

Loving Devotion

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If there is one emphatic truth proclaimed by saints and sages of all religions then that would be - "Love is God". That's it. God is an infinite ocean of unconditional love. He showers that love on entire creation 24/7 whether we are aware of it or unaware.

So what is love? Love is nothing but moving away from separation towards oneness. A love mother feels for her child is so intense that if her child is hurt she feels the pain. When such intense feeling of longing and affection is reciprocated towards every other being one gets closer towards his/her true self, the veil of ignorance in the form of ego starts to fall apart and oneness prevails.

Once a person experiences love, next thing that happens automatically is nurture.

I look outside my house, see a beautiful Rose tree. Beauty and fragrance of Rose mesmerizes me and I feel loving affection towards it. This love urges me to take care of the tree. Water it, protect it so that it could blossom more. I spend my time and energy for it every day which is called nurture. This love followed by an action taken to nurture on a continuous basis becomes devotion.

But this devotion varies in intensity as well as frequency from one human being to another. When we say that this particular saint is so devoted, wish I could be the same; what we really want to say is that with True Master's blessings he has got the same God Knowledge like many others. But his ability to nurture this love is much stronger and intense than anyone else.

Highest form of devotion becomes complete surrender to the cause of God or Love or Oneness. Ramkrishna Paramhans was such a devoted saint that even though he was detected with last stage of throat cancer and he was completely bedridden and had only few days left, he spent all his time and energy spreading the knowledge God with seekers who came to see him in spite of intense pain and discomfort.

Baba Gurbachan Singh ji was such a devoted saint that till his last breath he nurtured love for humanity and today if SNM has reached the heights that we see it's due to the groundwork that he did in his time.

So today if someone feels that in spite of having God Knowledge life is lacking joy then he/she has to understand that what's lacking is may be devotion. Love of God needs to be expressed. And that expression can happen in the form of Seva (selfless service), Satsang (Congregation), and Simran (remembrance). These three tools are available to us. Let's utilize them and we will see the magical transformation in our lives. Loving devotion will fill our heart with more joy, gratitude, compassion, and empathy. All these are the quality of divine which we already have in

abundance but somehow they are blocked inside and not getting expressed to their true potential.

So let's begin with Love. Follow it up with devotion to the extent that it becomes complete surrender. Once we surrender our ego; soul and supersoul become one. As saint Kabir said, Drop merges into ocean and becomes the ocean. Let's all of us become that one ocean of love and bring the oneness in this world that His Holiness Baba Hardev Singhji is working towards.