

Bhagat Kabir – Sabad 8
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ban kaa mirag mukat sabh hog ||1||
kiaa naage kiaa baadhe chaam ||
jab nahee cheenas aatam raam ||1|| rahaau ||
moodd mu(n)ddaae jau sidh paiee ||
mukatee bhedd na gieaaa kaiee ||2||
bi(n)d raakh jau tareeai bhaiee ||
khusarai kiau na param gat paiee ||3||
kahu kabeer sunahu nar bhaiee ||
raam naam bin kin gat paiee ||4||4||

Summary: The path to enlightenment or salvation is not found in merely practicing external rituals but in the awareness and love we cultivate within our hearts. It is not a destination but a continuous journey that transcends rituals and connects us to a deeper purpose, leading to a more meaningful existence.

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If true spiritual enlightenment could be gained simply by wandering unclothed, referring to a religious tradition

ban kaa mirag mukat sabh hog ||1||

then all the deer in the forest would already be enlightened. (1)

kiaa naage kiaa baadhe chaam ||

Why should it matter whether a person is naked or the skin is covered (vice of societal judgments),

jab nahee cheenas aatam raam ||1|| rahaau ||

as they fail to recognize that the true essence of the all-pervading energy lies within the soul. (1)(Pause)

moodd mu(n)ddaae jau sidh paiee ||

If shaving one's head is all it takes to attain the ultimate wisdom for liberation, represents a ritual associated with gaining salvation

mukatee bhedd na gieaaa kaiee ||2||
then why have sheep not found their liberation? (2)

bi(n)d raakh jau tareeaa bhaiee ||
If salvation can be achieved through celibacy, a way of life to attain enlightenment,

khusarai kiau na param gat paiee ||3||
why have eunuchs not been given supreme respect? (3)

kahu kabeer sunahu nar bhaiee ||
Kabir says, listen, fellow beings,

raam naam bin kin gat paiee ||4||4||
without deep reflection and the practice of unity, who can attain salvation? (4)(4)

Essence: Bhagat Kabir's words reveal an irony about thoughtless practices. He poses an intriguing question: if attaining wisdom were as straightforward as discarding clothes, animals like deer would effortlessly reach enlightenment. This comparison shows that spiritual mastery requires understanding and introspection over superficial actions or appearances.

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