

Bhajana Darpana
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Verse-8

**What if we don't have the association of
a very exalted devotee to serve**

Krsna by his causeless mercy

- 1. removes wickedness from the heart**
- 2. Give prema**
- 3. Inspires in my heart the process of worshiping R & K**

**Kākvā: The helpless, destitute practitioner's
humble plea**

Symptom of deception free devotion

Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī's Śrī Gāndharvā-samprārthanāṣṭakam

1st Prayer for mercy

2nd Wretchedness is expressed

3rd Eagerness to worship

4th Eagerness to serve - same mood of perfected devotees

5th Eagerness of specific service in specific mood

6 - 8th Lalasamayi prarthana

9th phala Sruthi

Śaṭhatā me duṣṭatvam: Cheating and deception are my wickedness

**When Souls takes shelter of ignorance and illusion
Becomes deceitful**

When souls realize their true position as servants of the Lord,

They feel more humble than the straw in the street

Gain the intelligence to respect others according to their respective positions

Take shelter of the holy name receive the mercy of Śrī Kṛṣṇa and his beloved devotees.

Ujvala-premāmṛta: The supremely radiant nectar of love
for Kṛṣṇa - Srngara - rasa

2nd benefit
prema

eight symptoms of love (sāttvika-bhāva)
thirty-three emotional waves (vyabhicārī-bhāva).

devotional service in practice is transformed into devotional service in
ecstasy, one develops steady attraction (sthāyī-bhāva).

vibhāva,
anubhāva,
sāttvika-bhāva,
vyabhicārī-bhāva
attains the state of rasa.
Appearance of Pure Love

Who awaken a strong greed to obtain this rasa should
1. pray continually with intense longing and anguish, and
2. with voices choked with emotion
3. follow in the wake of the gopīs.

In such a state of intense prayer, the sādḥaka obtains
Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's mercy

Śrī-Gāndharvā bhajana: Worship of Śrī Gāndharvikā

3rd benefit of
accessing K's
mercy

LE has limited capacity- may experience brahmānanda but without the mercy of the RR one can never experience the transcendental ecstasy

Hearing about the eternal loving emotions of the vraja-vasis, a greed may awaken in the heart

Then the sincerity to beg and pray will come at the level of Ruchi and Lobha

At this state one should take shelter of sakhīs or manjarīs
Then one can get mercy of RR

Mercy of the sakhis by their writings

Advent of the mercy at the stage of Bhava
Continuous manifestation of mercy at Prema

As long as one maintains mental masculinity, he remains ineligible to serve in this way.

original form of jīva has a spiritually feminine nature