



Class-4 (Hindu Religion)

Lecture Sheet of Chapter – 5 (Sacrifice and Liberality)

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Sacrifice: Generally sacrifice means the act of giving up something. But in the true sense, it means giving up one's own interest, happiness or refraining oneself from profit earning activity. Sacrifice is a moral virtue.

Example of sacrifice: Our freedom fighters laid down their lives for our independence. Dedicating one's life for a noble cause is indeed a great sacrifice. To make sacrifices for the welfare of others, for the betterment of the society and for the well-being of all human beings is an inseparable part of religion. In the holy book of Sreemadbhagabatgeeta the glory of sacrifice has been highlighted.

Sacrificial Man: A person who does not hesitate to make supreme sacrifices for the welfare of humanity and his country.

Liberality: To treat all humans equally is called liberality. It is a moral virtue and it is an integral part of religion.

Liberal Person: A person who does not discriminate in respect of treating humans. All humans rich or poor, weak or powerful are equally treated by a liberal person without any kind of discrimination. He loves all the people of all communities and religions. It is said: **“Udarcharitanang Tu Basudhaiva (Kutumbakam)”**. It means that to a liberal person all humans of this world are kith and kin.

Relation between sacrifice and liberality: There is a close relation between sacrifice and liberality. A man cannot be sacrificial without being liberal.

Sacrifice and Liberality of Dadhichi Muni:

There was a famous hermitage named Naimisharanya where saints are used to meditation and students also used to come to learn there. There was a saint named Dadhichi living in this hermitage who used to engage himself in the ascetic pursuit of meditation in that deep forest. He prayed and prayed for the welfare of all. At that time there grew a demon named Britra and the demon turned into a strong force. The demon obtained a boon from the god Shiva by pleasing him. The boon was that the demon Britra would not die at the stroke of a god's weapon or a demon's.

With the boon received from Shiva, Britrasura became all the more powerful. He conquered heaven, the kingdom of the gods and goddesses. He drove away all the gods and goddesses from heaven. Then chief god Indra went to the god Shiva with all the gods expelled from heaven. Then Shiva advised them to go to the world of Vishnu.

Then all gods went to Vishnu. They offered their prayer to Vishnu. Vishnu became pleased at their prayer. He told the gods to go to Dadhichi Muni at Naimisharanya who will bring welfare for you. Following the advice of Vishnu, Indra went to Naimisharanya forest to meet Dadhichi Muni.

After hearing all these Dadhichi Muni said, "it will be impossible to kill specially blessed Britrasura with an ordinary weapon. So a new trick and device should be found out"

After a while Dadhichi Muni said that he had found out a device. He said that he would leave his body and embrace death. At this sudden

statement all the gods became surprised. Dadhichi said to them, “One day this mortal human body will perish. For your welfare let me do this today. If I leave my body, you can use my bones to make weapons. With those weapons you can slay Britrasura, Human bones are not common weapons.”

Then the engineer of gods Bishva-Karma made a weapon with the bones of Dadhichi. The weapon was called Bajra (Thunder). Indra killed Britrasura with the help of the weapon Bajra (Thunder). As a result, heaven was regained.”

This sacrifice and greatness of the soul of Dadhichi Muni cannot be forgotten. His sacrifice has become immortal. Following his example we can also make sacrifices and show liberality and greatness of mind for the welfare of humans and the society.

Practical Example of Sacrifice and Liberality: I have a classmate with special needs. He had been suffering from a problem in his leg since his birth. He finds it difficult to walk. Everday I accompany him to school and take him back home. I have to start earlier. This early start for school to give company to my classmates who limps indicates sacrifice and extending cooperation to one’s classmate by another classmate is liberality.

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1. Write down the meaning of the following words:

- a) Boon
- b) Perish
- c) Liberality
- d) Ascetic
- e) Inseparable
- f) Bajjra

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

- a) To sacrifice is a great ____.
- b) This sacrifice is a part of our ____.
- c) Liberality is also a ____ quality.
- d) ____ made supreme sacrifices and showed greatness of soul.
- e) We can make ____ and show greatness of soul as Dadhichi Muni did.

3. Answer the following short questions:

- a) Who is a sacrificial man?
- b) What do you mean by liberality?
- c) Why did the chief god Indra go to Shiva?
- d) What is revealed in the sacrifice of Dadhichi?

- e) What is the meaning of the following statement- “Udarcharitanang Tu Basu- Dhaiva Kutumbookom”?
- f) What is a moral virtue and an integral part of religion?
- g) How is the relationship between sacrifice and liberality?
- h) Why did our freedom fighters lay down their lives?
- i) What was Naimisharanya?
- j) Where did Dadhichi Muni live?
- k) From whom did demon Britra obtain a boon?
- l) What was the boon that the demon Britra obtained from the god Shiva?
- m) Who was the chief god of heaven?
- n) Who was the chief engineer of heaven?
- o) How did Indra kill Britrasura?
- p) What was the name of the weapon that was made by Saint Dadhichi’s bones?

4. Answer the following broad questions:

- a) Why did the gods lose the kingdom of heaven?
- b) How did Dadhichi Muni help the gods?

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Solution of Hindu Religion Worksheet of Class-4

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1. Meaning of the following words:

- a) Boon - **Blessing**
- b) Perish - **Destroy**
- c) Liberality - **Kindness**
- d) Ascetic - **Hermit**
- e) Inseparable - **Inalienable**
- f) Bajjra –**Thunder**

2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

- a) To sacrifice is a great _____. (virtue)
- b) This sacrifice is a part of our _____. (religion)
- c) Liberality is also a _____ quality. (moral)
- d) _____ made supreme sacrifices and showed greatness of soul. (Saint Dadhichi)
- e) We can make _____ and show greatness of soul as Dadhichi Muni did. (sacrifice)

3. Answer of short questions:

- a) A man who does not hesitate to make supreme sacrifices for the welfare of humanity and his country, he is a sacrificial man.
- b) Liberality means to treat all humans equally.
- c) The chief god Indra went to Shiva because Britrasura received the boon from god Shiva. With the boon received from Shiva, Britrasura conquered heaven and drove away all the deities from heaven.
- d) Liberality and greatness of mind for the welfare of humans and the society is revealed in the sacrifice of Dadhichi.
- e) The meaning of the following statement- “Udarcharitanang Tu Basu- Dhaiva Kutumbookom” is that to a liberal person all human of this world are kith and kin.
- f) Liberality is a moral virtue and an integral part of religion.
- g) There is a close relationship between sacrifice and liberality because a man cannot be sacrificial without being liberal.
- h) Our freedom fighters laid down their lives for our independence.
- i) Naimisharanya was a famous hermitage or the grove of ascetic.
- j) Dadhichi Muni lived in the famous hermitage named Naimisharanya.
- k) From god Shiva demon Britra obtained a boon.
- l) The boon was that the demon Britra would not die at the stroke of a god’s weapon or a demon’s.
- m) Indra was the chief god of heaven.
- n) Bishva-Karma was the chief engineer of heaven.
- o) Indra killed Britrasura with the help of the weapon Bajra (Thunder).

- p) Bajra or Thunder was the name of the weapon that was made by Saint Dadhichi's bones.

4. Answer of broad questions:

- a) The gods lost the kingdom of heaven because the demon Britrasura conquered the kingdom of heaven. After receiving a boon from lord Shiva Britrasura became more powerful and drove away all the gods- goddesses including chief god Indra from heaven. Thus, the gods lost the kingdom of heaven.
- b) Dadhichi Muni helped the gods to regain the kingdom of heaven. He leaved his body and embraced death. After his death, the chief engineer of gods Bishva-Karma made a weapon named Bajra or Thunder with the bones of Dadhichi Muni. Inrad killed Britrasura with this weapon and regained heaven. Thus, Dadhichi Muni helped the gods by sacrificing his own life.
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