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By sitting with eyes closed and by allowing the mind to roam about, is not what meditation is. Intense dispassion to the things of the world should come. Then alone will the mind withdraw itself from the phenomenal world and be absorbed in meditation. You are initiates of higher spirituality. The stamp of spiritual initiation, Upadesha Deekasha, is on you. You can majestically walk into the mansion of Mukti. Nobody will dare obstruct you.

Set your heart on God. The force of Divine Sankalpa will take you to the destination. God has given you a great chance to seek and secure redemption, when He himself has appeared as the Guru. There may be persons of sterling character and good conduct, philanthropists and social servants. The idealism is good, no doubt, but unless one turns to God and spiritualises one's perspective, all that he does in the world, produces only karma and does not lead him to Deliverance. Unless you exhaust your worldly vasanas, how can you help the world, how can you serve the Society?

God realization is the supreme goal. Everything else is an aid only. Build your life on dharma. Be ethically pure. Cultivate self-knowledge and keep off from egoistic urges. Be rich with good qualities and resort to the yoga of abhyasa. With the power of Atma Jnana, you can rise above this samsara and enter the abode of salvation. Saint Purandharadasa gives some ethical guidelines to the sadhakas, in one of his abhangas:

- "Do not brood over the things that have slipped out of your hand.
- Do not take the name of those children who are disobedient to their parents.
- Trust not that woman who bears no love for her husband.
- One does not get any happiness from a wife who lords over him.
- Do not go into contact with those who bear enmity towards you.
- Never remember such women who are hard of heart, cruel, and evil-minded by nature.
- Seek no mukti while continuing to live a life of loathsome conduct.
- You must abhor evil and aspire for a life of noble purpose.
- Take no meal at the house of those who are devoid of discrimination and right thinking.
- Never forget, O Man, to meditate on the Blissful Lord Purandhara Vittala."

The glories of God are indescribable, infinite, and incomprehensible. How can man's finite intelligence comprehend the infinite! Where is man and where is God! What is the state of the world and what is the status of its overlord! The sky is seen with the eyes, but who can soar up to the limit of the sky! But he who has become one with God through loving contemplation, has unfettered freedom to go to any realm. By the power of God's name, Sage Narada freely roams about in all the three worlds and visits even divine abode like Vaikunta.

Children, you may ask whether such feats are possible in this Kaliyuga. Have you intensity of yearning for God-vision? Can you perform rigorous Tapas? Are you regular in the practices of meditation and Japa? Is not your mind running after the pleasures of this illusory world – wealth, long life, family happiness, children, position, etc. This is the question each one should ask himself. God is eternal. His power is the same in all the Yugas. But man's mind has become fickle, ridden with desires, afflicted with vasanas and passions. That is why he is not able to find peace within himself. If he cannot discover his own real Self, how can he ever glimpse the glory of God!



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He whose mind and heart do not go to anything other than God, whose love and longing is fixed only on God, is the Bhakta. Egoism came even to such a great devotee like Narada. But God, who is the lover of His devotees, devised ways and means to uproot such egoism and thus saved him.

It is because of the ego that man's mind does not merge in God. Unless mind merges in God, how can one attain to His nature? God realization is not that easy. To attain oneness with Him, you should first realize your relationship with Him. If you are established in your affinity with God, you will eventually come to experience the One whom the Name signifies, in your own heart. Direct experience is an inner experience of God within. It is not a mental imagination, nor any intellectual concept. With faith in the Guru's Word, one should delve into one's own being and discover the essence of his existence.

The Omnipotent one is the silent Witness. He is closer to you than your own mind. If you are conscious of His presence, you will be incapable of evil, incapable of insulting or disparaging any one. By reviling Lord Krishna, Kourava caused ruin to himself and his whole family. By eating the salt of that evil-minded Kourava, even Bhishma's intellect was clouded and he could not raise his voice against the heinous crime committed in the court of Duriodhana right before his eyes. The same Bhishma, with his impure blood drained away by the invincible arrows of Arjuna, got back his wisdom inherent in Dharma and the light shone more brighter than ever when he was lying on the bed of arrows.

Righteous deeds will never come to naught. Duties well done, add to the spiritual merit. Disinterested actions pave the way to liberation. Those who have surrendered themselves to God, never perish. Victory greets them wherever they go. Their fame in the world is everlasting.