and go but some Scriptures remain as long as this earth exists. How is it possible? They were not marketed as books now days are being marketed but still they remain forever. The reason is they were written by devotees who wrote by remaining in complete Divine alignment.

A creation without this knowledge has temporary existence. A knower, when visits a house, looks for the shrine room or a place where an idol or picture of a Divine form is placed. Why should we have such a room? It is for the presence. Atleast by looking at the picture or idol you can recollect the Lord. Can you remember the Lord by seeing a wall? :) If so, then you are lucky. We are not so lucky, so we have a place where a picture of a Divine form is placed for the sake of recollection. So if we are not in Divine alignment or not able to recollect the Lord, it means that we are in this kind of creation by Daksha.

Sati further tells "The Lord has no like and dislike over any being. There is no one bigger than him." If the Lord has likes and dislikes, then he will not be in those who he dislikes and then such ones will not even exist. So there is nothing that the Lord specially likes or dislikes. The Lord will not feel sad or is not disturbed when you do not worship him. You worship for his grace. He will not stop you if you do not worship him. He is just like the space around. The space around will never stop you from doing anything. The space will not stop you if you gamble in a place but whatever you do, you will have to face the consequences of that act. The Lord is always a neutral energy. If you feel close, you are close to it, if you feel far, you are far away from it. It is as per you. So how can one can hatred towards such an energy. Daksha is in such a pity state due to his pride.

We always have opinions towards many things and people. They are to be avoided by an aspirant. Why to have opinions on everything? Only an ignorant one has opinions. Your opinion has no value because they change from time to time. If you are with the Lord, you just see everything as Divine play and there is no judgment or opinion. A devotee never judges on others and has no opinions. Our opinions are useless because they are of mind. The mind has unstable nature and it changes from time to time. Here Daksha had an opinion on Shiva and he formed that opinion due to his pride. The instruction for us is to avoid opinions as much as possible. There is no other way to lead a comfortable life. We are all gathering here regularly to gain knowledge of such instructions and follow them in our life to have a better life. So instructions like this have to be taken up. We need lot of will to take up and work out such practices. For that we need the energy of Rudra. We generally have will but it is not oriented in the right direction.

In my life, I have an example of a devotee who sees everything as Divine. His name was Sri Appalacharya. He was a great devotee of Rama and his discourses on Ramayana were highly renowned. I invited him to our house and asked him to give discourses on Ramayana for 3 days. He agreed to come and we made all the arrangements. There used to be a follower of Sri Appalacharya. He used to always accompany him and used to create a lot of panic out of his enthusiasm to ensure everything is right for his Master. So he was doing the same when Sri Appalacharya came to our house. I did not speak anything for 2 days but I could not stop myself on the 3rd day and said to that person "You please wait. Please do not get overexcited and disturb us. We know what to do. We will take care of everything." Later, Sri Appalacharya held my hand and smilingly said "It is my panic that is manifesting through him." He was a person who was highly stable and hearing his words, I realized what he actually meant. People don't change simply by telling in that manner. It is in their personality. The change can only come from within and not by telling. Sri Appalacharya was never disturbed by this follower because he was just associating with the Divine in that person and not with his personality. So such ones just see the Divine in everything and are not disturbed by anything. Not everyone can follow all the regulations that are given in creation but we cannot exclude them for not following the regulations. So devotees do not exclude anyone and they do not condemn anything. There is no condemnation from the standpoint of Divine because everything has come from him and he permeates the whole system. Here, Shiva does not discard Daksha just because Daksha hates him because he is present in Daksha too.

A devotee does not bother if somebody does not respect him. Daksha abuses Shiva but Shiva is not disturbed. Sati is not respected and just for that she gets angry. That shows us even difference between the Lord and an aspirant. The Lord does not expect you to respect him or worship him. If you are to follow him, then you too should develop that quality. We should respect others but not expect respect in return.

Sati further tells "There are many devotees here but due to their divine quality they are not speaking anything. You are not realizing your mistake. I am surprised that you hate Shiva because there are many who experience the ultimate happiness in creation by remaining in alignment with him."

Daksha was doing the Yagna just to display his abilities and his greatness but there is no good intent associated with it. There are many present there who were elder to him in knowledge and who worship the Lord daily. In their presence, Daksha was acting as if he is the greatest one in his pride. Sati that tells him that he is not doing right.

She tells some more things which we will discuss in the next class.

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