

<u>Class-3 (Hindu Religion)</u> Lecture Sheet of Chapter-6, Section-2 (Truthfulness)

Whole Lecture Sheet

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Truthfulness: Truthfulness means always speaking the truth. At any situation and any moment, telling the truth is also truthfulness. Those are truthful don't think about their profit and loss. They don't think about their death and life. They always depend on honesty. They never tell a lie, even at the cost of their life. At any circumstances they never depart from the truth.

Story of Prahlada and Hiranyakashipu: Hiranyakashipu was the King of the demons and Prahlada was his son. Hiranyakashipu was the rival of the God Vishnu, but Prahlada became a true devotee of Vishnu. When Hiranyakashipu came to know this he became seriously angry on Prahlada. He called Prahlada and said, "Vishnu is my enemy, so you have to give up the name of Vishnu". Prahlada replied, "How it can be father? He is the God. God cannot be enemy of anyone. I am unable to quit his name."

Hiranyakashipu got more anger. He sent his son to a teacher if he might get modification. But this went in vain. As a true devotee of Vishnu he was reciting Vishnu's name accordingly. Hiranyakashipu could tolerate no more. So, he decided to kill his own son.

Prahlada was attacked by the soldiers according to the king's order. But he did not die. He was thrown in the fire. But the fire was blown out itself. He was tied to a heavy stone and thrown into the river. But the stone floated up. He was thrown under the elephant's feet, but the elephant picked him up on to its back. He was pushed into the snakes'house. Instead of bitting him, the snakes started to dance expreading their hooded skin. He was fed poisoned food. Still Prahlada did not die.

Then after one day Hiranyakashipu called Prahlada sitting on his throne, livid with rage. Reciting the name of Vishnu, Prahlada went to his father. Overcome by anger, Hiranyakashipu roared, "I will kill you with my own hands. Who dare save you?"

Prahlada said, "Vishnu Himself will save me. He prevails everywhere, father. Even in this crystal-pillar."

Then giving a roar, Hiranyakashipu broke the crystal-pillar into pieces. Out if it came a fierce figure, whose name is Nrisimha. His face was that of a lion and his body was like that of a human. Coming out of the pillar He kept Hiranyakashipu on His thighs and killed him. With folded hands, Prahlada was extolling the human-lion Vishnu.

Moral lesson of the story of Prahlada and Hiranyakashipu:

i) One should speak the truth at any situation.

ii) One should never fear to speak the truth.

iii) The truth tellers are never afraid of death. They may encounter many dangers but must overcome all of them in the long run.

iv) We should be truthful in life.

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1. Write down the meaning of the following words:

- a) Hooded
- b) Circumstance
- c) Demon
- d) Rival
- e) Tolerate
- f) Roared
- g) Fierce
- h) Give up

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

- a) Prahalada was a _____ of Vishnu.
- b) The truthful persons don't think about _____.
- c) The honest persons never _____ even at the cost of their life
- d) God cannot be _____ of anyone.
- e) Prahalada said, "_____ will save me".

3. <u>Answer the following short questions:</u>

- a) What is truthfulness?
- b) Why was Hiranyakashipu displeased with Prahalada?

- c) What did the elephant do when Prahalada was thrown under its feet?
- d) What would we be by following Prahalada's way of life?
- e) In which form of incarnation did Vishnu kill Hiranyakashipu?

4. Answer the following broad questions:

- a) What does truthfulness mean? Explain.
- b) Why should we be truthful?
- c) What moral lesson do you learn from the story of Prahalad's truthfulness?