

**1.1.12: All blessings upon you, O Suta Gosvami. You know for what purpose the Personality of Godhead appeared in the womb of Devaki as the son of Vasudeva.**

1. Definition of Bhagavan - As given by Parasara Muni, Bhagavan means the Almighty God, who is the controller of all the 6 opulences, namely, Power, Wealth, Fame, Beauty, Knowledge and Renunciation.
2. Satvatam patih - Protector of His pure devotees.
  1. "Sat" means the Absolute Truth. The persons who are servitors of the Absolute Truth are called "Satvatas". And the Personality of Godhead, who protects such pure devotees, is known as the protector of the Satvatas.
    - Prahlada Maharaja - Lord took an incarnation to protect one devotee.
    - Pandavas – Lord saved them from so many incidents in the war. Durvasa Muni came for feast.
    - Draupadi - Saree disrobing incident.
    - Maharaja Ambarisha & Durvasa muni incident
  2. Although God is equally disposed to everyone, He is especially inclined to His devotees.
    - I envy no one, nor am I partial to anyone. I am equal to all. But whoever renders service unto Me in devotion is a friend, is in Me, and I am also a friend to him ([\*Samo 'ham sarva-bhutesu, BG 9.29\*](#))
    - He reciprocates with everyone equally, But His reciprocation is not equal ([\*Equal to all but partial to devotees\*](#))
    - **Example:** A father loves all his children, but takes special care of his child in danger.
    - **Example:** Shopkeeper gives goods according to price we pay. Shopkeeper is not partial; he is reciprocating appropriate to our payment.
3. Bhadam te, or "Blessings upon you," indicates the sages' anxiety to know the Absolute Truth from the speaker.
4. Lord Sri Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, appeared to Devaki, the wife of Vasudeva.
  1. Vasudeva is the "Shudha Satva" platform, wherein; the appearance of the Supreme Lord takes place.

**1.1.13: O Suta Gosvami, we are eager to learn about the Personality of Godhead and His incarnations. Please explain to us those teachings imparted by previous masters [acaryas], for one is uplifted both by speaking them and by hearing them.**

1. Qualification of recipient of transcendental knowledge.
  1. Must be very sincere and eager to hear.
  2. Must be in the chain of disciplic succession.
  3. Hear submissively.
  4. Not materially absorbed.
  5. **Example:** Sages of Naimisharanya.
2. Qualification of speaker of transcendental knowledge.
  1. Must be in the line of disciplic succession from the recognized acarya.
  2. **Example:** Suta Gosvami in the line of Srila Vyasadeva.

**1.1.14: Living beings who are entangled in the complicated meshes of birth and death can be freed immediately by even unconsciously chanting the holy name of Krsna, which is feared by fear personified.**

1. Everyone is afraid of the Lord.
  1. Lord Krsna is the supreme controller of everything. There is no one in creation who is not afraid of the rage of the Almighty.
  2. Great asuras like Ravana, Hiranyakasipu, Kamsa, and others who were very powerful living entities were all killed by the Personality of Godhead.
2. Lord's Holy Name is feared by fear personified.
  1. Vasudeva has empowered His name with the powers of His personal Self.
3. **Conclusions:**
  1. The name of Krsna is non-different from Krsna.
  2. The name of Krsna is as powerful as Lord Krsna Himself.
  3. Anyone can take advantage of the holy names of Lord Sri Krsna even in the midst of greatest dangers.
    - **Examples:** Draupadi, Gajendra
    - **Example:** Robbers once attacked an South African temple but soon after the devotees chanted Nrsimha prayers, they ran away.
    - **Example:** Small child attached to Lord Nrsimhadeva gets hit by a truck and gets thrown far away, but doesn't get hurt even a bit. She says Lion-like person lifted her and she has just bruises on her waist (Lord's nails).
  4. The transcendental name of Krsna, even though uttered unconsciously or by force of circumstances, can help one obtain freedom from the hurdle of birth and death.
    - It gives us Krsna prema by which we can attain spiritual body.
    - **Sharing:** How chanting the holy name has been helping us.
    - **Example:** Ajamila uttered his son's name Narayana, Srila Vishwanath Chakravarti Thakura says, he remembered the actual Lord Narayana.

**1.1.15: O Suta, those great sages who have completely taken shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord can at once sanctify those who come in touch with them, whereas the waters of the Ganges can sanctify only after prolonged use.**

1. Glories of pure devotees:
  1. They are more powerful than the waters of the sacred river Ganges.
    - One can derive spiritual benefit out of prolonged use of the Ganges waters.
    - But one can be sanctified at once by the mercy of a pure devotee of the Lord.
    - **Examples:** Jagai, Madai, All of us
    - **Story:** ([\*Mrgari hunter and Narada muni\*](#))
  2. Any person, regardless of birth as sudra, woman, or merchant, can take shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord and by so doing can return to Godhead ([\*Kirāta-hūnāndhra-pulinda-pulkaśā, SB 2.4.18\*](#)).
  3. Their only business is to serve.
  4. They are representatives of the lotus feet of the Lord.
    - To take shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord means to take shelter of the pure devotees.

5. Engaged in the most confidential service of the Lord - to deliver the fallen souls.
  - The devotees of the Lord are more kind than the Lord because they understand the purpose of the Lord. Consequently they undertake all kinds of risks, even to the point of approaching ignorant men to try to engage them in the acts of Krsna consciousness. (*[Devotee is more kind than the Lord](#)*)
  
2. How to take shelter of pure devotee?
  1. Accept the pure devotee as one's spiritual master.
  2. A sincere disciple considers the spiritual master equal to the Lord and himself to be a humble servant of the servant of the Lord.
    - During first initiation, Srila Prabhupada said, "Spiritual Master is due the same respect as God, being God's representative. He is as good as God because he can deliver God to the sincere disciple. (*[Worship spiritual master as God](#)*)"
  
3. How are they honored?
  1. By the names, Prabhupada and Vishnupada,
  2. They are honored equally with the Lord.
  3. They are known as vice-lords.

**1.1.16: Who is there, desiring deliverance from the vices of the age of quarrel, who is not willing to hear the virtuous glories of the Lord?**

1. Condemned age of Kali:
  1. Quarrelsome features.
  2. Vicious habits.
  3. Great fight at the slightest misunderstanding.
  
2. Who can get out of the estrangements of this complicated age?
  1. Those who are engaged in the pure devotional service of the Lord.
  2. Who are without any desire for self-aggrandizement and,
  3. Who are freed from the effects of fruitive actions and dry philosophical speculations.
  
3. Modern leaders' attempts for peace and friendship are failing.
  1. They have no information of the simple method of hearing the glories of the Lord.
  2. Leaders are opposed to the propagation of the glories of the Lord.
  3. Leaders want to completely deny the existence of the Lord.
  4. Leaders are enacting various plans every year, which are simply being constantly, frustrated.
  5. They have no eyes to see that their attempts are failing.
  
4. Real solution for peace:
  1. We must open the road to understanding of the Supreme Lord Krsna and glorify Him for His virtuous activities as they are depicted in the pages of Srimad-Bhagavatam.