Laghu-Bhāgavatāmṛtā

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Part 1: The sweetness of Kṛṣṇa

<u>Chapter 5</u>: Para-avasthas and Svayambhagavān

Explanation of Śiśupāla's deliverance

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Also, seeing his form with attractive features, he determined that he was seeing Viṣṇu, and by uttering the names of Kṛṣṇa, he remembered Kṛṣṇa at all times and places.

He thus became free of the multitude of sins which had caused his hatred of the Lord.

Then, when Kṛṣṇa threw his cakra, his demonic tendencies were destroyed.

Thus purified of all false beliefs, he saw the brilliant form of the supreme Brahman in human form.

By being killed by the cakra, his demon body was destroyed and he attained the embrace of the supreme Brahman.

By the sweet names and sweet form of Kṛṣṇa, piles of sins which produced his enmity for the Lord were destroyed.

Then by association with the Lord's cakra, he had his demonic body destroyed and attained knowledge of Kṛṣṇa as the greatest person.

With that prema he attained sāyujya (the embrace of the Lord).



Because svayam-rūpa Kṛṣṇa has a full manifestation of his śakti of attraction, Śiśupāla attained qualification for the Lord.

Points from class discussion

Did association with the Lord's cakra deliver him?

Cakra destroyed demoniac body of Sisupala.

But the demoniac mentality and the demoniac tendency was destroyed by the attractive power of Lord's form and names.

Hiranyakashipu knew Nrsimha deva is Vishnu and Ravana also knew that Lord Rama is Vishnu. But in their cases, it was just jñāna-bhāsa and not jñāna.

How did that jñāna-bhāsa turn into jñāna in the case of Sisupala?

By the attractiveness of Krsna's names and form, that jñāna-bhāsa turned into jñāna.

Because of sakti of attractiveness of Lord's form and names, Sisupala's mind got completely absorbed in Krsna.

And that absorption resulted in jñāna.

But the whole credit goes to Krsna's form and His names and not Sisupala.