

Does God need our praise and our prayers and
Is the True Master the 'same' as Formless Nirankar?

The following are some of the ideas generated during the discussion



DOES GOD NEED OUR PRAISE AND OUR PRAYERS?

'Praise is a natural response to God, which happens as a result of knowing God'

- o God does not require our prayers neither our praise, we however, **want** to praise Him as well as pray to Him. Parents do not expect anything in return for the love they show to their children, however as children, we enjoy giving them praise to show our gratitude and love for them. The same applies for the love of God.
- o Our Master travels far and wide for the love of His saints, He does not ask anything in return except that we try to live in peace with our fellow man and love them as our own.
- o It is the a fact that He does not ask anything in return that we praise and pray to Him to show our gratitude. *"The Almighty does not need adoration or reverence by man. God has always been Almighty Formless and Omnipresent and so will He remain forever. If man is advised to be one with God, it is so that he too becomes as exalted as God. Man must admire God so that he himself is admired."* – Satguru Baba Hardev Ji, 1999
- o The purpose of prayer is to remember how great God is and how fortunate we are to be in His shelter.
- o Satguru Baba Avtar Ji was known to say: 'I myself have shown you where God presides, however if tomorrow I turn and say that He no longer exists, then do not believe me! Always believe in Him'.
- o When we pray to God we feel 'lighter', as though a burden has been lifted off our shoulders. *"The nectar of God's Name (praise) has always brought relief and produced happiness. Divine praise has been described as always soothing. It gives happiness when we are unhappy. In fact whosoever has given it place in his/her mind, sought its protection, rises above all ups and downs of life and enjoys peace all the times in all situations."* - Satguru Baba Hardev Ji, Stream of Thoughts.
- o Do we pray just for the 'sake' of it or do we see it as a chore to be completed during the day? We should not **have** to do this but should **want** to do this. Our prayers and praise for God should be as a result of our personal relationship with Him.
- o Some argue that if God has already mapped out our lives, why should we pray to change what cannot be changed? This can be answered with reference to sports: although we may be good at a particular sport, we need to practice to make sure we **remain** good at it, likewise we pray to continually remember God to make Him a part of our life at all times.

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Come my friends sweet and fine, let us sing praise divine
 From the Master getting word, let us keep Him in our mind
 Burnt, wasted drowned not, let us get the gift divine
 Keeping Master's word in mind, let us ever remember in mind
 Lighting our wick of mind, let us ever remember in mind
 From the Master knowing God, house we build in house divine
 Avtar, at the Master's feet, baths sixty-eight we find
 Which is our life's aim let us fulfil the object prime.

IS THE TRUE MASTER THE 'SAME' AS FORMLESS NIRANKAR (OMNIPRESENT GOD)?

Q. Is the True Master more than just a Messenger?

A. He is a Supreme Being. He is a lot more than just a 'Messenger'. Sometimes a mere look at his face is enough for us to instantly recognise that He is Almighty God: He is a Supreme Being in human form.

Q. If there is no difference between God and the True Master then why don't we just pray to the Master?

A: There have been many Messengers of God on Earth and if we attach ourselves to either one of them, the danger is that we may never change when He changes - we will attach ourselves to a particular form and not God Himself. This is why individuals fight over religions. They argue that the Messenger of God during 'their time' was the only 'True Messenger'

The sea cannot give water to the trees directly but the rain can: the same principle applies to the relationship between God and the True Master: they are the same entity.

When you pray, you pray to the Truth which dwells inside and that which is everlasting: you pray to the knowledge of God.

Q. Why then does He bleed just as we do when we are cut?

A. He appears in human form so that we are able to recognise Him and accept Him in a form we are able to relate to. If He did not bleed like us, perhaps we would refrain from accepting Him.

Q. But why does his persona change from time to time?

A. He has to be in a human form to spread the message of God. Once this message is given, His body decays and another Messenger of God is born. Essentially the True Master and Formless God are the same entity as the message of God is one.

"There can be no peace without God and no God realisation is possible without the True Master. The True Master has countless qualities. He is the Messenger and Son of God: God-incarnate" - (The Unique Mission)

" Those people are intuitively blind who consider the True Master as different from God" (Saint Kabir Ji)

" If God is displeased, the disciple can go to the True Master for solace but if the True Master is displeased, the disciple will have no rescue" (Saint Kabir Ji)