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Shikshapatri Bhashya

Shlok 57

They shall then read hymns or the religious scriptures about Lord Shree Krishna according to their ability. Those who do not know Sanskrit shall sing songs in praise of Shree Krishna and chant his name

Following on from the last shlok we should now know who we are worshipping and the 8 types of murtis worthy of worship.

This shlok explains what we should do in front of the murti of Bhagwan. We should chant the name of the Lord as mentioned in the previous shlok. This shlok adds that we should read the scriptures and sing kirtans.

1. Why should we read scriptures?
2. What do we do if we cannot understand the scriptures?
3. Why sing kirtans and hymns of the Lord?

Shlok 58

They shall offer food to Lord Shree Krishna and then shall eat this sanctified food as His prashaad. They shall thus always remain in the service of Shree Krishna with dedication and supreme love

For a devotee of the Lord no food should be consumed before offering it to Bhagwan. Food which is not fit for Bhagwan is not fit for us. Food should be prepared by ones own self or by an acceptable person (according to caste). Those who eat food not offered to Bhagwan are entrapped in the hells for 7 lifetimes. Remember Bhagwan only accepts food which is offered with love (remember the leela from last sabha – this is the sort of love we should have). What we offer is not of importance, if given with love he will be extremely happy.

Note: Remember the leela of Jivan Bhagat who made rotla for Maharaj with his own hands and all other devotees offered Maharaj tasty food made by someone else. Who's offering did Maharaj accept?



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1. What is the meaning of Prashad?

The main point we can extract from this shlok is we should offer everything to Maharaj before using or consuming it. When we buy anything new it should be offered to Maharaj first. If you believe Him to be your saviour and cause of everything then why shouldn't we offer everything to Him?

If we do everything in life with the attachment of Maharaj it does not become a karma but bhakti (remember the presentation on Karma). Even one sec without the Lord is known as living in hell. This should be the ultimate aim remembering and keeping Maharaj with you during all activities.

2. Will Maharaj really accept what we offer? If so how do we know he has accepted it?