

Bhagat Namdev - Sabad 50
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taise sa(n)t janaa(n) raam naam na chhaaddai(n) ||2||
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Summary: A conscience that abandons its core values under the pressure of fear, temptation, or approval loses the very foundation of its strength. Integrity is revealed not in moments of comfort but in its steadiness despite external challenges. Compromising principles may bring temporary gain, but they weaken self-respect and erode trust. Such a life cannot endure with dignity, for it betrays not only one's inner truth, but also the shared values that uphold our common humanity. True honour lies in remaining righteous even when the world demands otherwise.

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If the master is in crisis, and the servant runs away. This describes a conscience that abandons its core values and integrity when challenged by external pressure.

chira(n)kaal na jeevai dhouoo kul lajai ||1||

Such a mindset does not endure; it brings dishonour to both the lineage of integrity and humanity. This indicates that disloyalty to one's inner coherence results in a loss of dignity for oneself and in social contexts. (1)

teree bhagat na chhoddau bhaavai log hasai ||

I will not abandon devotion to our universality, even if the world ridicules. This reflects the determination to maintain focus on oneness despite the criticism of conventional society.

charan kamal mere heeare basai(n) ||1|| rahaau ||

May humility dwell within my heart. This reflects a sincere search for positive attributes. (1)(Pause)

jaise apane dhaneh praanee maran maa(n)ddai ||

Just as an individual who is willing to die to protect their wealth. This reveals the intensity of determination required to safeguard what is spiritually valuable.

taise sa(n)t janaa(n) raam naam na chhaaddai(n) ||2||

In the same way, the devotees do not forsake contemplating the all-pervading wisdom. This implies that the awareness of oneness is the only true wealth worth guarding with one's life. (2)

ga(n)gaa giaa godhaavaree sa(n)saar ke kaamaa ||

Visiting the Ganges, Gaya, and Godavari is merely a worldly task. These points show that external appearances and practices may impress society, but they cannot replace inner devotion and integrity.

naarain suprasa(n)n hoi ta sevak naamaa ||3||1||

When Naarain, representing the universal awareness, provides spiritual bliss, then Namdev becomes devoted to it. This suggests that the inner grace of receptivity harmoniously aligns with the essence of existence. (3)(1)

Essence: Bhagat Namdev emphasizes a subtle test of devotion that unfolds in our everyday lives. We may engage in external practices and appearances that impress society, but they cannot replace genuine inner dedication. Evolution toward true devotion begins when self-compassion eases the mind's resistance, making it receptive. In this state of openness, devotion to truth is no longer performed for approval; it arises naturally from within. This harmony is the only true wealth worth guarding with one's life.

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