

Sudesh Didi – 3rd April 2022 Sunday Morning Class - GCH, London

The account of sacrificing and surrendering

Om Shanti. Om Shanti. Good morning.

The line of the song: “Baba, I sacrifice myself to you. You have sacrificed yourself to me.” Does Baba sacrifice, or do we really sacrifice?

Where there is love, the word sacrifice does not exist. Love is so powerful that you offer everything; you renounce everything. You put first, the one that you love. Baba says, “I have come to serve you, I sacrificed Myself.” In this world, the words sacrifice and surrender, are used in a totally different context.

When there is a defeat, then, you surrender. Sacrifice is when the heart is not happy, because there is a desire of the heart. Generally, sacrifices are of animals. finish everything, surrender everything. Regarding the word sacrifice, I don't know whether the spiritual aspect of sacrifice exists in rituals in the West, but in *bhakti*, this word sacrifice is used. But in a natural way, actually. When we are offering everything: time, energy, achievement; every thought is connected; vision is connected; efforts are connected, to serve others.

Parents sacrifice their lives for their children, yet, this sacrifice does not mean they kill themselves. On the path of *bhakti*, they sacrifice their physical body to express great love, but that sacrifice does not inspire. Not everyone will sacrifice themselves. But Baba says, “I have come to serve you. I have come here to be your obedient servant. So, this service is done with so much love. Bones are used, not the physical bones which are in the fire of *yagya* (sacrificial fire). We are serving with deep love, with pure love and with a deep feeling of belonging. Then, you don't have time for yourself, you give time to Baba. You have all the things that you can enjoy, but you give preference to use in Godly Service. You have time which you can enjoy and can sleep maybe eight hours. But, Baba says, “In order to burn your sins, remember Me. Have *tapasya*. Wake up early in the morning.” So, you renounce something, there is renunciation.

There is another aspect of surrendering the self: whatever I have, I am offering it to You. It is a process and not just a one-day thing, “Okay, surrender.” First, love is developed; step by step. For that, Baba gives different mantras. Shiv Baba's mantras is, “Be holy, be yogi.” Yogi means, “Remember Me, and Me alone.” Be holy, not only just physical purity, but the purity of thoughts, words, actions, connection, vision, feelings, vibrations; purity in every aspect of our life.

Purity begins with cleanliness; to keep the heart clean. Our vision is pure, when you pick up the virtues from others, we learn from others; we appreciate their specialties. Pure feelings and good wishes are emerged. So, the mantras of Shiv Baba are ‘Manmanabhav’ and ‘Madhyajibhav’.

Another mantra is, ‘Follow Father.’ Which Father do we follow? Follow Father Brahma, be holy, be yogi. Shiv Baba does not have to become, but Shiv Baba makes us holy. Be yogi. He Himself is Yogeshwar, the Purifier, the Ever-pure. In order to become holy and yogi, you follow Father Brahma, but you don't remember Brahma. You remember Shiv Baba. When you follow Brahma Baba, automatically, you will remember Shiv Baba, because Brahma Baba surrenders his everything, offers his everything with great love, with faith, with great dedication, with intoxication that everything belongs to Him. Whatever is offered is worth because the intoxication and achievement were immediate. Then, there is no desire for any praise, any kind of temporary achievement, or worldly appreciation from human beings of this world. Your vision is focused on the unlimited. Brahma Baba's mantra is ‘Remember Shiv Baba. Follow Brahma Baba, but don't follow brothers and sisters.’ See Shiv Baba.

What does it mean by 'don't follow brothers and sisters.', 'don't see anyone else.'? The meaning is that when we begin to follow others, we might begin to follow the weaknesses of each other. Instead of routing the destination, we might lose our way. Follow Father Brahma. Brahma Baba did not lose his way while following the path, but constantly had his vision on the destination. For that, he had to sacrifice, he had to surrender; offer, in other words. To surrender the physical body means that I don't have a right to it. I have the right to use it, but I don't have a right to use it the way I used to use my body. But I promise that I will use this physical body, all the bodily organs as a trustee, because now I have offered it to You. I have surrendered it to you. Once you have surrendered yourself, you do not use the body to fulfil your personal desires. In reality, there are no personal desires remain after that. There is so much satisfaction. There is so much intoxication, there is so much inner contentment by offering, by surrendering yourself to Baba, because, you get an immediate reward for it. You have offered your heart; you are never hurt. You have offered your good action, time and energy; you feel you are comfortable. You have offered your wealth; you feel it is multiplying. You are not obliged, but with great love, you surrender everything. You are not offering out of mercy or you are offering out of need. Baba doesn't need anything. Baba is not poor. On the path of *bhakti*, we offer and we use the word 'donate', saying "I am donating." God says, "I am not poor. You don't have to donate to Me." But inwardly we say donating, contribution and offering.

Donation, contribution and offering are the same act, but the effect is different. Donation is when you have mercy in your heart, or *bhavna*, or with faith when donating. For the Godly task I donate, it will multiply; it will come to me. To poor people, you donate with mercy. You do not expect a return, but you experience instant happiness. And the poor people will also give blessings and say thanks to you. When you give a contribution, you are happy and there is love, there is cooperation with each other, good connection with each other. It is like support. So, the actions are the same, but the effect and result are totally different. You plant the seeds in the land, but you don't say that I have donated the seeds to the land. You have knowledge and give a donation without expecting an instant return.

The whole basis of what I want to say is that the actual joy of surrendering, of offering cooperation, is from deep within, when there is the knowledge; the purpose of why you are donating, why you surrender, why you are giving cooperation.

So, using the example of planting the seeds in the ground: it is not that you have mercy on the land, but you have your need, you want something. So, it is not that you are giving a donation; you are actually planting the seed. And you know, the result, the potential of this land. The nature of the land is that whatever you plant in it, the return you will receive will be multiplied. Given time and attention, planting the seeds, watering them, caring for them, you know, the reward will be very elevated; it will be multiplied multi-million times. So, you renounce your sleep; you announce your food; you work at it the whole day, and it doesn't matter if you are hungry. A farmer continues working hard the whole day, knowing if they sacrifice time, they will soon receive the reward. Hard work is not hard.

Godly surrender, in this surrender, there is great joy in it, because the aim is very clear. Whatever we are going to achieve, our focus is there. So, Baba says, "Offer your mind, body and wealth to Me," "Follow Father Brahma," Follow the footsteps of Brahma." In January each year, we read about the 18 steps of Brahma, the 6 steps of Brahma. So, one by one. we offer with great love, time and energy,

Shiv Baba does not need anything. Shiv Baba does not have a body. So, what would He do with Brahma's body? But in reality, He accepts this Brahma's body, and He loves it so much that every Kalpa, He comes in the same body. Why does He not come into another body? Why comes just in this person? Deep within, Brahma Baba, with great love, with faith, with dedication, this renunciation was made. God knows that Brahma's qualities, certainly, will go back to Brahma through many children as well. God makes Brahma, not only from Brahma to remain Brahma, but He makes him so divine, that he becomes Shri Krishna. All the praise of Shri Krishna, of Shiv Baba, no matter how much Baba has been speaking about God of the Gita is not Shri Krishna for the past 86 years, still, the concept of Krishna as God of the Gita continues. This is because the account between Shiv Baba and Brahma Baba became so great that he is being paid automatically, through all the devotion and surrender and sacrifice by the devotees of Krishna. This also applies to all those who have a very subtle account of surrendering or sacrificing or giving everything as trustees with selflessness. There is no selfish motive. There is a desire just to serve with Godly qualities.

Today, I am given only 20 minutes we have another item in the programme, but I would like to share a good example. This is Jesus and Christ. Who is worshipped? Is Jesus worshiped or is Christ worshiped. Who was put on the cross to be sacrificed? Christ or Jesus? It is the energy of the Christ, that entered Jesus's body. And Jesus had to face all the problems, all the difficulties, all the tortures. Now, Christ has paid him for the whole 2000 years. In fact, when Jesus was baby, he did not have a cross. And now, they show a cross even on baby Jesus because they became so connected. When any kind of sacrifice is given, this allows, in the name of God, in the name of the deities, in the name of humanity, you become immortal. So, this sacrifice brings immortality, for long time achievement, surrender, because you are humble, you become a servant, you follow everything, you follow directions, you have a right connection, with every direction, you don't mix the dictates of your own mind.

This is the secret. Everything is done according to the direction, according to the truth. This is why, the achievement is truth. And when there is a deep relationship, the friendship with each other, you always give cooperation, you contribute your time; you give your energy; you send good wishes. So, when we remember Shiv Baba, the power of Shiv Baba helps us to follow Brahma Baba. This one, Brahma Baba, has good wishes for everyone, a good vision for everyone, pure feelings for every child.

Brahma Baba has demonstrated the qualities of Shiv Baba; Brahma Baba becomes the instrument to qualify God, because God does not have a physical body. So, how will he show love? From the Soul World, there is no love. Love is here in the corporeal world. Knowledge is not from the Soul World. A bodiless being cannot give knowledge; the being has to take the body of the *sakar*. This enables knowledge, love, or any kind of power, to be expressed in a practical form. His power is when the virtues and this knowledge are expressed in practical actions; when light becomes might. If it only stays in our mind, it's not power. When that quality becomes an action, that is power. Only an idea in our mind is not called power. It is power when this idea becomes practical, when Godly Shrimat becomes practical through Brahma Baba. This is why we say Brahma Baba surrendered himself to Shiv Baba, and we should also surrender or sacrifice. But He does not say, "I want to make you into My slave." Surrender means you become a slave. But He doesn't make us a slave. He makes us into masters. Sacrifice is the proof of love, cooperation, and respect.

Om shanti.