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## Some Important facts of life Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji

\* **Date of Birth :**

Year 1377 AD (Bikrami Samvat-Magh Sudi  
15, 1433)

\* **Birth Place :**

Seer Goverdhanpur, Banaras (U.P.)

\* **Name of Mother & Father :**

Father, Respected Sh. Santokh Dass Ji Mother,  
Respected Smt. Kalsi Devi Ji

\* **Name of the Grandmother and  
Grandfather :**

Grandfather, Respected Sh. Kalu Ram Ji  
Grandmother, Respected Smt. Lakhpati Ji,

\* **Name of wife & son :**


Wife Respected Smt. Lona Ji  
Son Respected Sh. Vijay Dass Ji

\* **Brahamlin :**

Harh Di Sangrand 1584 Bikrami Samvat  
(1528) at Banaras



## Principles of Ravidassia Religion

1. Our Guru : Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji
2. Our Religion : Ravidassia
3. Our Religious Book : Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji
4. Our Religious Symbol : 
5. Our Salutation : Jai Gurdev
6. Our Ultimate Place of Pilgrimage : Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir Seer Goverdhanpur, Varanasi (U.P.)
7. Our Objectives : To propagate the Bani and teachings of Satguru Ravidass Ji. Besides, the teachings and the thoughts of Maharashi Bhagwan Valmik Ji, Satguru Namdev Ji, Satguru Kabir Ji, Satguru Trilochan Ji, Satguru Sain Ji and Satguru Sadna Ji would Also be propagated.  
: To respect all religions, love the mankind and lead virtuous life.

## Preface

***Prem panth ki palki Ravidass baethiyo aaye!!***

***Sache saami milan koon aanand kahiyo na jaye!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass says that “I have boarded the palanquin of devotion to God and I cannot describe the supreme pleasure and eternal ecstasy of union with Almighty God.” Most revered Jagatguru Ravidass, during his incarnation in this world, preached all human beings about absolute unity, universal brotherhood & love for humanity and conveyed his sacred sermon to keep company of learned saints and practice devout meditation of God. While Jagatguru Ravidass liberated people, suffering from oppression for centuries, of all bondage on the one hand; he simultaneously enlightened the foes of humanity with his pious and truthful sermon:

***“Satsangati mil rahiae Madhou jaise madhup makhira”!***

O God! Kindly bless us also like honey bees to live ever happily together in pious company of Thy holy men. Jagatguru Ravidass conveyed his sacred sermon about universal brotherhood and also envisaged one common universal abode “Begumpura” for all human beings of the world as explained in his Amritbani. Such a great revolutionary, Jagatguru Ravidass had his incarnation at Seer Govardhanpur in Varanasi during the month of Magh, 1433 Vikram Samvat (1377A.D.) at the blessed house of respected father Santokh Dass and esteemed mother Kalsi Devi. In order to establish an egalitarian society with equal rights for all, Jagatguru Ravidass pierced his shoulder on the occasion of Makar Sankranti and showed four types of Janeu (the cotton thread) symbolising the four Yugas or cosmic periods and abandoned the one made of thread that adorned his body in staunch protest against the social disharmony bedeviling the society.

On the auspicious & historic occasion of Vaisakhi, (First day of Vaisakh- the second month of Vikram Samvat Calendar), Jagatguru Ravidass achieved the unique feat of floating of stone on the water of river Ganga. He created myriad forms of himself in the darbar of King Sangram Singh (Rana Sangha) and Queen Jhali and launched the unique tradition of spiritual

congregations and community feeding for one and all. He spent major part of his life traveling far and wide preaching all human beings to tread the path of truth and devout meditation of God. A large number of kings, emperors and people from all sections of the society bowed before him with allegiance and became his devout disciples. He worked for the emancipation of human society throughout his life and left this perishable world for his heavenly abode on the first day of the month of Harh 1584 Vikram Samvat or 1528 A.D. in Varanasi. Guru Kabir reckoned Jagatguru Ravidass as the ultimate epitome of Bhakti (Devotion) and recited the following hymn;

***Saadhan mein Ravidass Sant hae,  
supach rishi so maaniya!  
Hindu Turk dui deen bane hae,  
kashu nahin pahichaniya!***

Satguru Kabir said that Satguru Ravidass is the greatest amongst sages in the entire world and reckons him as a highly respected saint. Contemporary Hindus and Muslims bowed with reverence before Satguru Ravidass and venerated him like God.

Sant Pipa explains the unique services of Satguru Ravidass towards human society as follows in his hymns:

***Je Kali Raedas Kabir na hote,  
lok ved aru Kaliyug mili kar bhagti rasatal dete!***

Sant Pipa explained that “But for the timely incarnation of Satguru Ravidass and Satguru Kabir; contemporary upper caste society, Vedas and distorted philosophical thinking under the influence of Kaliyuga would have buried 'Bhakti' or devout meditation of God under deep sea.”

***Ravidass chamar ustati karei,  
Hari keerat nimakh ik gayi!!  
Patit jati uttam bhya, chari varan paye pagi aayi!!***

Satguru Ram Dass explains that Satguru Ravidass practiced such devout meditation of Oankar God and eulogised glory of divinity with dedicated devotion that he himself became one with God and indistinguishable from God. Despite

his birth in a so called low caste; people from all the four classes of society bowed at his lotus feet with reverence because of his devout Bhakti and dignified spiritual knowledge.

Satguru Arjan Dev eulogises him as follows;

***Ooch te ooch Namdeo samdarsi Ravidass thakur bani aayie!!***

*i.e.*

Greatest of all learned sages, who treated everyone equal, has been Satguru Namdev and Satguru Ravidass was incarnation of God himself in this world. Jagatguru Ravidass states in his Amritbani that:

***Meri jaat kutbandhla dhor dhovanta nitahi Banarasi aas pasa!!***

***Ab bipar pardhan tih karei dandout tere Naam sarnaee Ravidass dasa!!***

People of my caste living around Banaras are engaged in carting away and skinning of dead animals, tanning of leather and making leather goods. Jagatguru Ravidass says that O God! As I have taken shelter under Thy sacred feet, now even the head of the Brahmins, bows before Thy devotee with reverence. This entire glory is because of Thy worship and kind blessings. After listening to the sacred, revolutionary and redeeming spiritual sermons of Jagatguru Ravidass; King Babar, King Nagar Mall (Hardev Singh), Rana Vir Baghel Singh, King Sikandar Lodi, Maharana Kumbha Ji, King Chandra Pratap, King Allavadi Badshah, Bijli Khan, Rana Ratan Singh, Maharana Sangram Singh (Rana Sanga), Queen Jhali, King Bain Singh, King Vijaypal Singh, great Saint Kamali Ji, Sant Meera Ji and sages Karma Bai, Bhanmati, Sant Sadhna, Sant Parmanand, as well as sage Gorakh Nath Ji along-with people from all sections of society became his devotees. Messiah of humanity, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar formulated the Constitution of India based on the human rights enshrined in sacred hymn “Begumpura sahar ko nao” recited by Jagatguru Ravidass. Jagatguru Ravidass says that :

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou rahayi sada nirbaer!***

***Sukhdai samta gahyi sabhna mangahi khaer!! i.e.***

Jagatguru Ravidass articulates that “A pious sage never



has any enmity with anyone. He always longs for comforts and equality for everyone and he prays to God for welfare of one and all.” Such a great benevolent and devout saint Brahmgyani Guru Sarwan Dass practiced dedicated meditation of God day and night on the sacred soil of village Ballan and he enabled myriad number of people of this world to pursue devout Bhakti of God. He always preached his devotees to become highly educated, serve one's parents, respect the elderly, love the younger ones, keep company of learned saints and practice devout meditation of God. He got a Dera (Holy Place) constructed on the sacred soil of village Ballan and christened same as “Dera Ravidassian Da” on 2 February, 1964 to push forwards clear identity of the community. Once, devotees pleaded at the lotus feet of Guru Sarwan Dass, “Maharaj! When shall we become free of the shackles of centuries old slavery?” He said, “When compilation of Amritbani of Jagatguru Ravidass will get completed.” Sant Sarwan Dass located the sacred birth place of Jagatguru Ravidass through his divine enlightenment and Sant Hari Dass laid the foundation stone of the temple to be built at that place in Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi on 14 June, 1965 - the auspicious occasion of Sankranti of Harh, (First day of the month of Harh). Construction work for the temple was carried out under the able guidance of Sant Garib Dass. A great place of pilgrimage was thus dedicated to the society and Guru Sarwan Dass declared that people from all over the world will always congregate at this holy place of pilgrimage to pay their obeisance. On 7th April, 1994, a 7 ft. high gold Kalash was adorned at the Temple dome, the inauguration of which was done by BSP Supremo Sahib Babu Kanshi Ram ji.

Sant Ramanand decorated the temple with gold 'Kalshas' and launched the programme to frame the temple in gold. Enemies of humanity perpetrated a dastardly attack on th Jagatguru Ravidass Temple, Vienna on 24 May, 2009. Sant Ramanand suffered grievous injuries and attained martyrdom for the sake of Ravidassia community and left for his heavenly abode in the early hours of May 25, 2009 to become immortal. There were spontaneous and forceful but peaceful protests all

over the world by Ravidassia community to express their pain and dismay against this barbaric act of violence.

Thereafter, announcement of new religion "Ravidassia Dharma" was made on the sacred occasion of 633 birth anniversary of Jagatguru Ravidass from his Janam-Asthan Temple, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi with the blessings of Jagatguru Ravidass, Guru Sarwan Dass and the entire congregation of learned saints in the presence of thousands of devotees. More than 200 million people of Ravidassia community were delighted to get this novel identity. That night, Jagatguru Ravidass could be seen as if blessing people of the world from the largest visible full moon of the century.

The sacred Amritbani Granth has been installed at lacs of Ravidassia Temples all over the world. Detailed commentary and explanations of sacred Amritbani Granth have been published in many languages including Punjabi, Hindi, Nepali, Gujrati, Marathi, Spanish, Greek, French, English, Italian, Dutch and other languages for the benefit of devotees. Compact booklets titled 'Sukhsagar' containing, selected hymns from Amritbani, have been distributed in lacs the world over. Present English translated version of the Holy Scripture "**Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji (Steek)**" is the humble contribution of Piare Lal, a blessed disciple of Brahmgyani Brahmleen Satguru Sarwan Dass. My special thanks to Sh. Ram Arsh, Sh. Sadhu Ram Heer, Kanshi Ram Kaler, Sh. Parwan, Rajni Virdi (M.Sc. Math), Yogita Virdi (MA Ed.), Ms. Alka Virdi (MA Ed.) for their important inputs to bring the Holy Scripture to its present form.

I feel extremely delighted to present English edition of the Holy Scripture "**Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji (Steek)**" to devotees all over the world with the blessings of Jagatguru Ravidass and Guru Sarwan Dass.

Devotee of Lotus Feet of Guruji,  
- **Sant Surinder Dass Bawa**  
(Ravidassia Dharam Parchar Asthan, Kahanpur)

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## **'Ravidassia Dharam Parchar Asthan, Kahanpur'**

### **A Brief History**

Ravidassia Dharam Parchar Asthan Kahanpur is located along Jalandhar – Pathankot National Highway in Jalandhar District of Punjab State in India. A precious jewel of Ravidassia Dharma, Sant Surinder Dass Bawa who established this complex, heads this organization. The foundation stone of this complex was laid by revered saint Sant Krishna Devi, Spiritual Head of Dera Sant Hari Dass, Boparai Kalan on 27 March, 2014 in the august presence of a large congregation of saints and devotees. The plot of land for construction of this complex was very generously donated by the family members of Shakuntala Devi wife of Late Mohan Lal of village Kahanpur. As there was great enthusiasm amongst the local communities and devotees; the ardent followers of Jagatguru Ravidass completed the entire construction work within a few months even though that would have normally taken years.

Learned sages, saints and scholars, members of social and religious organizations, followers of Jagatguru Ravidass and devotees in extremely large numbers travel from faraway places to visit this complex now a days. This complex, located in a small hitherto unknown village, radiates its brilliance in all directions and is now extremely well known all over the world. Devotees from European countries presented a Safari Car on 1 January, 2015 to Sant Surinder Dass Bawa in appreciation of growing spiritual and awareness campaigns amongst the devotees for facilitating further strengthening of these praiseworthy efforts. An academy dedicated to spiritual music known as Jagat Jagatguru Ravidass Music Academy has been established in part of the two storey building of this complex. Expert and experienced musicians impart training to nearly 50 boys and girls to be proficient in various disciplines of spiritual music with special emphasis on Harmonium and Tabla musical instruments. The entire expenditure is borne by Sant Surinder Dass Bawa with the cooperation of the devotees. The suffering poor patients are also served at this Ravidassia Dharam Parchar

Asthan through free Ayurvedic medical services and medicines.

Unemployed youth are guided and helped to join various courses to receive employment oriented education and acquire professional skills. Financial assistance is also provided by this organization to poor youth for pursuing such studies and training courses. Baba Pipal Dass, accompanied by young son Sant Sarwan Dass, visited village Kahanpur first of all. When digging of soil for laying foundation to build a Kutuya was in progress there, a double headed snake emerged from the site. Babaji then told the local devotees "How can we uproot someone to build a house for us?" They moved to the next village after saying that and making a promise to visit the village again sometimes in future and build a complex for stay.

Sh. Gurdas Ram and Bibi Gurbachan Kaur, respected parents of Sant Surinder Dass Bawa, were profound disciples of Guru Sarwan Dass. Guru stayed at their house for several nights on many occasions. Gurbachan Kaur fell seriously ill during 1972 and the doctors expressed their inability to save her life. However, Guru Sarwan Dass visited Gurbachan Kaur in the Civil Hospital, Jalandhar along with many devotees and gave her a new lease of life. He also blessed her with a boon then and there itself "Do not cry for the loss of this son. You will be blessed with two more sons in due course of time." Gurbachan Kaur at once declared to dedicate the elder boy for serving at the lotus feet of Guru Sarwan Dass.

The young boy inherited the spirit of selfless service and devotion from his worthy parents. His revered parents were profound devotees of Guru Sarwan Dass. His respected father in this human life, Gurdas Ram had full blessings of Guru Sarwan Dass and one of the proofs of Guruji's benevolence is described here as follows: Guru Sarwan Dass abandoned his perishable th human body on the 11 June, 1972 to be amalgamated with God. Before leaving this transient world, Guruji told devotees that he has to come back soon as some tasks of utmost importance for the society are still left. All preparations for cremation had been completed.

Devotees from all parts of the country and abroad had

assembled to have a last glimpse and pay their respects to their beloved and revered Guruji. Preparations had been made to light the pyre as pure ghee, sandalwood, incense, copra and other relevant items had been put in place. Final prayer had just been rendered to proceed with lighting of the fire. Just at that moment, devotees assembled for the cremation rites witnessed a burst of stream of blood from Guruji's mortal human body comprising of five elements and a few drops of the blood smeared the body of Gurdas Ram.

It is extremely important to analyze this strange phenomenon to appreciate why did those drops of blood fall only on the body of Gurdas Ram? Later exactly after the lapse of 9 months since Guru Sarwan Dass abandoned his perishable human body; th the birth of Sant Surinder Dass Bawa on 14 March, 1973 certainly poses a spiritual question. It merits mention that Sant Sarwan Dass himself sent 'Bhagwa' or sacred cloth/robe worn by saints to Saint Surinder Dass Bawa's parents to be worn by the new born baby (Sant Surinder Dass Bawa) well before his birth. This is itself declared the child to be born would be a saint.

Sant Hari Dass blessed Bawa (Sant Surinder Dass) with the same sacred maroon coloured saintly robes at the young age of just 5 years as per the wishes of Sant Sarwan Dass and brought him from village Suchipind to Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Sant Garib Dass made arrangements for his education and studies. With the blessings of Jagatguru Ravidass and Guru Sarwan Dass and the entire community of learned saints, Sant Surinder Dass Bawa made an epoch making pronouncement on the 30 January, 2010 establishing Ravidassia Dharma (Religion) (as envisioned by Sant Sarwan Dass on 2nd February, 1964) and also dedicated Ravidassia's Holy Book – Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj that gave a distinct separate identity to Ravidassia community at the congregation.

A large library has been set up at Ravidassia Dharam Parchar Asthan, Kahanpur to commemorate the sacred memory of Guru Sarwan Dass. This library maintains thousands of books including texts on Dalit History and literature published by scholars specializing in issues related to Dalit communities.

This library has large stock of literature related to great Guru's, eminent freedom fighters, brave warriors and distinguished scholars and writers. In addition to all such efforts, books are being distributed free of cost to budding writers through Dr. Ambedkar Library and other libraries.

This organization preaches and promotes sacred mission of Jagatguru Ravidass and Guru Sarwan Dass on continuous basis. Sant Surinder Dass Bawa held spiritual discourses several times from the year 2010 onwards in several European countries including Austria, Greece, Italy, Germany, Holland, Spain, France, Norway, Portugal and United Kingdom as well as in America, Canada and UAE. Further he addressed religious congregations and preached about Ravidassia Dharma (Religion) and Amritbani in various countries as follows :

1. 2014- Italy and Austria. 2. 2015- Greece, Portugal and Austria.
3. 2016- America, Canada, Greece, Italy, Austria and United Kingdom.
4. 2017- Austria, United Kingdom, Greece, Italy, America, Canada and UAE.
5. 2018-United Kingdom, France, Austria, Italy, Greece, Norway, America, Canada and United Arab Emirates.
6. 2019 - Austria, Greece, Italy, France, UK, America & Canada.

Sant Surinder Dass Bawa was also honoured by many organizations with Gold Medals from time to time at various places in the world as follows:

1. Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Bergamo, Italy during 2010.
2. Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Karopi, Athens, Greece during 2011.
3. Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Vienna Austria, Shri Jagatguru Ravidass Sabha, Rome, Italy, and Shri Jagatguru Ravidass Sabha, Valencia, Spain during 2012.
4. Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha, Rome, during 2013.
5. Village Madhar, District Jalandhar, Punjab, India during 2014.
6. Shri Guru Ravidass Sukhsagar Durbar, th Mandy, Greece on 11 September, 2015.

7. Village Alawalpur, District, Jalandhar, Punjab, th India on 30 December, 2015.
8. South Hall, London, UK on 11 September, 2016
9. Shri Guru Ravidass Bhavan, Bari, Italy on 21 May, 2017.
10. Shri Guru Ravidass Durbar, Carpi, Greece on th 28 May, 2017.
11. Toronto, Canada on 20 August, 2017 and
12. Ravidassia Community of Village Suchipind, Jalandhar, Punjab, India on 30 December, 2017
13. Tripton, United Kingdom during 2018
14. 2 November 2019 Chicago USA.

Sant Surinder Dass Bawa was honoured with Shri Guru Ravidass National Award by the Indian Dalit Literature Academy, at New Delhi during 2006. Keeping in view the growing numbers of devotees and the need for publicity and communications; the devotees from U.S.A., Canada, U.K. and many other European countries made arrangements for purchase of an adjoining plot of land at Kahanpur and presented same to this organization to meet genuine requirements of the devotees. Presently this preaching centre has emerged as a leading light house. Sant Surinder Dass Bawa has made permanent arrangements for his stay at this place where he practices devout meditation of God, listens to Amritbani and conducts spiritual discourses. Simultaneously, he preaches the devotees to follow on his footsteps in respect of meditation and spiritual pursuits. Devotees are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the teachings of Ravidassia Dharma (Religion) at this place Amritbani Bhavan constructed at this place has been adorned with 'Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji' that is recited every morning and evening regularly.

Religious and spiritual discourses are also held regularly and special pandal is set up for same on specific occasions like weekend Sundays and Sangrand or the first day of each new month as per Vikram Samvat calendar. Noble wishes of devotees get fulfilled here. People have immense faith and respect for this sacred place. Lots of devotees throng this complex in the morning and evening daily to have a vision of this sacred place. Apart from motivating people for worship and

meditation of God and study of scriptures, this darbar makes earnest efforts to address the social evils like drug addiction, dowry, wasteful expenditure on social ceremonies, abortion and unfounded criticism etc. that torment the society. Doctors, who are medical specialists and expert in treating various diseases, check patients by holding camps and prescribe suitable medicines.

This sacred place is easily accessible to all sections of society. Everyone, rich or poor gets equal treatment and this place has been built to respect everyone. There is no caste based discrimination here and no one is superior or inferior. This centre preaches and spreads the message of welfare of all human beings, Begumpura Concept enunciated by Jagatguru Ravidass and clarion call of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar for education, unity and determined struggle against discrimination. A holy statue of Jagatguru Ravidass was installed at the Amritbani Bhavan of this sacred place by dignitaries including Sant Surinder Dass Bawa, Sant Satyapal - Chandigarh, Sant Krishna Devi - Boparai Kalan, Sant Harvinder Dass - Adampur and a large congregation of learned sages and revered saints on th Sunday the 24 July, 2016. Mr. Sadhu Ram Heer, retired Chief Engineer, Northern Zone Door Darshan - Delhi, was honoured with a Gold Medal for his dedicated services to the Ravidassia Community. This complex has facilities for community kitchen, meals for all and night stay of devotees. The sacred vision of Guru Sarwan Dass seems to be getting fulfilled here at this holy preaching centre as Guruji used to think of eulogy for grandeur of Jagatguru Ravidass in every house hold. Sant Surinder Dass Bawa has been making earnest efforts in this direction through dedicated hard work day and night with utmost devotion. May revered Guruji's benevolent blessings be always with him so that he continues to render devoted and fruitful services to the community.

**- Kanshi Ram Kaler,**  
Jandu Singha (Jalandhar)

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On 10th July 2019, the great writer Sh. Kanshi Ram Kaler's wife Smt. Kiran Bala was honoured with Gold Medal by Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji in the presence of Saints & devotees. On 14th January 2020, Sant Satyapal Dass Ji from Barbala (Haryana) who is preached the Ravidassia Dharam (Religion) in all over India, was honoured with Gold Medal by Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji in the presence of Saints and devotees.

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# Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji

Sree Raag

Shabad-1

*Tohi mohi mohi tohi antar kaisa!!  
Kanak katik jal tarang jaisa!!!  
Jau pai ham na pap karanta ahe ananta!!  
Patit pavan nam kaise hunta!!!Rahaao!!  
Tum jo naiyak achhahu antarjami!!  
Prabh te jan janijai jan te suami!!2!!  
Sarir aradhai mo kao bichar dehu!!  
Ravidass sam dal samjhavai kou!!3!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj describes his oneness with God through this hymn. O God! I have become one with Thee after Thy meditation. Any one in this world who, denounces worldly pleasures and worships God, becomes one with Him. (As Satguru Namdev Ji says-"Naame Narayan nahi bhed!!" i.e. there is no difference between Nama and God. And Satguru Kabir Ji says "Ram Kabira ek bhaye hae koi na sakae pashani!!" i.e. Ram or God and Kabir have become one and no one can differentiate one from another.)

*Tohi mohi mohi tohi antar kaisa!!  
Kanak katik jal tarang jaisa!!!*

O God! There is no difference between you and me and me and you because I have become one with Thee through Thy meditation. If at all there is any minor difference that is just akin to gold and bangle made of gold which may look different but both are the same in reality. When gold ornaments are melted, we find nothing but gold. Likewise, there is no difference between water and waves generated by water. Water wave originates from water and gets merged with water. Similarly, living beings originate from Thee and end in Thee (Likewise, Satguru Namdev Ji says "Jal te tarang tarang te hae jal kahan sunan kou dooja!!!" i.e. Water and wave and wave and water

are the same but these are only two different words to say and listen. As the wave originates from water and gets merged with water, both are same and only because of external physical difference these are two separate words to speak and listen. In reality, both are same. Likewise there is no difference between the soul and God.)

***Jau pai ham na pap karanta ahe ananta!!  
Patit pavan nam kaise hunta!!!Rahaao!!***

O Almighty God! If human beings never commit any sin, then how would Thee get the name Patit Paavan or the one who forgives sinners for their sins and transforms them into noble persons?

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- “Patit pavit bhaye Ram kahat hi!!Rahaao!! “ i.e. Many sinners have become pious after chanting Naam of God.)

(Satguru Nanak Dev Ji says “Bhariae mat papa kae sang!! Oh dhopaе navae kae rang”!! i.e. When the human mind is full of sins, the same gets purified through deep meditation of God.)

***Tum jo naiyak achhahu antarjami!!  
Prabh te jan janijai jan te suami!!2!!***

O God! Thou the Almighty know the mind of every living being. I am your humble servant. As a slave is known because of the master and the slave belongs to the master, O God! Thou are known because of Thy devotees and Thy followers are known because of Thee.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- “Thakur te jan jan te Thakur khel pario hae to siou!!! i.e. O God! A servant is known because of the master and the latter owns the servant. I am now equal partner in Thy games and I am now one with Thou.)

***Sarir aradhai mo kao bichar dehu!!  
Ravidass sam dal samjhavai kou!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says “O God! Give me pious thoughts so that I keep praying for Thee as long as I am alive. Bless me with the company of true saints who can explain the presence of God in every living being to the ignorant human beings.”

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# Raag Gauri

## Shabad - 2

***Meri sangat poch soch din rati!!  
Mera karam kutilta janam kubhanti!!1!!  
Ram gusaiya jeea ke jivna!!  
Mohi na bisarahu mae jan tera!! 1!!Rahaao!!  
Meri harahu bipat jan karhu subhai!!  
Charan na chhadao sarir kal jai!!2!!  
Kahu Ravidass paroo teri sabha!!  
Beg milhu jan kar na bilambha!!3!!1!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the entire humanity that the company of humans, who have forgotten the God, is undesirable. When any living being is blessed with rare human birth, he can get rid of discrimination and bonds of attachment with worldly pleasures. Human beings can achieve most successful life in this world and the life thereafter through complete devotion to God's worship.

***Meri sangat poch soch din rati!!  
Mera karam kutilta janam kubhanti!!1!!***

O God! Human beings live a lowly life because of their obsession with worldly pleasures. I remain engrossed in this thought day and night. Birth as well as deeds of a human being, who is not devoted to God, are futile. As long as a human being does not worship God wholeheartedly, his rare human life is worthless.

***Ram gusaiya jeea ke jivna!!  
Mohi na bisarahu mae jan tera!! 1!!Rahaao!!***

O God the creator of all living beings! Please do not forget me ever as I am Thy profound devotee.

***Meri harahu bipat jan karhu subhai!!  
Charan na chhadao sarir kal jai !!2!!***

O God! Kindly relieve me of the troublesome cycle of life and death. O God! Bless me so that I am always at Thy sacred feet till death.

***Kahu Ravidass paroo teri sabha!!  
Beg milhu jan kar na bilambha!!3!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj prays to God that “O God! I am Thy devotee. Kindly let me have the glimpse of Thy eternal view without any further delay.”

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### **Shabad - 3**

***Begampura sahar ko naao!!  
Dukh andohu nahi tihi thaaoo!!  
Nan tasvis khiraj na mal!!  
Khauf na khata na taras jawal!!1!!  
Ab mohi khub vatan gah paie!!  
Uhan khair sada mere bhai!!1!! Rahaao!!  
Kayam dayam sada patisahi!!  
Dom na sem ek so ahi!!  
Aabadan sada masahur!!  
Uhan gani baseh mamur!!2!!  
Teo teo sail karahi jeo bhavai!!  
Mahram mahal na ko atkavai!!  
Kahi Ravidass khalas chamara!!  
Jo ham sahri so meet hamara!!3!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all humanity that any human being, who worships God, gets rid of all sorts of attachments and finds an eternal place in the heavenly abode “Begampura”. Likewise he emphasizes establishment of a world order like “Begampura” with unity, equality and brotherhood for all where human beings who would enjoy universal brotherhood free of any discrimination on account of colour, caste, creed, dependence, slavery and worldly attachments. Every citizen of “Begampura” will enjoy complete social, political, cultural and spiritual equality with full human rights. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj laid the foundations of an egalitarian democratic republic for entire humanity. Establishment of such an institutional order in this world would lead to resolution of all problems confronting the world. It was resolved during Toronto Conference of United Nations that the constitution of a World Government would be

based on Shri Guru Granth Sahib and the preamble of that constitution would be based on Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj's hymn "Begampura". Similarly, messiah of humanity Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar based the foundations, preamble and major provisions of the Constitution of India as per principles enunciated by Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj in his hymn "Begampura".

***Begampura sahar ko naao!!  
Dukh andohu nahi tihithaa!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that he is a citizen of the world known as "Begampura" that is devoid of any grief. There is no room for any pain and worry in that world. Second Explanation: - The governance of this world should be based on the principles of "Begampura" in which all citizens are equal and where freedom, equality, justice and universal brotherhood prevail all the time. All human beings would have absolutely equal rights and basic needs of all citizens would be fulfilled. Everyone will have equal human rights there. All living beings in "Begampura" would be free of all sorts of grief. No one would ever suffer from any pain and suffering because of any discrimination on account of high or low caste, untouchability, affluence-poverty and colour like white or black etc.

***Nan tasvis khiraj na mal!!  
Khaufna khata na taras jawal!!!***

There is neither any worry nor tension of any kind in "Begampura" city. No one has to pay any taxes for trading in God's Naam. All citizens of that "Begampura" are free of any fear, discord, felony, desire, pity and scarcity and they are all one with God.

Second Explanation: - Every living being in "Begampura" world is free of worry and tension. No one is forced to pay taxes for trading. One and all enjoy complete human rights and do their duty free of any fear of tyranny, tension, felony and deprivation.

***Ab mohi khub vatan gah paie!!  
Uhan khair sada mere bhai!!! Rahaao!!***



Dear brother! I have now attained an eternal and blessed place in 'Begampura'. This place has permanent eternal peace. Every living being enjoys lifelong absolute happiness and peace in the "Begampura" world order.

***Kayam dayam sada patisahi!!***

***Dom na sem ek so ahi!!***

There is eternal kingdom of God in that world "Begampura". No one is second or third in command there but there is only one kingdom of eternal God the Almighty.

Second Explanation: - In this world order of "Begampura" there should be such permanent governance in place that ensures freedom, equality, justice and equal status of citizenship for all humans. No one should be second class or third class citizen.

***Aabadan sada masahur!!***

***Uhan gani baseh mamur !!2!!***

God's "Begampura" is extremely well known and always populated with blessed noble souls. Fully satisfied blessed noble souls, free of any longings and always engrossed in deep meditation of God, reside there.

Second Explanation: - "Begampura" should be famous abode of learned people where they live ever happily together and every one's basic needs of human life are always fulfilled. 'Aabadan' is a famous city in Iran. During his thired Udasi Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji stayed at Aabadan city of Arab country which was very rich and prosperous city on those days.

***Teo teo sail karahi jeo bhavai!!***

***Mahram mahal na ko atkavai!!***

Residents of "Begampura" stroll freely as per their will. Well versed with the palaces of Begampura; the resident souls stroll freely anywhere without any hindrances.

Second Explanation :- The citizens of "Begampura" enjoy full human rights and they are free to move any where without any hindrance. They can stroll anywhere according to their own wishes.

***Kahi Ravidass khalas chamara !!  
Jo ham sahri so meet hamara!!3!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “I have got rid of all worldly attachments through deep meditation of God. Any living being that gets free of such bonds is indeed pious. He is my friend and my fellow citizen.”

Second Explanation: - Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that all human citizens of “Begampura” should be free of discrimination because of caste, untouchability, slavery and attachment etc and all citizens should ever live happily together in that world order. In this hymn, Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj has laid the foundations of an egalitarian world order blessed with eternal peace and happiness for all.

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#### **Shabad - 4**

***Sadho! Ka sashtran sun keeno!  
Anpawani bhagti nahin sadhi,  
bhookhai ann na deeno!!Tek!!  
Kaam na visreo diyambh na tiyagao,  
lobh na bisario deva!  
Par ninda mukh te neh chhadhi,  
niphai bhaye sabh seva!!!  
Baat parhi ghar mus prayo, udhar bhario apradhi!  
Hovai apradhi Keso na simariyo,  
ahu avidiya sadhi!!2!!  
Har arpan kar bhoj na kino, katha kirat nahin jani!!  
Ram bhagti bin mukat na pawae,  
amar jeev grabae prani!!3!!  
Charan kanval anrag na upjiyo, bhoot daya nahi pali!!  
Ravidass pal sadh sangat mil,  
puran Brahm sada pritpali!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj blesses human beings with the pious preaching to shun rituals and seek solace in the company of saints to realize God.

***Sadho! Ka sashtran sun keeno!  
Anpawani bhagti nahin sadhi,  
bhookhai ann na deeno!!Tek!!***

O saints! What would you accomplish by listening to the shastras if you don't worship God with devotion and do not provide succour to the hungry?

***Kaam na visreo diyambh na tiyagao,  
lobh na bisario deva!***

***Par ninda mukh te neh chhadhi,  
niphah bhaye sabh seva!!1!!***

If one does not abandon desires, shun rituals, discard greed and abhor criticism of others then his servitude will be futile.

***Baat parhi ghar mus prayo, udhar bhario apradhi!  
Hovai apradhi Keso na simariyo,  
ahu avidiya sadhi!!2!!***

Human being abandons the path leading to realization of God, remains preoccupied with pursuit of worldly pleasures and resorts to cheating for his own livelihood in this world that is not his real abode. O dear brother! Why do you abhor meditation of God and remain steeped in ignorance and sins?

***Har arpan kar bhoj na kino, katha kirat nahin jani!!  
Ram bhagti bin mukat na pawae,  
amar jeev grabae prani!!3!!***

You neither dedicate your life to God nor comprehend God's glory. One cannot achieve eternal salvation without devout meditation of God and the human soul, devoid of God's Naam, suffers the pangs of repeated cycles of birth and death.

***Charan kanval anrag na upjiyo, bhoot daya nahi pali!!  
Ravidass pal sadh sangat mil,  
puran Brahm sada pritpali!!4!!***

Human being does not develop intense love and longing for the lotus feet of God and he does not cultivate compassion for others. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that if human being keeps company of saints with a truthful mind even for a short period, then he realises God – the absolute provider.

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## Shabad - 5

***Tera jan kahe ko bolae!***

***Bol bol apni bhagti kyoun kholae!! Tek!!***

***Bolat bolat barhae biadhi bol abolai jayi!***

***Bole bol abol ko pakrai bol bol kon khayi!!1!!***

***Bolai gian aur bol dhian bolai baid brhayi!***

***Ur me dhar dhar jab hi bolai tab hi mool gawayi!!2!!***

***Bol bol aureh samjhavai tab lag samajh nahi re bhai!***

***Bol bol samajh jab bhujhi tab kaal sahit sabh khayi!!3!!***

***Bole Guru aur bole chela bol bol partit jayi!!***

***Kahae Ravidass thakit bhayo jab hi tabhi paramnidh payi!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches through this hymn that anyone, who is true devotee of God, does not get influenced by futile debates, rituals, superstitions or doubts. Therefore, one should not follow those entangled in the web of such worthless rituals but focus on true devotion and meditation of God to understand the ultimate reality.

***Tera jan kahe ko bolae!***

***Bol bol apni bhagti kyoun kholae!! Tek!!***

O God! Why should Thy devotee show off his devotion through futile talk? Thy true devotee does not boast of his devotion to Thee before ungrateful folks who always misguide others.

***Bolat bolat barhae biadhi bol abolai jayi!***

***Bole bol abol ko pakrai bol bol kon khayi!!1!!***

Meaningless talking leads to clashes and yet human beings indulge in such talks. A talkative person gets annoyed with God's devotee who does not speak without reason. True devotee of God remains busy in meditation of God and rarely speaks only when absolutely required. Pointless talking by garrulous people only creates serious bitterness between each other.

***Bolai gian aur bol dhian bolai baid brhayi!***

***Ur me dhar dhar jab hi bolai tab hi mool gawayi!!2!!***

When someone talks of enlightenment under the

influence of futile arrogance and praises the Vedas and scriptures while hiding the real truth within his heart, then he moves far away from the real subject of debate.

***Bol bol aureh samjhavai tab lag samajh nahi re bhai!  
Bol bol samajh jab bhujhi tab kaal sahit sabh khayi!!3!!***

O dear! As long as any one keeps trying to convince others with forceful arguments, no one understands anything. However when one absorbs the true meaning through devout recitals, then he subjugates everyone including death.

***Bole Guru aur bole chela bol bol partit jayi!!  
Kahae Ravidass thakit bhayo jab hi tabhi paramnidh  
payi!!4!!***

When the master and disciple discuss about divinity of God, then the devotee demonstrates complete faith in his Guru's teachings. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that when one abandons futile debates and gets absorbed in devoted meditation of God displaying full trust in his Guru's preaching, then he achieves ultimate reality and eternal salvation.

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### Shabad - 6

***Aisi bhagti na hoye re bhai!  
Ram Naam bin jo kachh kariai so sabh bharam kahayi!!  
Tek!!  
Bhagti na ras daan bhagti na kathai gian!  
Bhagti na ban me gufa khudayi!!1!!  
Bhagti na aesi hansai bhagti na aasa paasi!  
Bhagti na kul kaan gawayi!!2!!  
Bhagti na indri bandhai bhagti na jog sahdai!  
Bhagti na ahaar ghtayi ye sabh karam kahayi!!3!!  
Bhagti na nindra sadhai bhagti na bairag bandhai!  
Bhagti na ye sabh baid barhai!!4!!  
Bhagti na mood mudai bhagti na mala dikhaye!  
Bhagti na charan dhuaye ye sabh guni jan gayi!!5!!  
Bhagti na tau lau jaani jou loun aap ko aap bakhani!  
Joyi joyi karayi so so karam barhai!!6!!  
Apaa gayo tab bhagti payi aisi hai bhagti bhai!***

***Ram miliyo apne gun khoyio ridh sidh sabhai jo gawayi!!7!!  
Keh Ravidass chhuti sabh aas tab Har tahi ke pass!  
Atma thir bhayi tabhi nidh payi!!8!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches people of the world to practice true devotion and meditation of God. Anything else other than dedicated meditation of God is nothing but illusion.

***Aisi bhagti na hoye re bhai!***

***Ram Naam bin jo kachh kariai so sabh bharam kahayi!!  
Tek!!***

O brother! True worship of God is not possible through futile rituals. Whatever one may do, that is termed as a delusion except devout meditation of God.

***Bhagti na ras daan bhagti na kathai gian!  
Bhagti na ban me gufa khudayi!!1!!***

Preaching others through melodious rendering of hymns or explaining the scriptures devoid of true devotion is not devout worship of God. Even staying inside the forests or caves in hills is not true meditation of God.

***Bhagti na aesi hanshi bhagti na aasa paasi!  
Bhagti na kul kaan gawayi!!2!!***

True devotion to God is neither a joke nor a gambler's dice that can be thrown according to one's will. Abandoning age old family traditions is also not true worship.

***Bhagti na indri bandhai bhagti na jog sahdai!  
Bhagti na ahaar ghtayi ye sabh karam kahayi!!3!!***

Exercise of control over one's senses and organs or practice of yoga is not really meditation of God. Eating very little or fasting is not true devotion. All of these are known as futile rituals.

***Bhagti na nindra sadhai bhagti na bairag bandhai!  
Bhagti na ye sabh baid barhai!!4!!***

Command over one's physical desires and sense organs or turning away from the people or eulogizing Vedas is not true meditation.

***Bhagti na mood mudai bhagti na mala dikhaye!  
Bhagti na charan dhuaye ye sabh guni jan gayi!!5!!***

Shaving off ones head is not meditation. Wearing of garlands or getting feet washed are also not true worship. All learned persons hold this view.

***Bhagti na tau lau jaani jou loun aap ko aap bakhani!  
Joyi joyi karayi so so karam barhayi!!6!!***

One cannot comprehend true worship of God as long as he talks with arrogance. Whatever one does without true devotion to God is nothing but self acclamation.

***Apaa gayo tab bhagti payi aisi hai bhagti bhai!  
Ram miliyo apne gun khoyio ridh sidh sabhai jo gawayi!!7!!***

O Brother! True meditation is possible only after one gets rid of arrogance. That is true worship. When one achieves true devotion to God, all of the distractions on account of his false pride vanish and there is no longing to acquire supernatural powers.

***Keh Ravidass chhuti sabh aas tab Har tahi ke pass!  
Atma thir bhayi tabhi nidh payi!!8!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that when one gets rid of all desires then he achieves eternal tranquillity and unity with God. Then he secures the supreme treasure of eternal realization of God.

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### **Shabad - 7**

***Hae sabh atam sukh parkas sancho!  
Nirantar nirahar kalpit eh pancho!!  
Aadh madhaye ausaan ek ras tar tumbh na tayi!  
Thaver jangam keet patanga poor rahio Har rayi!!1!!  
Sarbesver sarbangi sarabgat karta harta soyi!  
Siv na asiv na sadh aru sewak uneh bhav neh hoyi!!2!!  
Dharm adhram moch nahi bandhan jaraa maran bhav nasa!  
Dristh adristh gey aru giana ek mek Ravidassa!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches through this hymn that only realization of God is the ultimate delight. God is omnipresent and His virtues are beyond description.

***Hae sabh atam sukh parkas saancho!  
Nirantar nirahar kalpit eh pancho!!***

All pervading God is manifest in every living being. God alone is the brilliant universal truth and most benevolent, omnipotent, eternal reality with perpetual fasting. Bodies of living beings made of five elements are imaginary.

***Aadh madhaye ausaan ek ras tar tumbh na tayi!  
Thaver jangam keet patanga poor rahio Har rayi!!1!!***

God is the beginning, halfway and end of this universe. God is uniformly all-pervading throughout the entire universe. O Brother! It is true that God is secured with the thread of truthful loving devotion. God is manifest in forests, hills, insects, moths and all living beings all over the universe.

***Sarbesver sarbangi sarabgat karta harta soyi!  
Siv na asiv na sadh aru sewak uneh bhav neh hoyi!!2!!***

God is the supreme & sovereign monarch of everyone. God is the creator and supreme regulator of the entire universe. God only banishes ignorance of living beings and grants them eternal salvation. God is neither benign or malicious nor master or servant because God is never biased with discrimination.

***Dharm adhrum moch nahi bandhan jaraa maran bhav nasa!  
Dristh adristh gey aru giana ek mek Ravidassa!!3!!***

In the heavenly abode of God, there is neither religious faith & sin nor salvation & attachment and there is no old age or death. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj concludes that God is all pervading throughout the visible and invisible matter all over the universe. God himself is the ultimate source of all knowledge. He is the only one really learned. However, one experiences this eternal reality only when he becomes one with God and indistinguishable from Him through devout meditation.

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### **Shabad - 8**

***Kou sumran dekhon ye sabh upli chobha!!  
Ja kai jaisi sumiran ta ko taisi sobha!!Tek!!  
Hamri hi seekh sunai soun hi mande re!!***



***Thore hi itrayi chalaе patshahi chhade re!!1!!***

***Atihi aatur hvae kancha hi tole re!!***

***Oode jal paese nahi pand rakho re!!2!!***

***Thore hi thore musiat prayo dhana!!***

***Kahae Ravidass suno sant jana!!3!!***

While condemning external rituals, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys through this hymn that realization of God the true emperor is possible only through devoted meditation.

***Kou sumran dekhon ye sabh upli chobha!!***

***Ja kai jaisi sumiran ta ko taisi sobha!!Tek!!***

Practice true meditation of God that will give real eternal pleasure. In the absence of devout meditation, pursuit of rituals amounts to mere exhibitionism. However one with truly devoted meditation within gets equal amount of praise and recognition.

***Hamri hi seekh sunai soun hi mande re!!***

***Thore hi itrayi chalaе patshahi chhade re!!1!!***

Cunning people visit me for getting true education. However, they don't imbibe truthful preaching but enter into futile arguments. Because of false pride, they keep busy in external rituals ignoring the eternal pleasures of God's kingdom.

***Atihi aatur hvae kancha hi tole re!!***

***Oode jal paese nahi pand rakho re!!2!!***

Shrewd people trade in pursuit of futile worldly pleasures. Just as water always flows towards low lying areas, same way one, who prays to God with humility and devotion, secures His divine blessings.

***Thore hi thore musiat prayo dhana!!***

***Kahae Ravidass suno sant jana!!3!!***

O dear! Your scarce wealth of precious breaths is getting wasted in futile pursuits. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says "Revered Saints! Please listen to me. We should pursue truthful and devoted meditation of God."

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## Shabad - 9

*Pahile pehare raen de banjariya taen janam liya sansar ve!  
Sewa chuko Ram ki banjariya teri balak budh ganwar ve!!1!!  
Balak budh ganbar na chetiyo bhoola Maya jaal ve!  
Kaha hoye pachhe pachhitai jal pehile na bandhi paal ve!!2!!  
Bees baras ka bhaya ayana tham na saka bhav ve!  
Jan Ravidass kahae banjariya janam liya sansar ve!!3!!  
Dooje pehare raen de banjariya tu nirkhat chaliyo chhanh ve!  
Har na Damodar dhiaya banjariya taen leyi na saka naav  
ve!!4!!*

*Naav na leeya augun keeya is joban kae taan ve!  
Apni praa gi gini na kayi mand karam kmaan ve!!5!!  
Sahib lekha lesi tu bhar desi bheer parae tujh tanh ve!  
Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya tu nirkhat chala chhanh  
ve!!6!!*

*Teeje pehare raen de banjariya tere dhilrhe parhe pran ve!  
Kaya rwani na karae banjariya ghat bhitar base kujan ve!!7!!  
Ek basae kujan kayagarh bhitar pehla janam ganvayi ve!  
Ab ki ber na sukirit keeyo bahur na yeh garh payi ve!!8!!  
Kampi deh kayagarh chheena fir laga pachhitan ve!  
Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya tere dhilrhei parhe pran  
ve!!9!!*

*Chouthe pehare raen de banjariya teri kampan lagi deh ve!!  
Sahib lekha mangiya banjariya tu chhad purani theh  
ve!!10!!*

*Chhad purani jind ayana balad lad saberiya ve!!  
Jam ke aaye bandh chalaye baari poogi teriya ve!!11!!  
Panth chale akela hoye duhela kis ko deh sneh ve!!  
Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya teri kampan lagi deh ve!!12!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj describes the four stages of night like human life i.e. childhood, adolescence, adulthood and old age followed by death. He further advises this merchant like human being to trade in true meditation of God for attaining eternal salvation.

*Pahile pehare raen de banjariya taen janam liya sansar ve!  
Sewa chuko Ram ki banjariya teri balak budh ganwar ve!!1!!*

O dear merchant! During first part of this night like

human life or childhood, you were totally engrossed in devout meditation of God while being nursed in your mother's womb till your birth. However that devout communion with God was broken on your arrival in this perishable world. Therefore you do not practice meditation of God during your childhood because of ignorance.

***Balak budh ganbar na chetiyo bhoola Maya jaal ve!  
Kaha hoye pachhe pachhitai jal pehile na bandhi paal ve!!2!!***

O dear! You did not worship God because of your underdeveloped intellect during childhood. You were busy in pursuit of worldly attractions forgetting the God. Therefore, O dear! What is the use of repenting later at the last moment? O dear! You did not bother to exercise control over your ignorant mind akin to flowing water and never devoted yourself to devout meditation of God.

***Bees baras ka bhaya ayana tham na saka bhav ve!  
Jan Ravidass kahae banjariya janam liya sansar ve!!3!!***

O brother! You remained oblivious to meditation of God even after attaining age of twenty years. You did not control your wrong pursuits and did not devote your mind to true worship of God. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that this scarce human birth is meant for worship of God and therefore you must truly engage in devoted meditation of God.

***Dooje pehare raen de banjariya tu nirkhat chaliyo chhanh ve!  
Har na Damodar dhiaya banjariya taen leyi na saka naav ve!!4!!***

O dear merchant ! Even during second part of your night like life or your adolescent life, you are far removed from God and deeply swayed by the darkness of ignorance although aware of futility of pursuit of worldly pleasures. O dear trader! You have not devoted your self to meditation of Hari and you could not truly worship God.

***Naav na leeya augun keeya is joban kae taan ve!  
Apni praa gini na kayi mand karam kmaan ve!!5!!***

O brother! Being enamoured with arrogance of your youth and false pride, you did not devote yourself to meditation

of God. You remained busy in your misdeeds without distinguishing between your wife and other ladies.

***Sahib lekha lesi tu bhar desi bheer parae tujh tanh ve!  
Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya tu nirkhat chala chhanh  
ve!!6!!***

O man! When God will hold you accountable for your deeds, then you will have no choice but to accept your liability. You will have to endure miseries at that time. O merchant! You are moving towards indulgence in misdemeanour and darkness because of sheer ignorance during the second stage of your life.

***Teeje pehare raen de banjariya tere dhilrhe parhe pran ve!  
Kaya rwani na karae banjariya ghat bhitar base kujan ve!!7!!***

O man the trader! When you have reached the third stage of your night like human life, you are losing grip over your bodily powers. O dear! Your body is continuously becoming weak. O dear merchant! What do you intend doing now? You have not grasped the wisdom even now.

***Ek basae kujan kayagarh bhitar pehla janam ganvayi ve!  
Ab ki ber na sukirit keeyo bahur na yeh garh payi ve!!8!!***

O dear! God is manifest in your body that is akin to a fort. Oblivious of God, you have wasted your life so far. O brother! Having been blessed with rare human birth, you did not do the pious duty of devout meditation of God. You will not get this fort like human body again i.e. you will not be blessed with birth as a human being again.

***Kampi deh kayagarh chheena fir laga pachhitan ve!  
Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya tere dhilrhei parhe pran  
ve!!9!!***

O trader! Your fort like body is shaking i.e. your body is trembling because it has become very weak. You are now repenting because you did not bother to worship God with devotion. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that with the arrival of third stage of your life, you are becoming infirm and hence it is high time that you should always remember God every moment.

***Chouthe pehare raen de banjariya teri kampan lagi deh ve!!  
Sahib lekha mangiya banjariya tu chhad purani theh  
ve!!10!!***

O merchant! With the advent of fourth part of this night like human life, your body keeps trembling. Now God wants to hold you accountable and He has sent you this message that your end is very near now.

***Chhad purani jind ayana balad lad saberiya ve!!  
Jam ke aaye bandh chalaye baari poogi teriya ve!!11!!***

O ignorant human being! You must leave this aged human body and depart with the arrival of the final moment. You must make the best of available good time. Just as a farmer herds his bullocks to the fields early in the morning, same way the messengers of death will herd you away after the end of fourth part of night like human life. Your time in this world is up.

***Panth chale akela hoye duhela kis ko deh sneh ve!!  
Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya teri kampan lagi deh ve!!12!!***

At the end of one's life, soul has to traverse the arduous path across this universe alone. None other than God's Naam shall be of any help to you in this difficult journey. Which of your dear ones will you call for help then? Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says "O dear merchant! Because of arrival of fourth phase of your life

or old age, your body keeps trembling. That means your end is very near and hence you must remember God each moment."

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### **Shabad - 10**

***Ya Rama ek toon daana tera aadi bhekh na!  
Tu sultan sultana banda sakista ajanaa!! Tek!!  
Maen bedayanat badnazar darmand barkhurdar!  
Beadab badbakhat beera beakal badkar!!1!!  
Maen gunhgar gumrah gafil kamdila Kartar!  
Tu darkadar dariyan dil maen hirsiya husiyar!!2!!  
Yeh tan hasat khasat khraab khatir andesa bisiyar!  
Ravidass dasahi bol sahib dehu ab didar!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that God is omnipotent and emperor of emperors. However the human beings suffer miseries being oblivious of God. Human body is short lived and perishable. Therefore, human beings should always practice devout meditation.

***Ya Rama ek toon daana tera aadi bhekh na!  
Tu sultan sultana banda sakista ajanaa!! Tek!!***

O all-pervading God! Thou are the wisest of all in this universe. Thou are the creator of this universe and Thou have no form. Thou are emperor of emperors. The human beings are alienated from Thee because of their ignorance of Thy greatness.

***Maen bedayanat badnazar darmand barkhurdar!  
Beadab badbakhat beera beakal badkar!!1!!***

O God! Because of ignorance of human being about Thy divine powers, he is dishonest, ignorant, ungrateful, crazy, unwise and un virtuous.

***Maen gunhgar gumrah gafil kamdila Kartar!  
Tu darkadar dariyan dil maen hirsiya husiyar!!2!!***

O God! One devoid of Thy worship is a sinner, misguided, unwise and weak. O God! Thou are the lord of the universe, broad minded and extremely kind. Human being is greedy, cunning and always entangled in pursuit of futile worldly pleasures.

***Yeh tan hasat khasat khraab khatir andesa bisiyar!  
Ravidass dasahi bol sahib dehu ab didar!!3!!***

Human body is short lived and perishable. Therefore O man! Never be in doubt about this universal truth. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj prays to God "O Lord! Kindly talk to me and grant me a glimpse of Thy divine view so that I am blessed with Thy benevolence."

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# Gauri Bairagni

## Shabad - 11

***Ghat avghat doogar ghana ik nirgun bael hamar!!  
Ramaiye siou ik benati meri poonji rakh Murar!!1!!  
Ko banjaro Ram ko mera tanda ladia jayi re!!1!! Rahaao!!  
Hou banjaro Ram ko sahaj karou bayapar!!  
Maen Ram Naam dhan ladiya bikh ladi sansar!!2!!  
Urvar paar ke dania likh leho aal patal!!  
Mohi jam dand na lagayee tajile sarb janjal!!3!!  
Jaisa rang kasumbh ka taisa ih sansar!!  
Mere Ramaiye rang majith ka kaho Ravidass chamar!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the entire humanity that path to salvation and being one with God is very tedious and difficult. Mind like ox of every living being can attain this difficult goal with the blessings of Almighty and secure salvation through getting soaked in the maroon colour of God.

***Ghat avghat doogar ghana ik nirgun bael hamar!!  
Ramaiye siou ik benati meri poonji rakh Murar!!1!!***

As it is difficult for an ox devoid of virtues to reach his destination passing through an arduous hilly track, likewise for any one even in rare human life, the path of eternal salvation and oneness with God is extremely difficult like forested hilly track because of ignorance and attachment with worldly pleasures. Mind like ox of any one treading such difficult path is extremely weak. O God! Be kind to preserve my precious and scarce human life.

***Ko banjaro Ram ko mera tanda ladia jayi re!!1!! Rahaao!!***

If there is any one desirous of trading in devotion to God he is welcome to come to me for that trade as I have Prabhu Bhakti or devotion to God in abundance with me. My cart is laden with true Naam of God

***Hou banjaro Ram ko sahaj karou bayapar!!  
Maen Ram Naam dhan ladiya bikh ladi sansar!!2!!***

I trade in self enlightened stage of oneness with God which is attained through utmost devotion to God rising above all body senses and worldly pleasures leading to opening of the legendary tenth door leaving the nine apertures of human body firmly shut.

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says “My ox like mind is laden with invaluable treasure of Prabhu Bhakti or devout worship of God that is truly precious but the minds of most human beings are preoccupied with the worthless pursuit of worldly pleasures”.

***Urvar paar ke dania likh leho aal patal!!***

***Mohi jam dand na lagayee tajile sarb janjal!!3!!***

I have relentlessly pursued Prabhu Bhakti or devout meditation of God with utmost devotion. Hence Chitragupta, entrusted with maintaining meticulous accounts of good and bad deeds of all humans, can make any entries in my account at his sweet will because having got over longing for all worldly pleasures; I am no longer accountable to him. Any living being who truly worships God attains enlightenment and salvation during this life itself. Only those who are afraid of death remain engrossed in pursuit of worldly pleasures forgetting the Almighty God.

***Jaisa rang kasumbh ka taisa ih sansar!!***

***Mere Ramaiye rang majith ka kaho Ravidass chamar!!4!!***

Just as the colour of flower of Kasumbh or safflower (Carthamus tinctorius) is not permanent and fades away quickly, similarly this world and life are not eternal. (Kabir sahib confirming same universal truth proclaims that- Jaisa rang kasumbh ka man baoura re tiou pasrio pasar !!3!! O confused man! Just as the colour of safflower is not permanent and fades away, same way this universe is also an illusion created by Maya and it is not permanent. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj further explains that the dye given by my God is maroon, permanent and eternal for ever.

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## Shabad - 12

***Satjug sat teta jagi duapar pooja char!!  
Tinou jug tinou dirhe Kali keval Naam adhar!!1!!  
Paar kaise paibo re!! Mo sou kou na kahai samjhai!!  
Jaa te aavagavan bilai!!1!! Rahaao!!  
Bahu bidh dharm nirupiyae karta disai sabh loi!!  
Kavan karam te chhutiae jih sadhe sabh sidh hoi!!2!!  
Karam akaram bichariae sankha sun baid puran!!  
Sansa sad hirdae basae kaun hirae abhiman!!3!!  
Bahar udak pakhariae ghat bhitar bibidh bikar!!  
Sudh kavan par hoyibo such kunchar bidh biohar!!4!!  
Ravi pargas rajani jatha gat jaanat sabh sansaar!!  
Paras mano tabo chhuae kanak hot nahi baar!!5!!  
Param paras Guru bhetae poorab likhat lilat!!  
Unman man man hi mile chhutkat bajar kapaat!!6!!  
Bhagti jugat mat satt kari bhram bandhan kaat bikar!!  
Soie bas ras man mile gun nirgun ek bichar!!7!!  
Anik jatan nigreh kiye taari na tarae bhram faas!!  
Prem bhagti nahi upjae ta te Ravidass udaas!!8!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the entire humanity that living beings cannot get rid of the cycle of birth and death without deep meditation of God. When one finds a true and perfect Guru, he gets rid of ignorance, unfounded beliefs and futile worldly rituals. He is then left with only thought of one Sargun or visible God manifest with highest attributes and nirgun or invisible God in his mind.

***Satjug sat teta jagi duapar pooja char!!  
Tinou jug tinou dirhe Kali keval Naam adhar!!1!!***

First explanation: Truthfulness was predominant creed during Satyug. Yajnas dominated during Tretayug and worship and sacred rituals were main features of Dwapar era. These three main tenants were firmly entrenched during the three eras but only devotion to God is the basis of eternal enlightenment in Kaliyug. Second meaning: People adhered to truthfulness during Satyug, gave priority to yajnas during Tretayug and worship during Dwaper. These three predominant creeds were

enshrined in the Vedic scriptures. During Kaliyug, people pray to goddesses and various deities. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj deprecates the futility of these rituals prevalent during the four yugas and preaches entire humanity that aforesaid practices cannot lead to salvation. No one can explain how these worldly rituals will lead to eternal peace. The only true path to salvation and oneness with God the Almighty is through deep devotion and meditation of God.

***Paar kaise paibo re!! Mo sou kou na kahai samjhai!!  
Jaa te aavagavan bilai!!1!! Rahaao!!***

There is no other way to get rid of cycle of birth and death and attain salvation except meditation and deep devotion to God. Why no one is explaining this and guiding me on the right path to salvation?

***Bahu bidh dharm nirupiyae karta disai sabh loi!!  
Kavan karam te chhutiae jih sadhe sabh sidh hoi!!2!!***

Vedas and Puranas extol virtues of various rituals which people mostly follow. However, Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that scriptures do not explain which specific ritual out of these would certainly lead one to divine enlightenment and eternal salvation.

***Karam akaram bichariae sankha sun baid puran!!  
Sansa sad hirdae basae kaun hirae abhiman!!3!!***

Study of Vedas and Puranas creates confusion in one's mind about which particular deeds are worth pursuing and which ones can be ignored. Even while pursuing the prescribed rituals human beings get confused and doubt their worth. As long as there are lingering doubts, one cannot get rid of pride. Such confusion only leads to false pride.

***Bahar udak pakhariae ghat bhitar bibidh bikar!!  
Sudh kavan par hoyibo such kunchar bidh biohar!!4!!***

Even if we accept sacred pilgrimage centres as means of getting rid of sins then we are in fact mistaken as bathing at such centres can possibly cleanse our body but the soul will remain soiled with many undesirable wishes and sins that can never be

got over without deep devotion and meditation of God. Which rituals can really purify the mind that behaves like an elephant that soils his body with mud and dust even after having a nice bath?

***Ravi pargas rajani jatha gat jaanat sabh sansaar!!***

***Paras mano tabo chhuae kanak hot nahi baar!!5!!***

It is the universal truth that darkness of night will surely disappear with the rising of sun. Every one in the world knows about this truth extremely well. Similarly no one can get rid of the ignorance until his mind is enlightened by preaching of a perfect Guru. It takes no time for copper to turn into gold when in touch with Paras or philosopher's stone.)

(Satguru Namdev Ji preaches that – Tumh che paras hamche loha sangae kanchan bhaela!! i.e. O God ! Thou are like Paras the philosopher's stone in this universe and we human beings are useless like iron. But we get transformed into gold after realizing Thee.)

***Param paras Guru bhetiae poorab likhat lilat!!***

***Unman man man hi mile chhutkat bajar kapaat!!6!!***

Human beings blessed with good past deeds only secure the blessings of a perfect Guru.

All stiff doors of ignorance in a living being get opened with the enlightenment through the blessings of a perfect Guru and such an individual attains a stage of eternal tranquillity.

***Bhagti jugat mat satt kari bhram bandhan kaat bikar!!***

***Soie bas ras man mile gun nirgun ek bichar!!7!!***

Those, who adorn their hearts with the truthfulness of dedicated devotion to God get rid of all doubts and attachment with worldly affairs, attain such a hilarious state of eternal enlightenment that they are always immersed in the sacred memory of infinite and Almighty God.

***Anik jatan nigreh kiye taari na tarae bhram faas!!***

***Prem bhagti nahi upjae ta te Ravidass udaas!!8!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that in the absence of dedication and devotion to God, one will remain completely

ignorant despite his many earnest efforts to control his senses and pursuit of worldly pleasures. Despite such earnest efforts his mind will remain devoid of love and devotion to God. That is why one remains utterly sad despite such efforts and pursuit of worldly rituals.

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## Gauri Purbi

### Shabad - 13

***Koop bhario jaise dadira kashu des bides na boojh!!***

***Aise mera man bikhia bimohia kashu aarapar na soojh!!!***

***Sagal bhavan ke naiyka ik chhin daras dikhaye ji!!!Rahaao!!***

***Malin bhayie mati Madhva teri gat lakhi na jai!!***

***Karahu kirpa bhram chukaie mae sumat deh samjhai!!2!!***

***Jogisar pavahi nahi tua gun kathan apar!!***

***Prem bhagti kae karna kahu Ravidass chamar!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches to entire humanity that even after getting the rare human life, one tends to be totally ignorant like the frog in a deep well. As the frog spends his entire life in a well and knows nothing about the rest of the universe, human beings remain engrossed in pursuit of worldly pleasures without making efforts to know the real purpose of this scarce human life because of sheer ignorance. One is not aware of critical need to make earnest efforts to attain eternal salvation.

***Koop bhario jaise dadira kashu des bides na boojh!!***

***Aise mera man bikhia bimohia kashu aarapar na soojh!!!***

O God! As a frog spends his entire life in the well, he does not know anything about the world outside the well. He remains happily engrossed in pursuit of his pleasures ignorant of the outside world. Similar is the state of human being whose mind is steeped in the well of ignorance and he knows little about utmost need for earnest efforts to secure real happiness in this life and eternal peace with salvation thereafter.

Once upon a time there lived a frog in a well. A swan from

Mansarovar lake took pity on his miserable life in a small well. Swan offered to take the frog to Mansarovar for leading a dignified, free and joyful life. The frog jumped from one side of the well to the other and asked the swan whether Mansarovar is as spacious as the well. The swan told the frog about vast expanse of Mansarovar and that he cannot jump from one shore of that lake to the other. Similarly, human beings remain disillusioned in pursuit of worldly pleasures on account of ignorance and oblivious to real goal of attaining salvation through meditation and deep devotion to God. True saints lead humans out of the well of ignorance on to the path of deep devotion and meditation of God for joyful life and attaining salvation with eternal bliss.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says that:-Kabir seva kou dui bhale ek sant ik Ram!! Ram jo daata mukti ka sant japavae Naam!! Both God and saints are worthy of devotion and worship. God blesses humans with salvation and eternal peace while saints guide human beings to be one with God through devout meditation.)

However humans, because of sheer ignorance, question the saints whether worship of God indeed bestows one with pleasures normally enjoyed from wealth, wife and sons etc. Saints extol that devotion to God and meditation is like ocean of eternal bliss and ultimate joy. All human wishes get fulfilled through meditation and prayers. Wealth, wife and son are relevant only for human body and not the soul.

***Sagal bhavan ke naiyka ik chhin daras dikhaye ji!!1!!Rahaao!!***

O God Almighty the lord of entire universe! Be kind to grant me a glimpse of Thy eternal self. Human being secures eternal bliss of God after getting rid of all worldly attachments. Such a living being longs every moment fondly to realize God and he prays to God to let him have a view of Almighty just for a second so that his soul attains eternal peace.

***Malin bhayie mati Madhva teri gat lakhi na jai!!  
Karahu kirpa bhram chukaie mae sumat deh samjhai!!2!!***

O God! Because of ignorance, mind of human being is so badly soiled that he cannot realize eternal truth or Brahmgyan. Be kind O God and bless me with your divine benevolence so that I get pious eternal enlightenment and all of my illusions vanish for ever.

***Jogisar pavahi nahi tua gun kathan apar!!***

***Prem bhagti kae karnae kahu Ravidass chamar!!3!!1!!***

O God even great and well known yogis can never fathom your divine super powers because your supreme powers are infinite and limitless. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says “I, hailing from Chamar Community, sing Thy paeans just because of my deep devotion to Thee.”

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## **Raag Aasa**

### **Shabad - 14**

***Marig meen bhring patang kunchar ek dokh binaas!!***

***Panch dokh asaadh jaa meh ta ki ketak aas!!1!!***

***Madho abidia hit keen!! Bibek deep maleen!!1!! Rahaao!!***

***Trigad jon achet sambhav punn paap asoch!!***

***Manukha avtar dulabh tihi sangat poch!!2!!***

***Jeea jant jaha jaha lag karam ke bas jai!!***

***Kaal faas abadh laage kashu na chalai upai!!3!!***

***Ravidass dass udas taj bhram tapan tap Gur gian!!***

***Bhagat jan bhae haran parmaanand karhu nidan!!4!!1!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains the strong adverse influence of ignorance and five major human vices on human life. He further preaches the humanity to realize the true purpose of this life i.e. salvation with utmost devotion to God after getting rid of ignorance and the five human vices through enlightenment by a true and perfect master because ignorance is the root cause of all human suffering.

***Marig meen bhring patang kunchar ek dokh binaas!!***

***Panch dokh asaadh jaa meh ta ki ketak aas!!1!!***

The deer, fish, bumble bee, moth and elephant perish on account of only one vice in each. The deer perishes because of

his fondness for hearing sweet melodies. When a hunter wants to capture a deer; he plays a sweet melody and the deer, oblivious of the danger, gets entangled in the net while listening to the sweet melodies played by the hunter. The fish perishes because of its fondness of tastes liked by its tongue. When the fisherman entices the fish with a piece of meat attached to the sharp hook, the fish gets lured and caught. Later the fish dies when taken out of water Beetle loses its life while pursuing the pleasure of sweet scent. Lotus flower opens with the sunrise and the bumble bee seeks nectar from same. The lotus flower closes with the sun set entrapping the ignorant bumble bee inside the petals and the bumble bee dies of suffocation. The moth is fond of seeing bright light. When a moth sees a bright lamp, it comes too close to the light and gets burnt to death. An elephant is fond of lust. When a hunter wants to capture a male elephant, he creates a female elephant out of paper and perches it on reeds covering a deep pit. The male elephant approaches the decoy female elephant and falls into the deep pit. Thereafter the elephant spends entire life in captivity bearing tortures inflicted by the mahout.

***Madho abidia hit keen!! Bibek deep maleen!!! Rahaao!!***

O God! Human beings identify their interests with ignorance. Hence, they find it difficult to distinguish between truth and falsehood. Because of lack of knowledge, humans waste their lives steeped in discrimination.

***Trigad jon achet sambhav punn paap asoch!!***

***Manukha avtar dulabh tihi sangat poch!!2!!***

Living beings of various species do not have the wisdom like humans and hence they cannot differentiate between good and evil. Even though one may get the rare life of a human, he may remain in the company of wrong people because of pursuit of worldly pleasures.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says- Gur seva te bhagti kamaie!! Tab ih manas dehi paie !! Is dehi kou simrahi dev!! So dehi bhaju Har ki sev!! One gets this rare human birth for dedication and devotion to Guru and worship and meditation of God. Even

deities and goddesses are envious of this human life. Therefore this life must be fully devoted to worship of God.)

***Jeea jant jaha jaha lag karam ke bas jai!!***

***Kaal faas abadh laage kashu na chalai upai!!3!!***

Human beings reap the fruit of their deeds. However, one is totally helpless when the inevitable death strikes. No one has any choice but to leave this world behind ultimately.

***Ravidass dass udas taj bhram tapan tap Gur gian!!***

***Bhagat jan bhae haran parmaanand karhu nidan!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that whosoever in this world achieves true enlightenment, - the most sacred of worships with the blessings of true Guru; he gets rid of the worldly pleasures and human vices. He remains withdrawn from the world and he gets rid of his doubts. God banishes the fears of his devotees. O God! Emancipate human beings out of the five human vices and cycle of birth and death.

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### Shabad - 15

***Sant tujhi tan sangat praan!!***

***Satgur gian jaanae sant deva dev!!1!!***

***Sant chi sangat sant katha ras!!***

***Sant prem majhae dijae deva dev!!1!!Rahaao!!***

***Sant aachran sant cho marag sant cha olhag olahgni!!2!!***

***Aur ik magou bhagti chintaman!!***

***Jani lakhavahu asant paapi san!!3!!***

***Ravidass bhanae jo janae so jaan!***

***Sant anantahi antar nahi!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches entire humanity to keep company of perfect saints. One can find the right path of equality, universal brotherhood and mutual cooperation and become one with the eternal God through company of saints because there is no difference between saints and God.

***Sant tujhi tan sangat praan!!***

***Satgur gian jaanae sant deva dev!!1!!***



O God! Saints personify Thy body and their pious company represents Thy soul. When enlightened by a true master or Satguru, one appreciates that saints are worthy of worship by deities and sages are synonymous with God the Almighty.

***Sant chi sangat sant katha ras!!***

***Sant prem majhae dijae deva dev!!!Rahaao!!***

O God of the deities! Bless me with company of saints, joy of listening to their learned discourses and eternal love for them. (Satguru Kabir Ji Maharaj says- Satsangat Ram ridae basaie!!! Sadh sangat upjae biswas!! Bahar bhitar sada pragas!!4!! Mind gets blessed with eternal longing for God in the company of saints. With the supreme confidence gained in the company of saints, eternal light of God glows brightly within the mind and throughout the external world.)

***Sant aachran sant cho marag***

***sant cha olhag olahgni!!2!!***

O God! Bless me with the noble character of saints and guide me along the path of their sacred footprints as they are supreme and worth emulation in this world.

O God! Bless me to be the servant of the followers of saints as that would give me the precious company of saints.

***Aur ik magou bhagti chintaman!!***

***Jani lakhavahu asant paapi san!!3!!***

O God! I seek one more blessing in the form of self fulfilling eternal devotion to Thee and that I should never see the face of any one treading a path opposite to that shown by saints.

***Ravidass bhanae jo janae so jaan!***

***Sant anantahi antar nahi!!4!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that whatever people may think of saints, the eternal truth is that there is no difference between saints and God. Saints personify God in this universe.

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## Shabad - 16

***Tum chandan ham irand bapure sang tumare baasa!!  
Neech rukh te ooch bhai hae gandh sugandh nivaasa!!!  
Madhou satsangat sarn tumhari!! Ham augan tumh  
upkari!!! Rahaao!!***

***Tum makhtool suped sapeeal ham bapure jas kira!!  
Satsangat mil rahiae Madhou jaise madhup makhira!!2!!  
Jaati ochha paati ochha ochha janam hamara!!  
Raja Ram ki sev na kini kahi Ravidass chamara!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to live together happily like the honey bees.

***Tum chandan ham irand bapure sang tumare baasa!!  
Neech rukh te ooch bhai hae gandh sugandh nivaasa!!!***

O God! You are unique in this universe like sandalwood tree. We human beings are worthless like castor because of our grave weaknesses. O God! Just as a worthless castor plant also gets the fragrance of sandal and becomes precious because of its close proximity to sandalwood tree, same way I am extremely close to Thee. Likewise, O God! I have become one with Thee in Thy pious company.

***Madhou satsangat sarn tumhari!!  
Ham augan tumh upkari!!!Rahaao!!***

O God! Your devotion is pious company. We humans are replete with sins but Thou are the saviour who, being merciful, condones our sins.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says – Jin kou kripa karat hae Gobind te satsang milaat !!3!! i.e. Those who are blessed by God keep company of holy men.)

***Tum makhtool suped sapeeal ham bapure jas kira!!  
Satsangat mil rahiae Madhou jaise madhup makhira!!2!!***

O God! Thou are spotless like white silk whereas we are full of shortcomings. We human beings are worthless like worms because of our vices. Have pity on us. Bless us to live happily together like honey bees in the company of your blessed devotees. Honey bee is loyal, sincere, hardworking and

courageous and punishes the errant exploiter severely. She overcomes selfish greed and creates sweet honey. O God! Kindly bless us also to live ever happily together in pious company of Thy holy men.

***Jaati ochha paati ochha ochha janam hamara!!***

***Raja Ram ki sev na kini kahi Ravidass chamara!!3!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that the company, social relationships and lives of human beings are lowly because they do not worship God the Almighty with devotion even though blessed with the rare human birth.

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### **Shabad - 17**

***Kaha bhayo jou tan bhayo chhin chhin!!***

***Prem jaie tou darpae tero jan!!1!!***

***Tujhahi charan arbind bhavan man!!***

***Paan karat paiyo paiyo Ramaiya dhan!!1!! Rahaao!!***

***Sampat bipat patal Maya dhan!!***

***Ta meh magan hot na tero jan!!2!!***

***Prem ki jevari badhio tero jan!!***

***Kahi Ravidass chhutibo kavan gun!!3!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to entire humanity that one who has deep devotion to God is not worried even if his body gets disintegrated because he has realized God with the string of his affectionate devotion.

***Kaha bhayo jou tan bhayo chhin chhin!!***

***Prem jaie tou darpae tero jan!!1!!***

Human life is meant for attaining salvation and being one with God. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji expresses his true and utmost deep devotion to God with the saying that he will have no pain or worry even if his body gets severed into pieces. However, he will be grievously hurt if there is any dilution to his unprecedented devotion to God.

***Tujhahi charan arbind bhavan man!!***

***Paan karat paiyo paiyo Ramaiya dhan!!1!! Rahaao!!***

O God! Thy sacred feet are like a lotus flower and my

mind is like the nectar seeking bumble bee that has found a safe heaven to stay in Thy lotus like feet. O God! Having tasted the nectar of your deep devotion, I have secured the unique riches of your eternal devotion.

***Sampat bipat patal Maya dhan!!  
Ta meh magan hot na tero jan!!2!!***

O God! Thy true devotee, who relishes the eternal pleasures in Thy meditation, is never distracted by Maya, futile worldly pleasures or favourable and unfavourable events.

***Prem ki jevari badhio tero jan!!  
Kahi Ravidass chhutibo kavan gun!!3!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that O God! I have made you a captive with the fine rope of my deep devotion. Now how would Thou get out of it or Thou cannot get out of the attachment of my true and deep devotion to Thee.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- Meri bandhi bhagat shadavae bandhae bhagat na shootae mohi!! God proclaims that His will can be modified by His devoted saints and devotees because He is captive of their deep devotion and that He cannot over-rule the will of His true saints. Therefore, God cannot get free of the firm bonds of dedicated devotion to Him in any way.)

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### **Shabad - 18**

***Har Har Har Har Har Hare!!  
Har simrat jan gaye nistar tare!!1!!Rahaa!!  
Har ke Naam Kabir ujjar!!  
Janam janam ke kate kagar!!1!!  
Nimat Namdeo doodh piyaia!!  
Tou jag janam sankat nahi aaiya!!2!!  
Jan Ravidass Ram rang rata!!  
Iou Gur parsad narak nahi jata!!3!!***

While preaching the entire humanity to always practice deep devotion to God, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that a human being soaked in the deep dye of devout meditation of God's Naam achieves eternal tranquillity during his life time.

***Har Har Har Har Har Hare!!***

***Har simrat jan gaye nistar tare!!1!!Rahaao!!***

Living beings have attained salvation through devout meditation of Hari or God. They are attaining salvation even now through prayers to Hari and people will achieve salvation by praying to Hari or God in future as well. God's Hari Naam kindles the human minds. By praying to God with each breath, human beings are able to cross over the Bhavsagar or the most hazardous ocean like universe. (Satguru Namdev Ji says- Har Har karat mite sabh bharna!! Har ko Naam lae uttam dharma!! All sorts of misgivings vanish through meditation of Hari or God. Worship of Hari Naam of God is the most sacred religion in this world.)

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says – Aisa gian bichar mana!! Har ki na simrahu dukh bhanjana!!!! One should keep engrossed in deep meditation of Hari the Almighty God that banishes all miseries.)

***Har ke Naam Kabir ujagar!!***

***Janam janam ke kate kagar!!1!!***

Kabir Ji became famous and well known in this world because of worship of Hari or God and he not only erased the accounts of deeds of several births but also helped human beings to unite in cooperation, equality and brotherhood as well as cross over the limitless ocean of rebirths through deep meditation of God.

***Nimat Namdeo doodh piaya!!***

***Tou jag janam sankat nahi aaiya!!2!!***

When Namdev Ji persuaded God with extreme humility, to drink milk, he got over the troublesome cycle of birth and death and attained eternal salvation.

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## **Legend**

### **Helping Thakur to Savour Milk**

Worldly deeds are never ending. The human beings toil endlessly and get exhausted but their tasks remain unfinished.

Once, Namdev Ji's father had to leave his home for 3 days on some urgent work. He used to offer milk to Thakur every day. Before leaving the house, he told Namdev that he would be away for 3 days. Hence you must get up early in the morning, have your bath, milk the cows and then visit the temple, bathe the Thakur and offer them milk to drink every day without fail. Do not forget any of these because we shall be ruined if Thakur get annoyed. Namdev's father left his house after emphasizing these rituals in detail.

The next day, Namdev got up very early in the morning, had his bath and milked the cow. Then he went to the temple and bathed the Thakur after keeping the milk at an elevated place. He cleaned the interior of the temple and when the premises got dried, he lighted the incense and offered a pot full of milk to the Thakur to drink with following prayer: Doodh katorae gadvae paani!! Kapil gai Namae duhi aani!!1!! Doodh piou Gobinde Rai!! Doodh piou mero man patiyai!! Nahi ta ghar ko baap risai!!1!! Rahaao!! Soin katori amrit bharie!! Lae Namae Har aagae dharie!!2!! Innocent Namdev was not aware that people of this world cheat even the Thakur. They offer one spoonful of milk close to the mouth of Thakur and drink the balance milk themselves. Namdev Ji thought that the entire milk offered to the Thakur is taken by the Thakur. He did not realize as to how could a statue made of stone drink milk.

Namdev kept waiting for the Thakur to drink milk offered in a golden pot. After a long wait Namdev Ji pleaded before the Thakur "O God! A golden pot full of milk and a pitcher of water have been humbly offered to Thee. I have brought this milk for Thee after milking the holy cow personally. O Lord! Please have this milk. If Thou will drink this milk, I shall be at peace but otherwise my respected father will be very annoyed with me. The golden pot full of milk is before Thee. Please accept it. I have committed no sin. When Thou accept milk offered by my father every day why don't Thou drink the milk offered by me? Be kind and have pity on me. I shall be in deep trouble if Thou do not take this milk today. An honest truthful prayer never goes waste. Even God appears out of stones. Namdev's father could

not achieve this throughout his life as he kept cheating the Thakur and his own self. Neither had he offered prayers with a pure heart nor did the Thakur ever drink the offered milk. As the Brahmins just touch the spoonful of milk with the mouth of the Thakur and then withdraw the spoon, same rituals were followed by Namdev's father throughout his life. But innocent soul Namdev did not behave like that.

He kept sitting and pleading with the thakur praying for His mercy. Ultimately the God was very pleased with his sincere devotion and appeared from the stone statue and had a hearty laugh on seeing Namdev. Ek bhagti merae hirde basae!! Naame dekhi Narayan hasae !!3!!

God's heart was adorned only by Namdev and He burst into laughter on seeing Namdev. He moved His hands forwards and accepted the milk. Having taken the milk, God reverted back to the form of original stone statue. Doodh piaayi bhagti ghar gaiya!! Naame Har ka darshan bhaiya!! Namdev went home after feeding the God with milk and that is how Namdev had the eternal view of God for the first time and this was his first victory during his devoted life. God started responding to his prayers and he could realize God at such a young age. He was then revered by the world. Namdev Ji's father was extremely delighted to learn about this miracle.

***Jan Ravidass Ram rang rata!!***

***Iou Gur parsad narak nahi jata!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that anyone soaked in the dye of dedicated devotion to Hari God's Naam will never have to go to hell because of blessings of his Guru.

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### **Shabad - 19**

***Mati ko putra kaise nachat hae!!***

***Dekhae dekhae sunae bolae douriyao firat hae!!1!! (Rahaao)***

***Jab kashu pavae tab garab karat hae!!***

***Maya gayie tab rovan lagat hae!!1!!***

***Man bach kram ras kasahi lubhana!!***

***Binas gaiya jaye kahoon samana!!2!!***

***Kahi Ravidass baji jag bhai!!  
Bajigar saou mohi preet ban aayi!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the entire humanity that fragile human being should abandon pursuit of worldly riches and develop abiding true devotion to God – the Creator.

***Mati ko putra kaise nachat hae!!  
Dekhae dekhae sunae bolae douriyi firat hae!!1!! (Rahaao)***

Forgetting the real purpose of dedicated worship of God, the human beings made of five elements remain entangled in pursuit of riches and keep dancing to the tune of Maya. Human beings are delighted to see wealth and they like to discuss and pursue riches. Living beings keep toiling under the influence of Maya.

***Jab kashu pavae tab garab karat hae!!  
Maya gayie tab rovan lagat hae!!1!!***

When any one becomes rich, he feels very proud of his wealth. However when he loses his wealth, he starts crying and feels cheated.

***Man bach kram ras kasahi lubhana!!  
Binas gaiya jaye kahoon samana!!2!!***

Human being remains engrossed in pursuit of riches and his mind, thoughts and deeds are directed towards accumulation of wealth. Thus he is immersed in the illusion of riches because of his thoughts, sayings and deeds. However he does not know his ultimate destiny after death.

***Kahi Ravidass baji jag bhai!!  
Bajigar saou mohi preet ban aayi!!3!!6!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that God the Creator and Juggler has created this universe as one of His acts of jugglery. He makes every one to dance to His tune and abide by what He ordains. However I have abiding faith in and deep affection for God - the Juggler.

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# Raag Gujri

## Shabad - 20

*Doodh ta bachharae thanhu bitario!!*  
*Phool bhavar jal meen bigariyo!!1!!*  
*Maie Gobind pooja kaha lae charavou!!*  
*Avar na phool anoop na pavou!!1!! Rahaa!!*  
*Maelagar berhe hae bhuianga!!*  
*Bikh amrit basahi ik sanga!!2!!*  
*Dhoop deep naibedahi basa!!*  
*Kaise pooj karahi teri dasa!!3!!*  
*Tan man arpou pooj charhavou!!*  
*Gur prasad Niranjan pavou!!4!!*  
*Pooja archa aahi na tori !!*  
*Kahi Ravidass kavan gat mori!!5!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj commends human beings for complete surrender to God through this hymn. God has to be worshipped with a pious heart because all other articles used in offerings to God are impure.

*Doodh ta bachharae thanhu bitario!!*  
*Phool bhavar jal meen bigariyo!!1!!*

O God! We cannot perform Thy true worship by offering any material articles. People worship Thee with offering of milk but milk has already been tasted by the calf and spoilt before milking the cow. Likewise, the flowers are used first by the bumble bee for nectar and water is spoilt by fish living in water. Hence, milk, flowers and water are not suitable for offering to Thee during worship.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- Aanile kumbh bhraile oodak thakur kou isnanu karou!! Baealis lakh ji jal mahi hote Bithal bhaela kai karou!!1!! Aanile phool proile mala thakur ki haou pooj karou!! Pahile baas laei hae bhavrah Bithal bhaela kai karou!!2!! Aanile doodh gandharile khiram thakur kou naeved karou!! Pahile doodh bitario bachharae Bithal bhaela kai karou!! i.e. If one fetches a pitcher of water for bathing the thakur, that water is in fact impure as water is abode of 4.2 million living species. Same way, flowers brought for making

garlands for the God are impure because beetles have already visited those flowers for nectar. Likewise, pudding made of milk is also impure because the calf sucks milk from teats of the cow prior to milking of cow.)

***Maie Gobind pooja kaha lae charavou!!  
Avar na phool anoop na pavou!!1!! Rahaao!!***

O brother! Where from shall I get a pure article for offering to God in this universe? There is no such unique, pure and un-spoilt flower in this world.

***Maelagar berhe hae bhuianga!!  
Bikh amrit basahi ik sanga!!2!!***

O God! Even sandalwood is not fit for offering to Thee in worship because there are poisonous snakes around the sandalwood trees. As poisonous snakes and sandal full of aroma cohabit at same place, sandal has been rendered impure by venomous snakes.

***Dhoop deep naibedahi basa!!  
Kaise pooj karahi teri dasa!!3!!***

Incense, lamp and stale sweets are also unfit for offering to Thee in worship. Hence, O God! How can I, as your profound and true devotee, worship you by offering such impure articles?

***Tan man arpou pooj charhavou!!  
Gur prasad Niranjan pavou!!4!!***

O God untouched by Maya! I can only be one with you by offering whole heartedly my body and mind with the blessings of my Guru.

***Pooja archa aahi na tori!!  
Kahi Ravidass kavan gat mori!!5!!1!!***

O God! Without genuine offering of one's body and mind at Thy sacred feet, there can not be any worship of Thee with offerings of impure articles available in this world. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says "How can I attain eternal salvation without true worship of God? I have become one with God through profound meditation with whole-hearted devotion."

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# Raag Sorath

## Shabad - 21

***Jab ham hote tab tu nahi ab tuhi mae nahi!!***

***Anal agam jaise lehar mai odadh jal keval jal manhi!!1!!***

***Madhave kiya kahiae bhram aisa!! Jaisa maniae hoi na taista!!1!!Rahaao!!***

***Narpat ek singhasan soiya supne bhaiya bhikhari!!***

***Achhat raj bishurat dukh paiya so gat bhayie hamari!!2!!***

***Raj bhuiang prasang jaise heh ab kashu maram janaiya!!***

***Anik katak jaise bhool pare ab kahte kahan na aaiya!!3!!***

***Sarbe ek anekae suami sabh ghat bhogavae soie!!***

***Kahi Ravidass haath pae nerae sahje hoi so hoie!!4!!1!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches to entire humanity that when one gets rid of false pride and ignorance then one realizes the omnipresent God within one's own self.

***Jab ham hote tab tu nahi ab tuhi mae nahi!!***

***Anal agam jaise lehar mai odadh jal keval jal manhi!!1!!***

O God! As long as one entertains false pride of self, he can not secure Thy blessings. Strong waves are raised by wind in the ocean, but they are only water in water. However, when any one gets rid of pride, then he appreciates Thy supremacy and understands his own frailty.

***Madhave kiya kahiae bhram aisa!!***

***Jaisa maniae hoi na taista!!1!!Rahaao!!***

O God! What a pity that living beings are under the false illusion that this world is real and true. But though we believe this world to be real and true, it is not so in reality. Truly, this world is an illusion.

***Narpat ek singhasan soiya supne bhaiya bhikhari!!***

***Achhat raj bishurat dukh paiya so gat bhayie hamari!!2!!***

Just as a king happened to be a beggar in his dreams while sleeping and he suffered miseries as a beggar in his dreams despite being a king in reality; same way human beings are in similar situation and they suffer endlessly being separated from Thee lost in this dream like world. In other words, as a king

suffer in a dream after taking away his kingdom. In the same way people of my society are grievous after taking away their Dynsty (Dominion).

***Raj bhuiang prasang jaise heh ab kashu maram janaiya!!  
Anik katak jaise bhool pare ab kahte kahan na aaiya!!3!!***

As one mistakes a rope for a snake in darkness but in reality the rope is not a snake. Same way, this universe looks to be real because of ignorance but that is untrue. Likewise, one thinks gold ornaments to be different from gold. But that is incorrect as ornaments made of gold are also gold. Similarly human beings live separated from God because of ignorance but they become one with God once the illusion of being different is over.

***Sarbe ek anekae suami sabh ghat bhogavae soie!!  
Kahi Ravidass haath pae nerae sahje hoi so hoie!!4!!1!!***

Once the illusion is over, one can visualize omnipresent God all over in different forms. God being present in all creatures manages all the affairs of the universe. (Satguru Namdev Ji says – Ek anek biyapak poorak jaat dekhau tatt soie!! i.e. “One God is personified all over the universe in different forms. Whichever way I see, I find only one God every where.”)

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that when one gets rid of the arrogance of me and mine, he finds God to be nearer even compared to one's own hands and feet. With great ease one can get united with eternal God.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- Har mahi tan hae tan mahi Har hae sarb nirantar soie re!! Kahi Kabir Ram Naam na chhodou sahje hoi su hoi re!!3!!3!! God is personified in all living beings and all creatures are embodied in God. Kabir Sahib Ji says that never abandon true worship of God and you will be one with Him with utmost ease.)

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## Shabad - 22

***Jou ham bandhe moh fas ham prem badhan tum badhe!!  
Apne chhootan ko jatan karhu ham chhooto tum  
aaradhe!!1!!***

***Madhave janat hahu jaisi taisi !!  
Ab kaha karhuge aisi!!1!! Rahaao!!  
Meen pakar fankio ar katio randh kiyo bahu bani!!  
Khand khand kar bhojan kino tou na bisriyo pani!!2!!  
Aapan bapae nahi kisi ko bhavan ko Har raja!!  
Moh patal sabh jagat biapiyo bhagti nahi santapa!!3!!  
Kahi Ravidass bhagti ik badhie ab ih ka siou kahiae!!  
Ja karan ham tum aaradhe so dukh ajhoo sahiae!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to all human beings to have abiding true affection and dedicated devotion to God for getting rid of worldly attachments and attaining eternal salvation. Human beings should have such an abiding and devout love for God as the fish has for water.

***Jou ham bandhe moh fas ham prem badhan tum badhe!!  
Apne chhootan ko jatan karhu ham chhoote tum  
aaradhe!!1!!***

O God! If Thou have tied me up with attachments of worldly pleasures, I have captivated Thee with the fast knots of my enduring devotion. Now you should think of ways and means to free yourself of my affection as I have got myself rid of futile worldly attachments through Thy worship and meditation.

***Madhave janat hahu jaisi taisi !!  
Ab kaha karhuge aisi!!1!! Rahaao!!***

O revered God! You are well aware of my deep devotion and abiding love for Thee. What would Thou do to get away from the strong bonds of my enduring profound affection?

***Meen pakar fankio ar katio randh kiyo bahu bani!!  
Khand khand kar bhojan kino tou na bisriyo pani!!2!!***

My eternal devotion to Thee is akin to the everlasting love of fish for water. The fisherman catches fish and kills it by throwing out of water. He then chops the fish into small pieces, cooks same in many ways and eats. Even then the fish never forgets the water because one who is fond of eating fish feels

extremely thirsty. That is how the fish never forgets water even after its death.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says – Machhuli kou jaise neer balha tiou merae man Ramaiya!! As the fish cannot live without water, same way God is too dear to me.)

***Aapan bapae nahi kisi ko bhavan ko Har raja!!  
Moh patal sabh jagat biapiyo bhagti nahi santapa!!3!!***

O God! Thou are not the personal property of any one's father. Thou are Hari or God the eternal king of universe belonging only to Thy true devotees. The veil of longing has engulfed the entire world. However such a veil of desires does not bother the devotees who always worship God.

***Kahi Ravidass bhagti ik badhie ab ih ka siou kahiae!!  
Ja karan ham tum aaradhe so dukh ajhoo sahiae!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says – “O revered God! There is abiding eternal devotion to you in my heart. With whom should I share this fact? Would I have to endure the suffering of pain of cycles of birth and death to get rid of which I worship Thee as an abiding devotee? I will never have to endure such suffering.”

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### Shabad - 23

***Dulabh janam punn phal paiyo birtha jaat abibekae!!  
Raje Indar samsar grih aasan bin Har bhagti kahahu kih  
lekhae!!1!!  
Na bichariyo raja Ram ko ras!! Jih ras anras bisar jahi!!1!!  
Rahaao!!  
Jaan ajan bhaye ham bavar soch asoch divas jahi!!  
Indri sabal nibal bibek budhi parmarath parves nahi!!2!!  
Kahiat aan achariat an kashu samajh na parae apar Maya!!  
Kahi Ravidass udas dass mat parhar kop karhu jia  
daya!!3!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches pious sermons to entire humanity that in the absence of deep devotion to God even the pleasures of king Indra's heaven are futile for this rare human life.

***Dulabh janam punn phal paiyo birtha jaat abibekae!!  
Raje Indar samsar grih aasan bin Har bhagti kahahu kih  
lekhae!!1!!***

This rare precious human birth is the fruit of past good deeds. However, this scarce life is getting wasted in the absence of self introspection. (Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- Kabir manas janam dulambh hae hoi na baro baar!! Jiou ban phal paake bhui girahi bahur na lagahi daar!! This human life is too precious and one cannot get it time and again. Just as a ripe fruit separated from a fruit bearing tree can never become part of the branch again; even if one has beautiful palaces and thrones like those of king Indra, his entire life will be futile without dedicated devotion to God.)

***Na bichariyo raja Ram ko ras!!  
Jih ras anras bisar jahi!!1!! Rahaao!!***

Human beings do not savour the supreme nectar of deep devotion to Great King God that fades all other worldly pleasure to oblivion. (Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- Ram ras piya re!! Jih ras bisari gayae ras aour!!1!! Any one in this world who enjoys precious amrit (Nector) of God's worship and meditation will find all other worldly pleasures to be worthless.)

***Jaan ajan bhaye ham bavar soch asoch divas jahi!!  
Indri sabal nibal bibek budhi parmarath parves nahi!!2!!***

O God! Human beings waste their lives like mad ignorant persons without making any earnest efforts to comprehend Thee. Their power of enlightened thinking and understanding becomes extremely weak because of obsession with relentless pursuit of worldly pleasures desired by mind and body. Hence human beings fail to comprehend the value of meditation and to be one with eternal God.

***Kahiat aan achariat an kashu samajh na parae apar Maya!!  
Kahi Ravidass udas dass mat parhar kop karhu jia  
daya!!3!!3!!***

Human beings say some thing and do something else.

Hence one is unable to comprehend the powerful Maya (Illusion). Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says - "O God! This soul of your devotee is beyond influence of Maya. Kindly don't be annoyed and bestow me with your divine blessings."

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### Shabad - 24

***Sukh sagar surtar chintamani kamdhenu bas ja ke!!  
Char padarath ast dasa sidhi nav nidhi kar tal ta ke!!!  
Har Har Har na japahi rasna!!  
Avar sabh tiag bachan rachna!!! Rahaao!!  
Nana khiyan puran baid bidh chautis akhar manhi!!  
Bias bichar kahiyo parmarath Ram Naam sar nahi!!2!!  
Sahaj smadh upadh rahat phun badae bhag liv lagi!!  
Kahi Ravidass pragas ridae dhar janam maran bhae  
bhagi!!3!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the entire humanity to worship God the ocean of tranquillity and that there is nothing as precious as devotion to God.

***Sukh sagar surtar chintamani kamdhenu bas ja ke!!  
Char padarath ast dasa sidhi nav nidhi kar tal ta ke!!!***

Ultimate treasure of supreme bliss is meditation of God. Sacred tree Kalapvriksha, divine gem Chintamani that fulfills all desires, holy cow Kamdhenu and the four most desired virtues i.e. pleasure, riches, dharma and salvation are all under complete control of God.

#### **Eighteen Sidhies or Supernatural powers:**

1. Anima-Capability to become minute like an atom.
2. Mahima- Power to become gigantic in size.
3. Garima- Power to attain colossal weight
4. Laghima – Transformation of articles of colossal weight to cotton like state.
5. Prapati- Power to secure any desired article.
6. Prakarmay- Power to get absorbed into soil without resistance and later reappear in original form.
7. Vasikaran- Ability to exercise control over physical elements.



8. Ieshta- Power to create and destroy any object.
9. Anuroopi Sidhi- Ability to withstand extreme hunger and thirst.
10. Srawan Sidhi- Power to listen even from a great distance.
11. Darsan Sidhi –Power to see every one from far away distances.
12. Mano Beg Sidhi – Power to roam anywhere as desired by mind.
13. Kaam Roop Sidhi- Ability to transform the body into any desired form.
14. Parkaya Parves Sidhi- Ability to enter body of another living being like a ghost.
15. Savshand Mrityu Sidhi- Power to die at will like Bhisham Pitamah.
16. Sur Karira Sidhi- Ability to watch deities roaming with fairies.
17. Sankalap Sidhi- Power to achieve any desired objective.
18. Aprahitigati Sidhi- Power to reach any desired place instantly. Thus these are the eighteen supernatural powers.

### **Nine Nidhies or Supreme Treasures:**

1. Padam Nidhi- Trading in gold and precious metals, construction of temples and having exemplary character is known as Padam Nidhi. This treasure is satvik in character and lasts till grandsons

2. Mahapadam Nidhi- Trading in pearls, gems, diamonds and precious stones and giving alms to deserving people is called Mahapadam Nidhi. This treasure lasts for seven generations having satvik or good character.

3. Makar Nidhi- Collection of & trading in arrows, swords, spears, bows and shields etc and befriending the kings is known as Makar Nidhi. This treasure is tamoguni or related to ignorance and lasts for one's lifetime.

4. Kashap Nidhi- Trading in food-grains, ghee, jiggery and edible oils etc. hoarding the same or being miserly with actions akin to tortoise is known as Kashap Nidhi. This treasure

is also tamoguni or related to ignorance and lasts for one's lifetime.

5. Mukand Nidhi- Collection of musical instruments, providing money to musicians and singers, visiting prostitutes is called Mukand Nidhi. This is tamoguni or related to ignorance and lasts for one's lifetime.

6. Kund Nidhi- Trading in metals and food-grains, intolerance to insulting words, affection for those who admire, having many wives with good children, evading old friends and being intimate with new ones etc. is known as Kund Nidhi. This treasure is rajas and tamas or passionate and ignorant in character and lasts for two generations.

7. Neel Nidhi- Trading in cotton, cereals, fruits, flowers, pearls, conch shells etc. reared in water, afforestation & laying gardens and water reservoirs, construction of bridges over rivers and pursuit of worldly pleasures is known as Neel Nidhi. This treasure is satvik or desirable and tamas or ignorant in nature and lasts for three generations.

8. Santakh Nidhi- Having good food and clothes only for self and giving poor quality for others, offering little to wife and sons and taking utmost care of one's own body are typical of Santakh Nidhi. This is rajas or passionate and tamas or ignorant in nature and lasts for one's own life.

9. Kharb Nidhi- Normal availability of all utilities required in life in abundance is called Kharb Nidhi.

All of these supernatural powers and treasures rest on the palm of God and are under His absolute command. Any one who becomes one with God through deep devotion and meditation also gets all these.

***Har Har Har na japahi rasna!!***

***Avar sabh tiag bachan rachna!!! Rahaao!!***

O dear! Why don't you remain engrossed in deep meditation of such God – the supreme repository of all powers and treasures? Why don't you worship God leaving aside all other futile worldly pursuits?

***Nana khiyan puran baid bidh chautis akhar manhi!!***

***Bias bichar kahiyo parmarath Ram Naam sar nahi!!2!!***

Mythological discourses contained in eighteen Puranas and hymns of Vedas are all composed in thirty four alphabets. After in depth study of all scriptures, Ved Vyas Ji concluded that there is nothing in this universe that can match meditation of God the Almighty.

***Sahaj smadh upadh rahat phun badae bhag liv lagi!!***

***Kahi Ravidass pragas ridae dhar janam maran bhae bhagi!!3!!4!!***

One can achieve unselfish communion with God only after discarding futile pursuit of worldly pleasures. Only the most fortunate succeed in securing spiritual union with God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that any one, whose mind is enlightened with deep devotion to God, gets rid of the dreaded cycle of birth and death.

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### **Shabad - 25**

***Jou tum girivar tou ham mora!!***

***Jou tum chand tou ham bhaye hae chakora!!!***

***Madhave tum na torahu tou ham nahi torahi!!***

***Tum siou tor kavan siou jorahi!!!Rahaao!!***

***Jou tum divra tou ham bati!!***

***Jou tum tirath tou ham jati!!2!!***

***Sachi preet ham tum siou jori!!***

***Tum siou jor avar sang tori!!3!!***

***Jah jah jaoun taha teri seva!!***

***Tum so thakur aur na deva!!4!!***

***Tumre bhajan katahi jam phasa!!***

***Bhagti het gavae Ravidassa!!5!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings to have eternal devotion to God.

***Jou tum girivar tou ham mora!!***

***Jou tum chand tou ham bhaye hae chakora!!!***

O God! My eternal devotion to Thee is such that if Thou are mountain with dense forests, bless me to be a peacock with

my abode there as such mountains are very dear to peacock. If Thou are personified as moon, then I should be a partridge (Chakor).

***Madhave tum na torahu tou ham nahi torahi!!  
Tum siou tor kavan siou jorahi!!!Rahaao!!***

O God! I will never sever my dedication to Thee if I continue to have blessings of Thy divine benevolence. Whom shall I adore if ever I happen to lose Thy affection?

***Jou tum divra tou ham bati!!  
Jou tum tirath tou ham jati!!2!!***

O God! If you personify in a lamp, I should be your wick. If Thou represent a place of pilgrimage, then I should be Thy blessed pilgrim.

***Sachi preet ham tum siou jori!!  
Tum siou jor avar sang tori!!3!!***

O God! I have cultivated true devotion to Thee and abandoned the longing for futile world. Having established enduring bonds of loyalty to Thee, I have severed all links with everyone else.

***Jah jah jaoun taha teri seva!!  
Tum so thakur aur na deva!!4!!***

O God! Wherever I happen to go, I pray and worship only Thee. There is no other God like Thee in entire universe.

***Tumre bhajan katahi jam phasa!!  
Bhagti het gavae Ravidassa!!5!!***

O God! Thy meditation gets one rid of noose of death. Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that "I sing God's paeans only because of my extremely deep devotion to God.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says- Koi gavae ko sunae Har nama chit laie!! Kahu Kabir sansa nahi ant param gat paie!! Kabir Sahib Ji proclaims that such a blessed soul, who sings or listens to Thy paeans with humility and devotion, would certainly attain eternal peace and salvation at the end.)

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## Shabad - 26

*Jal ki bhit pavan ka thambha rakat bund ka gara!!  
Had mas nari ko pinjar pankhi basae bichara!!1!!  
Prani kiya mera kiya tera!!  
Jaise tarvar pankh basera!!1!!Rahaa!!  
Rakhahu kandh usarahu neevan!!  
Sadhe teen hath teri seevan!!2!!  
Banke bal pag sir deri!! Ih tan hoigo bhasam ki dheri!!3!!  
Ooche mandar sundar nari!! Ram Naam bin baji hari!!4!!  
Meri juat kameeni paat kameeni ochha janam hamara!!  
Tum sarnagat raja Ram Chand kahi Ravidass  
chamara!!5!!6!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, while emphasizing the uncertain and perishable nature of human life, explains through pious sermons that the human body comprises of five elements. Life of any living being in this world is akin to short resting period of a bird on a tree. Therefore all human beings should free themselves of acrimony and concentrate on meditation of God with complete devotion.

*Jal ki bhit pavan ka thambha rakat bund ka gara!!  
Had mas nari ko pinjar pankhi basae bichara!!1!!*

Human body is made of five elements in which walls comprise of water and air forms the pillars. Mother's ovum and sperm of father serve to cement the superstructure comprising of bones, flesh and blood vessels as abode for the soul like a poor bird.

*Prani kiya mera kiya tera!!  
Jaise tarvar pankh basera!!1!!Rahaa!!*

O dear! Nothing belongs to you or me in this universe. Life of human beings in this world is akin to temporary resting of a bird on a tree. A bird flies high in the sky, settles down on a tree for night shelter and flies away early next morning. (Satguru Namdev Ji says- Ram koi na kis hi kera!! Jaise tarvar pankhi basera!!.)

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji concurring with this view says – Birakh basero pankhi ko taise ih sansar!! Life of a human being

in this world is akin to the stay of a bird who takes shelter on a tree for the night and flies away early in the morning.)

***Rakhahu kandh usarahu neevan!!***

***Sadhe teen hath teri seevan!!2!!***

Human being may construct a beautiful strong palace after digging deep foundations for his stay in this world. However, he dies leaving everything behind and he gets only a small piece of land, measuring 3.5 times the length of one's forearm, used for his final rites.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says that in exceptional circumstances even if this limit is exceeded that may equal 3.75 times the length of one's forearm. Kabir kothe mandap het kar kahe marhu savari!! Karaj sadhe teen hath ghani te pounhe char!!)

***Banke bal pag sir deri !!***

***Ih tan hoigo bhasam ki dheri!!3!!***

Human being combs the hair nicely and decorates his head with a colourful turban. However at the end, the human body ends up as a heap of soil.

***Ooche mandar sundar nari!!***

***Ram Naam bin baji hari!!4!!***

Even if one has elegant palaces and extremely beautiful wife, he is a sure loser in this precious human life in the absence of deep devotion to God.

***Meri jaat kameeni paat kameeni ochha janam hamara!!***

***Tum sarnagat raja Ram Chand kahi Ravidass chamara!!5!!6!!***

Because of human tendency to be carried away by worldly pleasures, the nature, company and life of a human being becomes lowly. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, hailing from Chamar community having completely surrendered to God, prays to the Almighty for His divine blessings.

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## Shabad - 27

***Chamrata ganth na janaie!!***

***Log gathavae panhie!!!Rahaaoo!!***

***Aar nahi jih topou!! Nahi rambi thaou ropou!!!***

***Log ganth ganth khara bigucha!!***

***Hou bin ganthe jaie pahucha!!2!!***

***Ravidass japae Ram nama!!***

***Mohi jam siou nahi kama!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the entire humanity that anyone, who gives up false affection for his body and devotes himself to meditation of God, surely overcomes the fear of death and attains eternal salvation.

***Chamrata ganth na janaie!!***

***Log gathavae panhie!!!Rahaaoo!!***

I won't have false affection for this perishable body covered with skin. People visit me seeking fulfilment of desires of this human body or for acquiring false worldly pleasures dear to the human beings.

***Aar nahi jih topou!! Nahi rambi thaou ropou!!!***

I do not have instruments for piercing, skinning and stitching that I can use for securing false worldly pleasures for the sake of body meaning that I don't have sharp wits and deceptive wisdom to cement my attachment with false love and deep affection for this perishable world.

***Log ganth ganth khara bigucha!!***

***Hou bin ganthe jaie pahucha!!2!!***

People continue to suffer because of their deep affection for the perishable human body and illusory universe. However, I have no love for the body or worldly pleasures. With my true affection and devotion to God, I have achieved salvation and I have become one with the Almighty.

***Ravidass japae Ram nama!!***

***Mohi jam siou nahi kama!!3!!7!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that "I have

achieved true eternal friendship with God through deep devotion and meditation of God. Hence, I have nothing to be afraid of messengers of death now.”

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### Shabad - 28

*Re man! Chet meech din aaya,  
to jag jaal na bhaiya praya!! Tek!!  
Kaan sunae na najar disae, jeeh thir na rahaie!!  
Mund ru tan thar thar kampe,  
antahu biriyam pahuntau aaie!!1!!  
Kesau setah piku bhaye sabh, tan man bal bilmaya!!  
Madhyan gaiyo tura chal aaie,  
ajhun jag rahiyo bharmaya!!2!!  
Pani gaiyo palu chhijae kaya, yah tan jara jarana!!  
Panchau thake jara jar sanee,  
tou Ramhi maram na jana!!3!!  
Hans pankheru chanchal bhai,  
samujh pekh man manhi!!  
Prati pal meech grasae dehi,  
funi Ravidass chetahu nanhi!!4!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj counsels the soul within human body with pious sermon through this hymn to realize the ultimate objective of this rare human birth with devout meditation of God.

*Re man! Chet meech din aaya,  
to jag jaal na bhaiya praya!! Tek!!*

O dear! You should worship God as your end is approaching fast. As you reach nearer to your end, you will realize the futility of this fake universe.

*Kaan sunae na najar disae, jeeh thir na rahaie!!  
Mund ru tan thar thar kampe,  
antahu biriyam pahuntau aaie!!1!!*

With the advent of old age, one is unable to hear, see or speak properly. One becomes bald during old age and the body keeps trembling and finally one dies.

*Kesau setah piku bhaye sabh, tan man bal bilmaya!!*



***Madhyan gaiyo tura chal aaie,  
ajhun jag rahiyo bharmaya!!2!!***

Everything looks futile without God and the body and mind start getting weak. Old age sets in after adolescence and even then human being remains ignorant devoid of God's worship.

***Pani gaiyo palu chhijae kaya, yah tan jara jarana!!  
Panchau thake jara jar sanae,  
tou Ramhi maram na jana!!3!!***

Breathing that nourishes body becomes weak as one gets old. All the five senses of knowledge get feeble and then this human being is unable to comprehend the magnitude of God.

***Hans pankheru chanchal bhai,  
samujh pekh man manhi!!  
Prati pal meech grasae dehi,  
funi Ravidass chetahu nanhi!!4!!***

O dear with clever mind! This soul is about to leave your body. You must appreciate this reality sincerely. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says "O dear! Every moment brings your end closer and you will never get the time again to worship God. Hence, you must remember God all the time."

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## **Raag Dhanasari**

**Sahbad - 29**

***Ham sar deen diyal na tum sar ab patiyar kiya kijae!!  
Bachni tor mor man manae jan kou pooran dijae!!1!!  
Hao bal bal jaoun Ramaiya karne!!  
Karan kavan abol!! Rahaao!!1!!  
Bahut janam bichhure the Madhou ih janam tumhare  
lekhe!!  
Kahi Ravidass aas lag jivoun chir bhayo darsan dekhe!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys sacred preaching to all human beings to cultivate humility and dedicate this human life to God.

***Ham sar din diyal na tum sar ab patiyar kiya kijae!!***

He pleads with the God that neither there is any underprivileged like him nor there is any one more benevolent than God who instantaneously forgives all the deprived. Hence what further test do you wish me to undergo?

***Bachni tor mor man manae jan kou pooran dijae!!1!!***

O God! I have been overwhelmed with Thy enlightened discourse and therefore I solicit perfect enlightenment.

***Hao bal bal jaoun Ramaiya karne!! Karan kavan abol!! Rahaao!!1!!***

I am extremely proud of Thee and deeply devoted to the Almighty God. However, I wonder why do you not talk to me?

***Bahut janam bichhure the Madhou ih janam tumhare lekhe!!***

O God! I have been separated from Thee for the last many births. However, I have dedicated my present human life to Thee.

***Kahi Ravidass aas lag jivoun chir bhayo darsan dekhe!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj proclaims that “O God! I live with the fond hope of seeing Thee because it is ages since we met. Therefore, be kind and bless me with Thy eternal sight.”

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### Shabad - 30

***Chit simran karou nain avilokno srawan bani sujas poor rakhou!!***

***Man su madhukar karou charan hirde dharaou rasan amrit Ram Naam bhakhou!!1!!***

***Meri preet Gobind siou jin ghatae!!***

***Maen tou mol mehangi laiye jia satae!!1!!Rahaao!!***

***Sadhsangat bina bhaou nahi oopajae bhav bin bhagti nahi hoi teri!!***

***Kahi Ravidass ik benati Har siou paej rakhahu raja Ram meri!!2!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj commends all human

beings through this pious sermon to develop such a devout love for God that one gets totally immersed in divine worship of Almighty through conscience, eyes, ears, tongue and mind and ultimately becomes unified with God.

***Chit simran karou nain avilokno srawan bani sujas poor rakhou!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji describes his abiding devotion to God "I always worship God in my mind, and witness Him with my eyes and I am all the time thrilled with ecstasy listening to His pious praise with my ears."

***Man su madhukar karou charan hirde dharaou rasan amrit Ram Naam bhakhou!!!***

My mind always hums like a bumble bee around Thy lotus like feet drawing pious Amrit (Nector) and I always keep chanting Thy virtuous hymns with my tongue.

***Meri preet Gobind siou jin ghatae!!***

***Maen tou mol mehangi laiye jia satae!!!Rahaao!!***

O God! There should never be any setback to my total devotion to Thee because I have acquired this at an extremely high cost through complete dedication of my life to Thy worship.

(Likewise Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- Kanchan siou paaiae nahi tol!! Man de Ram liya hae mol!! i.e. God cannot be bartered for gold but one can acquire God by offering one's mind with devout devotion.)

***Sadhsangat bina bhaou nahi oopajae bhav bin bhagti nahi hoi teri!!***

O God! There is no way to become Thy dedicated devotee without blessings of true saints and Thy worship is not possible without total devotion.

***Kahi Ravidass ik benati Har siou paej rakhahu raja Ram meri!!2!!2***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj prays to God the Almighty to preserve his dedicated devotion and reputation.

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## Shabad - 31

*Naam tero aarti majan Murare !!*

*Har ke naam bin jhoothe sagal pasare!!! Rahaao!!*

*Naam tero aasno naam tero ursa naam tera kesro le  
chhitkare!!*

*Naam tera ambhula naam tero chandano  
ghas jape naam le tujhhi ko chare!!!*

*Naam tera diva naam tero bati naam tero tel le mahi pasare !!*

*Naam tere ki jot lagai bhayo ujiaro bhavan saglare!!2!!*

*Naam tero taga naam phool mala bhar atharah sagal  
juthare!!*

*Tero kiya tujheh kiya arpoun naam tera tuhi chavar  
dholare!!3!!*

*Das atha athsath chare khani ihae vartan hae sagal  
sansare!!*

*Kahi Ravidass naam tero aarti satnam hae Har bhog  
tuhare!!4!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings to get rid of all of their doubts and misgivings and concentrate on worship of God as meditation of God with deep devotion is the only true homage to Almighty.

*Naam tero aarti majan Murare !!*

*Har ke naam bin jhoothe sagal pasare!!! Rahaao!!*

O God! Thy meditation is the true worship and homage to Thee and Thy worship is more than Thy ritual bathing. All other rituals, except Thy devoted worship are false, and useless.

*Naam tero aasno naam tero ursa  
naam tera kesro le chhitkare!!*

*Naam tera ambhula naam tero chandano  
ghas jape naam le tujhhi ko chare!!!*

Thy worship itself is the throne for Thy seating and Thy meditation is the stone for grinding saffron and devotion to Thee is sprinkling of saffron on Thy body. Thy worship is the water, Thy meditation is the sandalwood and deep devotion to Thee is true offering of saffron paste to Thee.

***Naam tera diva naam tero bati naam tero tel le mahi pasare !!  
Naam tere ki jot lagai bhayo ujiaro bhavan saglare!!2!!***

Thy meditation is the lamp for worship; Thy worship is the wick as well as the oil in the lamp readied for paying homage to Thee. I have lighted the lamp of Thy worship and the entire universe is illuminated because of Thy meditation.

***Naam tero taga naam phool mala bhar atharah sagal  
juthare!!***

***Tero kiya tujheh kiya arpoun naam tera tuhi chavar  
dholare!!3!!***

Thy meditation is the thread and Thy worship is the garland of flowers. Devoid of Thy worship the loads of leaves of the entire plant kingdom of this universe are irreverent. O God! What should I offer Thee out of Thy own creation in this universe? Thy meditation is my offering of cool breeze to Thee.

***Das atha athsath chare khani ihae vartan hae sagal  
sansare!!***

***Kahi Ravidass naam tero aarti satnam hae Har bhog  
tuhare!!4!!3!!***

This entire universe is preoccupied with the eighteen Puranas, sixty-eight places of pilgrimage and the four types of living beings of the world i.e. born from the egg or placenta, reproduced from seed and created through asexual reproduction. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O God! Thy devoted worship is the only true homage I can pay to Thee. I humbly offer my deep meditation, recitate Satnam and prayers to Thee for savouring.”

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### **Shabad - 32**

***Meri preet Gopal son jan ghatae ho!***

***Maen mol mahingi layie tan satae ho!!Tek!!***

***Ridae sumiran karoun naen avlokano sravan Har katha poor  
rakhoun!***

***Man madhukar karaun charna chit dharaun***

***Ram rasayan rasan chakhoun!!!***

***Sadh sangat bina bhav nahin upjae***

***bhav bina bhagti kion hoi teri !!  
Bandat Ravidass raja Ram sun benati  
Gur prasad kripa karo na deri!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to entire humanity to have such an abiding love and devotion to God that soaks human being's soul, eyes, tongue and mind in the eternal colour of God's Naam and leads him to amalgamation with the Almighty God.

***Meri preet Gopal son jan ghatae ho!  
Maen mol mahingi layie tan satae ho!!Tek!!***

O revered God! My love and affection for Thee should never fade because I secured this fondness at a huge cost and with absolute dedication of my life.

***Ridae sumiran karoun naen avlokano sravan Har katha poor  
rakhoun!***

***Man madhukar karaun charna chit dharaun  
Ram rasayan rasan chakhoun!!1!!***

O sacred God! I live in full ecstasy praying for Thee in my heart, enjoying Thy eternal sight with my eyes and listening to Thy virtuous glory. I adore Thy lotus feet in my heart and my mind savours the priceless nectar in the form of a bumble bee.

***Sadh sangat bina bhav nahin upjae bhav bina bhagti kion hoi  
teri !!***

***Bandat Ravidass raja Ram sun benati Gur prasad kripa karo  
na deri!!2!!***

O respected God! One cannot have eternal love for Thee without the company of sages and in the absence of staunch love; one cannot practice Thy devout meditation. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj prays with devout heart to God that “O revered God! Be merciful and kindly bless me with Thou eternal sight without delay.”

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**Shabad - 33**

***Trahi trahi Tribhuvanpati pavan!  
Atishay sool sakal bal javan!!Tek!!  
Kaam krodh lampat man mora!***

***Kaise bhajan karoun maen tora!!1!!***  
***Bisham bishad bihandankari!***  
***Asaran saran sarni bhauhari!!2!!***  
***Dev dev darbar duarae!***  
***Ram Ram Ravidass pukarae!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches pious sermon to human beings to worship the Lord of all the three worlds or the universe. Human beings get rid of their painful sufferings through devout meditation of God

***Trahi trahi Tribhuvanpati pavan!***  
***Atishay sool sakal bal javan!!Tek!!***

O revered God, Lord of the three worlds and purifier of human beings! Kindly safeguard me under Thy shelter so that I meditate Thy Naam every moment. O sacred God! You are all powerful to relieve us of great miseries. Therefore all living beings are indeed extremely proud of Thee.

***Kaam krodh lampat man mora!***  
***Kaise bhajan karoun maen tora!!1!!***

Human being, oblivious of God, is driven by lust and arrogance and as such how can he worship Thee with devotion?

***Bisham bishad bihandankari!***  
***Asaran saran sarni bhauhari!!2!!***

O virtuous Lord! Human being, ignorant of Thee, is suffers from deep agony and intense pain in this futile world. However when one seeks Thy shelter and blessings, all of his problems get resolved.

***Dev dev darbar duarae!***  
***Ram Ram Ravidass pukarae!!3!!***

O Almighty Lord of the deities! "I pray standing at Thy door and I worship Thee with devotion every moment. Be kind and merciful to let me have Thy eternal sight."

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## Shabad - 34

*Darshan dijae Ram darshan dijae!!*  
*Darshan dijae bilamb na kijae!!Tek!!*  
*Darshan tora jivan mora!!*  
*Bin darshan kioun jivae chakora!!1!!*  
*Madho Satgur sab jag chela!!*  
*Ab ke bishure milan duhela!!2!!*  
*Dhan jovan ki jhoothi aasa!!*  
*Satt satt bhakhae jan Ravidasa!!3!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says in this virtuous hymn that a true devotee of God always has a strong desire to be blessed with the sight of the Lord.

*Darshan dijae Ram darshan dijae!!*  
*Darshan dijae bilamb na kijae!!Tek!!*

O all pervading revered God! Kindly bless me with Thy eternal sight and let me have Thy glimpse without any delay because I cannot live without Thy revelation.

*Darshan tora jivan mora!!*  
*Bin darshan kioun jivae chakora!!1!!*

O revered God! Your realization only is the basis of my life. Just as the partridge cannot live without sighting moon, it has a strong longing to see the moon and it lives with the hope of seeing the moon; same way how can I survive without being blessed with Your sight O Lord.? I cannot live without that.

*Madho Satgur sab jag chela!!*  
*Ab ke bishure milan duhela!!2!!*

O virtuous God! “You are the Satguru of the entire universe. You only banish the darkness of ignorance from every one's mind and all living beings are Your disciples. However if one remains separated from You even after being blessed with the rare human birth, then it is extremely difficult for him to realize Thee again.”

*Dhan jovan ki jhoothi aasa!!*  
*Satt satt bhakhae jan Ravidasa!!3!!*

Human being, oblivious of God, is always preoccupied



with the pursuit of riches and futile worldly desires of youth. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “I devotee of the Lord tell the truth that a true disciple of God is always restless to be blessed with the sight of his Lord.”

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### Shabad - 35

***Jan ko tar tar nath Ramaiya!***

***Kathin fand pario panch jamaiya!! Tek!!***

***Tum bin sakal dev muni dhoundhou!***

***Kahoun na paoun jam pas chhudaiya!!!***

***Ham se deen dayal na tum sar!***

***Charan saran Ravidass chamaiya!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings through this virtuous hymn to pray to God for His blessings to cross over this difficult ocean like universe and secure eternal tranquillity.

***Jan ko tar tar nath Ramaiya!***

***Kathin fand pario panch jamaiya!! Tek!!***

O all pervading & supreme paternal God! Be kind and lead Thy devotee to eternal salvation. O Lord! Devoid of Thy Naam, human being has to endure the five vicious human vices like lust, anger, greed, empathy and arrogance as well as bonds of extremely troublesome messengers of death.

***Tum bin sakal dev muni dhoundhou!***

***Kahoun na paoun jam pas chhudaiya!!!***

O Lord! Even if one acquires virtues of all deities oblivious of Thee, no one can safeguard human soul from the messengers of death except devout meditation and Naam of God.

***Ham se deen dayal na tum sar!***

***Charan saran Ravidass chamaiya!!2!!***

O revered God! There is none poorer than me and no one is generous and kind like Thee. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says “I hail from chamar or cobblers' community and I am under the protection of Thy sacred lotus feet”.

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## Shabad - 36

***Jo tum Gopalahi nahin gaehau!***

***To tum ko sukh me dukh upjae sukhahi kahan te  
paehau!!Tek!!***

***Mala Naam sabhae jag dahko jhoothau bhekh banaehau!***

***Jhouthe te sanch tab hoihau Har ki saran jab aehau!!1!!***

***Kan ras baat ras aur sabae ras jhoothahi moorh mandaehau!***

***Jab lag tel diya me bati dekhath hi bujhi jaehau!!2!!***

***Jo jan Ram Naam rang raate aur rang na suhaehau!***

***Kahae Ravidass bhajo re Kripa Nidhi pran gaiye  
pachhitaehau!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys virtuous preaching to human beings through this hymn for utmost devotion to God and realization of supreme ecstasy with His blessings.

***Jo tum Gopalahi nahin gaehau!***

***To tum ko sukh me dukh upjae sukhahi kahan te  
paehau!!Tek!!***

O dear! If you do not seek protection of the Lord, then your pursuit of worldly pleasures will only lead you to miseries. Then how will you achieve the eternal salvation and supreme ecstasy?

***Mala Naam sabhae jag dahko jhoothau bhekh banaehau!***

***Jhouthe te sanch tab hoihau Har ki saran jab aehau!!1!!***

Because of ignorance, human beings are lost in illusions and they wear misleading futile dresses and rosaries as a hoax for realization of God. When one truthfully surrenders to God, he discards falsehood and focuses wholeheartedly on devout meditation of the Lord.

***Kan ras baat ras aur sabae ras jhoothahi moorh mandaehau!***

***Jab lag tel diya me bati dekhath hi bujhi jaehau!!2!!***

Oblivious of God, the human being gets carried away by melodious sounds, futile gossip and keeps wavering engrossed in pursuit of worldly pleasures. Just as the lamp glows only as long as the wick has the oil and it gets extinguished when the oil

is finished. Likewise, the human body remains alive only as long as it has the soul within. The life comes to an end with the departure of the soul and stoppage of breathing.

***Jo jan Ram Naam rang raate aur rang na suhaehau!  
Kahae Ravidass bhajo re Kripa Nidhi pran gaiye  
pachhitaehau!!3!!***

Those, who are soaked in the maroon colour or deep devotion of God, do not like to pursue futile worldly pleasures akin to other fading temporary colours. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O merciful God! Kindly bless Your devotee. Without Thy realization my life will be sheer waste and I will have to repent in the end.”

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### **Shabad - 37**

***Prabhu Ji sangat saran tihari!  
Jag jivan Ram Murari!!Tek!!  
Gali gali ko jal beh aayo Sursari jai samayo!  
Sangat kae pratap mahatam naam gangodak payo!!!  
Swati boond barsaen fann upar sis bishae bish hoi!  
Bahi boond kae moti nipjae sangat ki adhkai!!2!!  
Tum chandan ham irand bapure nikat tumhare basa!  
Neech birakh tae oonch bhaye hae tumhari baas  
shubasa!!3!!  
Jat bhi ochhi pat bhi ochha uchha kasab hamara!  
Tumhari kripa te oonch bhaye hae kahae Ravidass  
chamara!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to keep company of sages. Those who keep company of saints, become dignified.

***Prabhu Ji sangat saran tihari! Jag jivan Ram Murari!!Tek!!***

O revered God! Good persons are at Thy obeisance to have Your glimpse. You are the only one to provide life to every one in this universe.

***Gali gali ko jal beh aayo Sursari jai samayo!  
Sangat kae pratap mahatam naam gangodak payo!!!***

When the water from many streams joins the Ganges,

then it becomes same as Ganges. This is the greatness of keeping excellent company. People treat some human beings as lowly because of their delusion but even such lowly individuals become one with God through devout meditation of the Lord.

***Swati boond barsaen fann upar sis bishae bish hoi!  
Bahi boond kae moti nipjae sangat ki adhkai!!2!!***

When the Swati raindrop falls on the hood of the snake it becomes poison but when the same Swati raindrop falls in a clamshell it gets transformed into a pearl. This is the fruit of the company one keeps

***Tum chandan ham irand bapure nikat tumhare basa!  
Neech birakh tae oonch bhaye hae tumhari baas  
shubasa!!3!!***

O revered Lord! You are esteemed like sandalwood. We human beings are useless like a castor plant. Just as a castor plant growing in close proximity to sandal also displays aroma of sandalwood; likewise O revered Lord! Those who worship Thee with devotion are counted amongst the dignified.

***Jat bhi ochhi pat bhi ochha uchha kasab hamara!  
Tumhari kripa te oonch bhaye hae kahae Ravidass  
chamara!!4!!***

A human being oblivious of God is lowly in respect of caste, company, deeds and profession. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that the Lord blesses even the downtrodden with mighty greatness and therefore human beings must practice devout meditation of God.

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### **Shabad - 38**

***Pande kaisi pooj rachi re!  
Satt bolae soi satvadi jhoothi bat badi re!!Tek!!  
Jo abinasi sabka karta viyap rahio sab thaur re!  
Panch tatt jin kiya pasara so yon hi kish aur re!!1!!  
Tu jo kahaet hau yau hi karta yakoun manikh karae re!  
Taran sakat sahi je ya maen tau aapan kiyon na tirae re!!2!!  
Anhi bharosae sab jag booda sun pundit ki bat re!  
Ya kae daras koon guna shoota sab jag aaya jaat re!!3!!***

***Ya ki sev sool nahin bhajae katae na sanse pans re!  
Soch vichar dekh ya moorat youn shandi Ravidass re!!4!!***

In this virtuous hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches people, embroiled in futile rituals and illusions, to concentrate on devout meditation of God. Only one who abides by truth and loves humanity is the real truthful person in this universe.

***Pande kaisi pooj rachi re!  
Satt bolae soi satvadi jhoothi bat badi re!!Tek!!***

O ritual performing Pandit ! What sort of worship of the Lord do you preach based on rituals? You proclaim yourself to be always truthful. Truthful is only one who always speaks the truth as telling a lie is an evil.

***Jo abinasi sabka karta viyap rahio sab thaur re!  
Panch tatt jin kiya pasara so yon hi kish aur re!!1!!***

The Lord God is eternal, immortal, omnipotent and omnipresent. God created human beings with five elements i.e. water, air, soil, fire and space and nothing else other than these.

***Tu jo kahaet hau yau hi karta yakoun manikh karae re!  
Taran sakat sahi je ya maen tau aapan kiyon na tirae re!!2!!***

O learned pundit! You claim that this idol of God is the creator of the universe. However idol has been sculpted by man. How can what has been created by man be the creator of universe or God? If we assume that this idol has powers to help one swim across the ocean of this universe then why does it not float itself?

***Anhi bharosae sab jag booda sun pundit ki bat re!  
Ya kae daras koon guna shoota sab jag aaya jaat re!!3!!***

Listening to such sermons based on rituals and illusions and believing the same to be true, the entire humanity is sinking. However tell me any one who has achieved salvation by seeing and worshipping the idol. All living beings are entangled in the cycle of repeated birth and death.

***Ya ki sev sool nahin bhajae katae na sanse pans re!  
Soch vichar dekh ya moorat youn shandi Ravidass re!!4!!***

In the absence of true love and devotion to God, one cannot overcome sufferings or get rid of futile illusions through worship of idols. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that he shuns rituals and superficial worship after careful consideration of these issues.

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## **Raag Jaitsari** **Shabad - 39**

*Nath kachhua na janou!!*  
*Man Maya kae hath bikanou!!1!!Rahaao!!*  
*Tum kahiat haun jagat Gur suami!!*  
*Ham kahiat Kalijug ke kami!!1!!*  
*In panchan mero man ju bigariyo!!*  
*Pal pal Har ji te antar pariyo!!2!!*  
*Jat dekhon tatt dukh ki rasi!!*  
*Ajaun na patyayi nigam bhaye sakhi!!3!!*  
*Gautam nari Umapati swami!!*  
*Sis dharan sahas bhag gami!!4!!*  
*In dootan khal badh kar mariyo!*  
*Bado nilaj ajahu nahi hariyo!!5!!*  
*Kahi Ravidass kahan kaise kijae!!*  
*Bin Ragunath saran ka ki lijae!!6!!*

While conveying pious preaching to the entire humanity, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj highlights that human beings remain away from God because of the powerful evil influence of five human vices. Human beings get rid of the influence of these five vices only through devout meditation of God.

*Nath kachhua na janou!!*  
*Man Maya kae hath bikanou!!1!!Rahaao!!*

O God! I don't know anything as my mind is sold to Maya or worldly pleasures.

*Tum kahiat haun jagat Gur suami!!*  
*Ham kahiat Kalijug ke kami!!1!!*

O God! Thou are known to be the Lord of the entire universe. We human beings of this world are known as voyeurs of Kaliyug because of the influence of Maya (Illusion).

***In panchan mero man ju bigariyo!!  
Pal pal Har ji te antar pariyo!!2!!***

These five evil vices have spoilt my mind and I keep moving away from Thee every moment.

***Jat dekhou tatt dukh ki rasi!!***

***Ajaun na patyayi nigam bhaye sakhi!!3!!***

I see extreme suffering and misery under the influence of Maya on all sides I look. Even though scriptures declare that this world is full of misery, my mind is oblivious to this truth.

***Gautam nari Umapati swami!!***

***Sis dharan sahas bhag gami!!4!!***

Because of the influence of Maya (Illusion), sage Gautama and his wife Ahalya, Parvati and her husband Shiva and Brahma were overwhelmed by the evil agents of Maya (Illusion) like false desires, anger, attachment, greed and false pride etc. Ahalya, wife of sage Gautama was deceived by Indra and Parvati's husband Shiva was charmed by Mohini created by Maya. Brahma fell in love with his own daughter and he followed her in all directions with a new face. She got fed up and moved towards the sky and when Brahma followed her with his fifth face towards the sky, Shiva severed Brahma's head. Because of the curse of sage Gautama, Indra suffered the humiliation of having thousands of private parts of woman on his body. All of them suffered because of Maya. (Satguru Kabir Ji says- Sarpani te oopar nahi balia!! Jin Brahma Bisnu Mahadeo chhalia!! i.e. No one is more powerful than the serpent like Maya that has deceived even Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.)

***In dootan khal badh kar mariyo!***

***Bado nilaj ajahu nahi hariyo!!5!!***

These five agents of Maya have strangled living beings to death. However, living beings are so indifferent that they still cannot keep away from these wicked distractions.

***Kahi Ravidass kahan kaise kijae!!***

***Bin Ragunath saran ka ki lijae!!6!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj asks what should one do and where one should go to be safe from these evils? There is no one other than God to seek shelter i.e. only way to escape the influence of Maya (Illusion) is to take shelter at the sacred feet of God.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji explains a way out of Maya's (Illusion) influence as follows:- Sadhu sangat dio ralai!! Panch doot te lio chhadai!! Kahi Kabir jis udar tis Maya!! Tab chhoote jab sadhu paiya!! By keeping the sacred company of saints and meditation of God, one can be free of Maya (Illusion) and the five agents of Maya.)

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## **Raag Suhi** **Shabad 40**

*Sah ki saar suhagan janae!! Taj abhiman sukh ralia manae!!  
Tan man deyi na antar rakhae!! Avran dekh na sunae  
abhakhae!!!*

*So kat janae pir paraie!! Ja kae antar dard na  
paie!!!Rahaao!!*

*Dukhi duhagn dui pakh hini!! Jin nah nirantar bhagti na  
kini!!*

*Pur salat ka panth duhela!! Sang na sathi gavan ikela!!2!!*

*Dukhia dardvand dar aiya!! Bahut pias jabab na paiya!!*

*Kahi Ravidass saran Prabh teri !! Jiyo janahu tio kar gat  
meri!!3!!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj commends human being to be like a good wife married to the God Almighty and enjoy enduring tranquillity during one's scarce human life and thereafter.

*Sah ki saar suhagan janae!!*

*Taj abhiman sukh ralia manae!!*

As only a married woman knows best to take care of her husband and enjoys fully devoid of pride, same way enlightened saints the true friends of God know how best to love the Almighty and enjoy eternal bliss of God having shed their false arrogance.



(Baba Farid Ji says- Jinha naou suhagani tinha jhak na hor!! i.e. Those human beings who are known to be wedded or those who have become one with God never caste a glance elsewhere.)

***Tan man deyi na antar rakhae!!  
Avran dekh na sunae abhakhae!!!***

As a pious married lady never glances at any one except her husband, never listens to futile advice of others, and does not discuss anything evil with anyone, same way sages -the beloveds of God surrender everything including their body and soul to Almighty and never keep any secret from Him. Except their Lord God the Almighty, they don't pay any heed to other deities. (Satguru Kabir Sahib says- Tan man dhan grih saup sarir soi suhagan kahae Kabir!! i.e. Only the one who has surrendered his own body, soul, riches and home to God is really entitled to be known as a blessed wife.)

***So kat janae pir paraie!!  
Ja kae antar dard na paie!!!Rahaao!!***

Those unfaithful, who have never been in true love with God, can not appreciate the pain and agony of separation from God as suffered by faithful brides or devotees of God. One, who has not endured the pangs of suffering herself, can not understand the woes of others.

***Dukhi duhagn dui pakh hini!!  
Jin nah nirantar bhagti na kini!!***

As a divorcee suffers the agony of separation both from the side of parents and in-laws, same way a human being bereft of God suffers the anguish of deprivation of eternal pleasures of this life and life thereafter.

***Pur salat ka panth duhela!! Sang na sathi gavan ikela!!2!!***

The journey after death is extremely tortuous and the soul has to traverse same alone without any other company.

(Baba Farid Ji says- Vaat hamari khari udinie!! Khaniahu tikhi bahut piyinie!! i.e. The passage to cross this bridge is sharper than a sword and thinner than a hair.)

***Dukhia dardvand dar aiya!!  
Bahut pias jabab na paiya!!***

O omniscient God! I am praying for mercy at Thy door with extreme suffering and deep longing for having Thy glimpse. However, I am getting no response and Thou have not granted me a glimpse of Thy self.

***Keh Ravidass saran Prabh teri!!  
Jiyo janahu tio kar gat meri!!3!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says “O Lord! I am at Thy lotus feet praying for mercy. Kindly grant me eternal salvation as Thou may please.”

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### **Shabad 41**

***Jo din avahi so din jahi !! Karna kooch rahan thir nahi!!  
Sang chalat hae ham bhi chalna!! Door gavan sir upar  
marna!!1!!***

***Kia tu soia jaag iyana!! Tae jivan jag sach kar jana!!1!!  
Rahaao!!***

***Jin jiyo diya so rijak ambravae!! Sabh ghat bhitar haat  
chalavae!!***

***Kar bandigi chhad mae mera !! Hirdae naam samhar  
savera!!2!!***

***Janam sirano panth na savara!! Sanjh pari dah dis  
andhiara!!***

***Kahi Ravidass nidan divane!! Chetas nahi dunia phan  
khane!!3!!***

While emphasizing the perishable nature of this universe, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys pious preaching to all human beings to get rid of slumber of ignorance and worship God for brightening the future path for eternal salvation.

***Jo din avahi so din jahi !! Karna kooch rahan thir nahi!!***

Just as each day ends in night, same way life span of each living being gets reduced every day. Every one has to leave this world and no one is immortal in this universe.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says- Kiya magaoun kichh thir na

rahaie!! Dekhat naen chhalio jag jaaie!! i.e. O God! What should I ask of Thee because nothing is permanent in this world? This world keeps perishing before my own eyes.)

***Sang chalat hae ham bhi chalna!! Door gavan sir upar marna!!!***

Friends and colleagues of every living being are leaving this mortal world. We too have to go one day leaving this perishable world behind. The forgotten death invariably stares every one in the face.

***Kiya tu soia jaag iyana!! Tae jivan jag sach kar jana!!!! Rahaao!!***

O dear! Why are you engulfed in deep slumber of ignorance? You think this worldly life to be true. This world is perishable indeed. Therefore, o brother! Shed your slumber of ignorance and worship God with devotion.

***Jin jiyo diya so rijak ambravae!! Sabh ghat bhitar haat chalavae!!***

The God , who is the creator of every living being , also feeds every one. God regulates the functions of all senses in human body.

***Kar bandigi chhad mae mera !! Hirdae naam samhar savera!!2!!***

O dear! Leave aside false prejudices and pride and become devotee of God. Get up early in the morning and meditate in deep devotion.

***Janam sirano panth na savara!! Sanjh pari dah dis andhiara!!***

O dear! Your scarce human life is getting wasted for nothing. You have not enlightened yourself through deep devotion and meditation of God. As darkness descends all over after sunset, same way when death comes knocking, all the five functional and five sense organs of body suddenly stop functioning. You will not be in a position to worship God at that time.

***Kahi Ravidass nidan divane!! Chetas nahi dunia phan khane!!3!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O mad man! Your end is nearing and even then you never realize that this world is perishable. Therefore O brother! You must worship God with deep devotion that will be helpful to you now during this life and life thereafter.”

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### **Shabad 42**

***Ooche mandar sal rasoi!! Ek ghari phun rahan na hoi!!1!!  
Ih tan aisa jaise ghas ki tati!! Jal gaiyo ghas ral gaiyo  
mati!!1!!Rahaao!!***

***Bhai bandh kutamb sahera!! Oy bhi lage kadh savera!!2!!  
Ghar ki naar urah tan lagi!! Uh tou bhoot bhoot kar bhagi!!  
Kahi Ravidass sabhae jag lootiya!! Ham tou ek Ram kahi  
chhootiya!!4!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj highlights the perishable nature of human body and that human beings waste their precious human lives in pursuit of worldly pleasures oblivious of God. Therefore, Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches all human beings to devote their lives to meditation of God and get rid of worldly attachments.

***Ooche mandar sal rasoi!! Ek ghari phun rahan na hoi!!1!!***

O dear! You remain busy building beautiful palaces with elegant kitchens. However, when the end comes, you will not be able to stay in these palaces even for a moment.

***Ih tan aisa jaise ghas ki tati!! Jal gaiyo ghas ral gaiyo  
mati!!1!!Rahaao!!***

O dear! Your body is like a hut of grasses. Just as the grass becomes ash after burning, your body too will get absorbed into dust after death.

***Bhai bandh kutamb sahera!! Oy bhi lage kadh savera!!2!!***

O human being! All those whom you consider to be your own like members of your family and friends, same people will

hurry up taking you out of your house early in the morning after your death i.e. they get busy to complete your final rites quickly.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- Ghat phoote kouoo baat na poochhae kadahu kadahu hoie!! i.e. When one dies, nobody cares and every one commends to hurry up with final rites.)

***Ghar ki naar urah tan lagi!! Uh tou bhoot bhoot kar bhagi!!***

One's own wife who is always very close to one's heart too runs away describing husband's dead body as a ghost.

***Kahi Ravidass sabhae jag lootiya!! Ham tou ek Ram kahi chhootiya!!4!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says- every one in this world is getting robbed under the influence of Maya. However, I am free of the worldly attachments because of my devoted meditation of God.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- Ham dekhat jin sab jag lootiya!! Kahu Kabir mae Ram kah chhootiya!! i.e. We all see every one in this world getting robbed by Maya. I am free of the bonds of Maya because of my devotion to God. Any living being who worships God with dedicated devotion gets rid of the influence of Maya and becomes one with God.)

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## **Raag Suhi Chaupada**

### **Shabad 43**

***Dukhiari dukhiara jag mahin, man jap lae Ram piara re!!Tek!!***

***Garh kancha taskar tih laga, toon kahe na jaag abhaga re!!***

***Naen ughar na pekhiyo toone, manush janam kih lekha re!!***

***Paoun pasar kimi soi pario, taen janam akarath khoia re!!***

***Jan Ravidass Ram nit bhentahi, rahi sanjam jagit pehra re!!1!!***

In this sacred hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings to worship God, who ends all miseries, with true devotion.

***Dukhiari dukhiara jag mahin, man jap lae Ram piara re!!Tek!!***

Human being suffers in this world sans God's Naam.

Therefore O mind! You should worship dear God with utmost devotion.

***Garh kancha taskar tih laga, toon kahe na jaag abhaga re!!***

Your body is akin to a non durable mud fort and death will snatch it away in due course. O unlucky man! Why don't you wake up from slumber of ignorance and practice devout meditation of God?

***Naen ughar na pekhiyo toone, manush janam kih lekha re!!***

You never open your eyes to ponder over your deeds of this human birth and visualize that you shall be held accountable for the same.

***Paoun pasar kimi soi pario, taen janam akarath khoia re!!***

You keep sleeping stretching your legs and oblivious of God. You are wasting your rare and precious human life in vain.

***Jan Ravidass Ram nit bhentahi, rahi sanjam jagit pehra re!!!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O human being! You must practice devout meditation of God regularly every day and make efforts to realize enlightenment through exercising control over your body and mind”. Stay awake and guard your rights.

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## **Raag Bilawal**

### **Shabad 44**

***Darid dekh sabh ko hasae aisi dasa hamari!!***

***Asat dasa sidhi kar talae sabh kripa tumari!!!!***

***Tu janat mae kichh nahi bhav khandan Ram!!***

***Sagal jia sarnagati Prabh pooran kaam!!!!Rahaao!!***

***Jo teri sarnagata tin nahi bhar!!***

***Ooch neech tum te tare aalaj sansar!!2!!***

***Kahi Ravidass akath katha bahu kayi karijae!!***

***Jaisa tu taisa tuhi kiya upma dijae!!3!!1!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains anti humanity situation of his era and preaches to all human beings that anyone who is devoted to God irrespective of his lower or upper caste,

achieves all of his pious goals when he surrenders to God with dedicated devotion.

***Daridu dekhi sabh ko hasae aisi dasa hamari!!  
Asat dasa sidhi kar talae sabh kripa tumari!!***

O God! The community in which I have taken birth has been deprived of human rights. Every one ridicules our poverty and pitiable condition. However, O God! Thanks to Thy worship, all the eighteen supernatural powers are now under my command. This is the result of Thy blessings only.

***Tu janat mae kichh nahi bhav khandan Ram!!  
Sagal jia sarnagati Prabh pooran kaam!!!Rahaao!!***

O God the reliever of cycle of birth and death! I am ignorant but Thou are omniscient. All of the good wishes of those who are devoted to Thee get surely fulfilled.

***Jo teri sarnagata tin nahi bhar!!  
Ooch neech tum te tare aalaj sansar!!2!!***

O God! Any one, who surrenders to Thee, does not suffer any misery or burden of his deeds. Having secured Thy shelter and patronage, all living beings cross over the Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like universe irrespective of being rich or poor and of high or low caste.

***Kahi Ravidass akath katha bahu kayi karijae!!  
Jaisa tu taisa tuhi kiya upma dijae!!3!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says “O God! Thy legend is beyond description. Hence there is no need for telling many stories. What praise this human being can shower on Thee? Thou are only Thee. There is none comparable to Thee.”

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### Shabad 45

***Jih kul sadh baisno hoi!!  
Baran abaran rank nahi isur bimal baas janiae jag  
soi!!1!!Rahaao!!  
Brahman baes sood ar khatri dom chandar malesh man soi!!  
Hoi puneet Bhagwant bhajan te aap tari tare kul doi!!1!!  
Dhan so gaon dhan so thaon dhan puneet kutamb sabh loi!!***

***Jin piya sar ras taje aan ras hoi ras magan dare bikh khoi!!2!!  
Pundit soor chhatarpati raja bhagti brabar aur na koi!!  
Jaise puraen paat rahae jal sameep bhan Ravidass janame  
jag oei!!3!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj delivers sacred sermon that the clan, that has saints devoted to God, is considered as a superior one irrespective of the ancestry. No one including an extremely learned person, a world conqueror or king ruling over the whole world, can ever be equal to a true devotee of God.

***Jih kul sadh baisno hoi!!***

***Baran abaran rank nahi isur bimal baas janiae jag  
soi!!1!!Rahaao!!***

Any one from a race having a saint devoted to worship of God, can never be poor irrespective of whether he hails from within a brahmin or learned, kshatriya or warrior, trader and backwards community or otherwise. He is indeed blessed by God and his pious aroma is felt all over the world.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says- Kabir soi kul bhali ja kul Har ko dass!! i.e. Only that community is pious in which a devotee of God is born to worship Almighty.)

***Brahman baes sood ar khatri dom chandar malesh man soi!!  
Hoi puneet Bhagwant bhajan te aap tari tare kul doi!!1!!***

Any person, irrespective of his association with tasks assigned to a brahmin, kshatriya, trader or any backwards community, would certainly become pious through deep devotion and meditation of God. He surely attains salvation and helps infinite number of persons from his maternal and paternal lineage to get over the bonds of birth and death through meditation of God.

***Dhan so gaon dhan so thaon dhan puneet kutamb sabh loi!!***

Blessed are the village, the place and the family where saints are born.

***Jin piya sar ras taje aan ras hoi ras magan dare bikh khoi!!2!!***

Those who savour the nectar of worship of God abandon



pursuit of other worldly pleasures. They forsake poison like worldly pleasures and always remain busy savouring amrit like nectar of God's worship.

***Pundit soor chhatarpati raja bhagti brabar aur na koi!!***

None in this world including most learned person, greatest warrior or sovereign king and any one else can ever be equal to a true devotee of God.

***Jaise puraen paat rahae jal sameep bhan Ravidass janame jag oei!!3!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that just like the hydrophyte plant "Puraen" thrives near water without being adversely affected by it, same way even though saints live in this mortal world, they have no attachment to any worldly pleasures.

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### Shabad 46

***Ka toon sovae jaag divana! Jhootha jivan sanch kar jana !!Tek!!***

***Jo din aavae so dukh me jahi! Kijae kooch rahio sach nahi!!  
Sang chhalio hae ham bhi chalna! Dour gavan sir upar marna!!1!!***

***Jo kashu boya luniye soie! Ta me fer far nahin hoie!!  
Shadiye koor bhajo Har charna! Ta ko mitae janam ar marna!!2!!***

***Jin jiou diya so rijak amrhavae! Ghat-ghat bhitar rahat chalavae!!***

***Kar bandagi chhad maen mera! Hirdae Karim sambhar savera!!3!!***

***Aage panth khara hae jhina! Khandae dhar jaisa hae paena!!  
Jis upar marg hae tera! Panthi panth sanvar savera!!4!!***

***Kia taen kharcha kia tae khaya! Chal darhal diban bulaya!!  
Sahib to pae lekha lesi! Bhir pariya toon bhar bhar desi!!5!!***

***Janam sirana kia pasara sanvara! Sanjh pari chahun dis andhiara!!***

***Kahi Ravidass nidan divana! Ajhun na chetae duni  
fandkhana!!6!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj describes the fragile nature of this universe and conveys his pious sermon of detachment. He advises human beings to wake up from slumber of ignorance and strive for realization of God through His devout meditation.

***Ka toon sovae jaag divana! Jhootha jivan sanch kar jana  
!!Tek!!***

O dear! Why do you remain under deep slumber of ignorance in this world? You have taken this perishable life to be true. In fact this world is fragile. O dear! Therefore wake up from the sleep of ignorance and bear God in mind.

***Jo din aavae so dukh me jahi! Kijae kooch rahio sach nahi!!  
Sang chalio hae ham bhi chalna! Dour gavan sir upar  
marna!!1!!***

Every day is lost in pain and suffering. All living beings have to leave this world one day. No living being is immortal in this universe. Friends and colleagues are constantly leaving this world. We too will part from this world one day. One considers death to be far away but in reality it is all the time hovering around one's head.

***Jo kashu boya luniye soie! Ta me fer far nahin hoie!!  
Shadiye koor bhajo Har charna! Ta ko mitae janam ar  
marna!!2!!***

O dear! You will reap what you sow and you will be held accountable for your deeds. There will be no leniency or adjustment for same. O brother! Abandon pursuit of futile pleasures and surrender yourself at God's lotus feet so as to get rid of repeated cycles of birth and death.

***Jin jiou diya so rijak amrhavae! Ghat-ghat bhitar rahat  
chalavae!!***

***Kar bandagi chhad maen mera! Hirdae Karim sambhar  
savera!!3!!***

The creator God also provides for every one's sustenance.

God regulates functioning of body and mind of all living beings. O human beings! Cast aside your futile ego and proud possessions; get up early in the morning and devote yourselves to true meditation of God.

***Aage panth khara hae jhina! Khandae dhar jaisa hae paena!!***

***Jis upar marg hae tera! Panthi panth sanvar savera!!4!!***

Your journey to the unknown world after death is extremely difficult like treading on the edge of a razor sharp sword. O dear brother! Therefore you must prepare yourself well for this arduous journey through regular devout meditation of God early in the morning everyday.

***Kia taen kharcha kia tae khaya! Chal darhal diban bulaya!!  
Sahib to pae lekha lesi! Bhir pariya toon bhar bhar desi!!!5!!***

O brother! What did you spend and savour in this world since birth. Dharmaraj, the messenger of death will question you in his court about your deeds and God will hold you accountable for same at that time. Then you, sans meditation of God's Naam, will be answerable and punished for your misdeeds.

***Janam sirana kia pasara sanvara! Sanjh pari chahun dis andhiara!!***

***Kahi Ravidass nidan divana! Ajhun na chetae duni fandkhana!!6!!***

O dear! You are wasting your precious human life. You have not devoted yourself to meditation and realization of God. Just as darkness descends all around after sunset, likewise when death akin to night strikes, all of the organs and senses of the body stop functioning abruptly. You will have no time then to remember God and worship Him. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj warns "O Ignorant man! Even now you do not realize that this world is perishable? O dear brother! Therefore you must devote yourself to meditation and true love for God who helps His devotees in both worlds i.e. during their lives in this world and thereafter."

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## Shabad 47

*Khalik sikasta mae tera! De didar umedgar bekarar jiou mera!!Tek!!*

*Aval aakhir ilah aadim mauj farista banda!*

*Jis ki panah peer paegambar maen garib kia ganda!!1!!*

*Toon haajra hajoor jog ik avar nahin dooja!*

*Jiske isk aasra nahin kia nivaj kia pooja!!2!!*

*Nalidoz hanoj bebakhat kami khidmatgar tumhara!*

*Darmanda dar jawab na pavae kahi Ravidass bichara!!3!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings that oblivious of God any amount of rituals and worship are futile. One cannot realize God and salvation without abiding devotion and complete surrender at the lotus feet of God.

*Khalik sikasta mae tera! De didar umedgar bekarar jiou mera!!Tek!!*

O God! I surrender to Thee and yet I feel separated in the absence of Thy eternal sight. O revered God! Kindly bless me with Thy revelation. My mind is restless to have a glimpse of Thee.

*Aval aakhir ilah aadim mauj farista banda!*

*Jis ki panah peer paegambar maen garib kia ganda!!1!!*

O God! You are manifest in each particle all over the universe since beginning to end. O God! Only the one who meditates and worships You with devotion is a blessed human being. O God! Even the saints and enlightened ones too pay obeisance at Your feet. Then how can a poor person like me be away from Your shelter and blessings?

*Toon haajra hajoor jog ik avar nahin dooja!*

*Jiske isk aasra nahin kia nivaj kia pooja!!2!!*

O God! You are omnipresent and manifest throughout the universe. There is no one like You. O God! If any one does not seek blessings of Your true love then all of the ritualistic prayers and worship are futile and in vain.

*Nalidoz hanoj bebakhat kami khidmatgar tumhara!*

*Darmanda dar jawab na pavae kahi Ravidass bichara!!3!!*

O God! Any human being oblivious of You endures sufferings like a larva in a dirty drain. How can he then be Your true devotee? Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj prays “O revered God! In the absence of Your glimpse and revelation, the pathetic human being suffers immensely”

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### Shabad 48

*Jo mohi bedan kasni aakhoun, Har bin jivan kaise kar rakho!!Tek!!*

*Jeev tarsae ik dang basera karhu sambhal tum sirjan mera!!*

*Birha tapae tan adhik jaravae nind na aavae bhojan na bhavae!!1!!*

*Sakhi saheli garab gaheli piyou ki baat na sunahu saheli!!*

*Maen re duhagan adhikar jani gaiyo so joban sadh na mani!!2!!*

*Toon dana saien sahib mera khidmatgar banda maen tera!!*

*Kahae Ravidass andesa yehi bin darsan kioun jivahi sanehi!!3!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj describes the state of true love for God in this hymn. O God! Thy devotee can not live without realizing Thee. He lives only in the hope of being blessed with complete realization of Thee.

*Jo mohi bedan kasni aakhoun, Har bin jivan kaise kar rakho!!Tek!!*

O dear brother! I have intense pain of separation from God within my mind and that is beyond description. How can I lead my life without God?

*Jeev tarsae ik dang basera karhu sambhal tum sirjan mera!!*

*Birha tapae tan adhik jaravae nind na aavae bhojan na bhavae!!1!!*

O revered Lord! I have intense longing for Thy blessings. Kindly take pity on me and bless me with Thy eternal sight. O God! My mind and body suffer intense pain and agony when deprived of Thy perpetual revelation. Because of that I can neither sleep nor relish any food.

***Sakhi saheli garab gaheli piyou ki baat na sunahu saheli!!  
Maen re duhagan adhikar jani gaiyo so joban sadh na mani!!2!!***

O dear friend and human bride! As long as you are obsessed with futile ego, you never listen to your spouse Almighty God. I treat those human beings as cursed who ignore their Lord and waste their prime human lives oblivious of God. They do not follow the preaching and path shown by saints.

***Toon dana saien sahib mera khidmatgar banda maen tera!!  
Kahae Ravidass andesa yehi bin darsan kioun jivahi  
sanehi!!3!!***

O omniscient God! You are my Lord and I am Thy profound devotee and very humble servant. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says “O respected God! How can Thy devotee survive without Thy eternal sight? I can not live without Thy perpetual revelation.”

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### Shabad 49

***Ta thaen patit nahi ko pavan Har taj aan na dhiayia re!!  
Ham apooj pooj bhaye Har thae Naam anoopam gayia  
re!!Tek!!***

***Astadas buyakaran bakhanae re teen kaal khat jita re!!  
Prem bhagti antar gat nahin ta te dhanuk nika re!!1!!  
Ta thae bhalo svan ko satr Har charan na chit layia re!!  
Mouan mukti baekunth basa jivat than jas payia re!!2!!  
Ham apradhi neech ghar janamen kutamb lok karae hansia  
re!!***

***Kahae Ravidass Ram jap rasna katae janam ki pasi re!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches through this pious hymn that devout meditation of God purifies sinners. A devotee dedicated to true worship of God secures a respected status in the world for himself in due course. Through abiding love, meditation and surrender at the lotus feet of God, one attains eternal salvation during one's lifetime itself.

***Ta thaen patit nahi ko pavan Har taj aan na dhiayia re!!  
Ham apooj pooj bhaye Har thae Naam anoopam gayia  
re!!Tek!!***

There is no one like God for purification and deliverance of the sinners and hence why should we worship anyone except the one Almighty God? “O dear brethren! I was unworthy of any respect but people now hold me in high esteem and reverence because of my devout love and meditation of God. O dear brother! Therefore eulogize and glorify the Naam of unique Almighty God.

***Astadas buyakaran bakhanae re teen kaal khat jita re!!  
Prem bhagti antar gat nahin ta te dhanuk nika re!!1!!***

Study of the eighteen grammars reveals that one, who truly worships God, is beyond the influence of three phases of time i.e. past, present and future and he does not have to be accountable for six types of human conduct. Any one, who is devoid of staunch devotion to God, is assigned a low status.

***Ta thae bhalo svan ko satr Har charan na chit layia re!!  
Mouan mukti baekunth basa jivat ihan jas payia re!!2!!***

Any person, who has subjugated the lust for riches akin to a dog, connects his mind with the lotus feet of God, is truly great. Such human being, who dies while living overpowering his ego, lives in eternal tranquillity during his life time and he is eulogized every where.

***Ham apradhi neech ghar janamen kutamb lok karae hansire!!***

***Kahae Ravidass Ram jap rasna katae janam ki pasi re!!3!!***

Ignorant persons treat me as a criminal hailing from a low caste and downtrodden community and they make fun of me. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to shun all forms of discrimination and worship God with dedicated devotion so as to get rid of the noose of repeated cycles of birth and death.

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### Shabad 50

***Aisa hi Har kion paivo, man chanchal re bhai!***

***Chapal bhaio chahundis dhavai, rakhiyo rahai!!Tek!!***

***Maen meri shootai nahin kabhun, maen mamta madu beedhio!***

***Lobh moh mahi rahio rujhanau, nit vishia ras reejhio!!1!!***  
***Dumm koh moh Maya bas, kapat koor houn bandhaio!***  
***Kaam lubdh kau bas pario, kulkaan shanrh bikaio!!2!!***  
***Shapa tilak shapau nahin sobhai, jaun laun Keso nahin gaio!***  
***Sanjam rahio na Har houn simario, birtha bharmio roo***  
***bharmiao!!3!!***  
***Anik kautak kala kashae kashe, bahur sang dikhavo!***  
***Moorikh aapan aap samujhi nahin, auran ka***  
***samujhavo!!4!!***  
***Aas karae baekunth gavan kou, chal man kabhou na thirao!***  
***Jaun laun man vas nahin hountau, tau lag sabh juthario!!5!!***  
***Kapat kia reejhai nahin Kesau, jag karta nahin kancha!***  
***Kahi Ravidass bhajau Har Madhau, sevag hovae man***  
***sancha!!6!!***

In this virtuous hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys pious sermon to human beings to shun arrogance and worship God with devotion.

***Aisa hi Har kion paivo, man chanchal re bhai!***  
***Chapal bhaio chahundis dhavai, rakhiyo rahai!!Tek!!***

O dear brother! You can not realize God as long as your mind is unstable. No one except God will protect you even if you seek help from every one around.

***Maen meri shootai nahin kabhun, maen mamta madu***  
***beedhio!***

***Lobh moh mahi rahio rujhanau, nit vishia ras reejhio!!1!!***

Your mind is never free of arrogance and futile pride and it is captivated by attachment and egotism. Human mind is entangled in greed and attachment and remains preoccupied with lust and worldly pleasures all the time.

***Dumm koh moh Maya bas, kapat koor houn bandhaio!***  
***Kaam lubdh kau bas pario, kulkaan shanrh bikaio!!2!!***

Human being is under strong influence of Maya and deeply involved in cunning and futile evil pursuits. Being a prisoner of lust, he has sold out his conscience ignoring all healthy family traditions.



***Shapa tilak shapau nahin sobhai, jaun laun Keso nahin gaio!  
Sanjam rahio na Har houn simario, birtha bharmio roo  
bharmaio!!3!!***

External bodily decorations and supporting symbols on the forehead don't look nice sans devout worship of God. Human being does not control his ambitions and he does not devote himself to devout meditation of God. He is wasting his precious human life in illusions.

***Anik kautak kala kashae kashe, bahur sang dikhavo!  
Moorikh aapan aap samujhi nahin, auran ka  
samujhavo!!4!!***

Human being indulges in several gimmicks and showmanship of conceit. His foolish mind does not comprehend truth and can not convince others about reality.

***Aas karae baekunth gavan kou, chal man kabhou na thirao!  
Jaun laun man vas nahin hountau, tau lag sabh juthario!!5!!***

Human being hopes to make heaven his abode but his mind is most unstable. Until he is able to exercise control over his mind, every thing is futile till then.

***Kapat kia reejhai nahin Kesau, jag karta nahin kancha!  
Kahi Ravidass bhajau Har Madhau, sevag hovae man  
sancha!!6!!***

One cannot please God with deceit as the creator of the universe is omniscient and knows what transpires in every one's mind. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one's mind gets purified with devout meditation of God.

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### **Shabad 51**

***Ka gaoun kashu gai na hoi, gaoun roop sahjae soi!!Tek!!  
Nahin akas nahin dhar dharni, pavan pur ghat chanda!  
Nahin ab Ram Krisan gun bhai bolat hae sush shanda!!1!!  
Nahin ab ved kateb puranan, suni sahijre bhai!  
Nahin ab maen taen, taen maen nahin, ka sion kahon  
bataie!!2!!  
Bhanae Ravidass ka kahi gaoun, gayin gayi harana!***

***Samujh bichar bol kahan ghaun, apahi aap samana!!3!!***

In this hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings to concentrate with single minded concentration on devout meditation of God.

***Ka gaoun kashu gai na hoi, gaoun roop sahjae soi!!Tek!!***

What glory of God can I chant? His divine virtues are beyond description. One, who sings His paeans with devotion, attains the stage of eternal tranquillity effortlessly.

***Nahin akas nahin dhar dharni, pavan pur ghat chanda!***

***Nahin ab Ram Krisan gun bhai bolat hae sush shanda!!1!!***

The Almighty God is not only space, earth, air or the moon. The God is all pervading and omnipresent. I do not sing paeans of either Ram or Krishna and I say this truthfully.

***Nahin ab ved kateb puranan, suni sahij re bhai!***

***Nahin ab maen taen, taen maen nahin, ka sion kahon bataie!!2!!***

O dear brother! I don't need to study Vedas, Puranas and other scriptures. I have realized the true ecstasy after reaching the stage of eternal tranquillity of God. Now the distinction between you and me has vanished. With whom should I confide this truth?

***Bhanae Ravidass ka kahi gaoun, gayin gayi harana!***

***Samujh bichar bol kahan ghaun, apahi aap samana!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says "What glory of God can I sing now? He has infinite virtues. One gets tired singing his paeans. Human being can not comprehend the glory of God and describe His greatness consciously. One gets amalgamated with God through singing His glory with truthful devotion."

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## Shabad 52

***Ab ka kahi kaun bataoun!***

***Ab ka kahi debali dev samaoun!!Tek!!***

***Ka sioun Ram kahaun sun bhai, ka sioun Krisan Karima!***

***Ka sioun baid kataib kahoun ab, ka sioun kahoun laieo lina!!1!!***

***Ka sioun tap tirath barat pooja, ka sioun naoun kahaoun!  
Ka sioun bhist dojig na satt kar, ka sioun kahoun kahaie!!2!!  
Ka sioun jeev siv kahaun sadhau, sunn sahaj ghar bhai!!  
Ka sioun guni na gun kahoun Madhau, ka sioun kahoun  
bataie!!3!!  
Jal ke tarang jal manhi samaie, kahi ka kau nanv dharaiae!  
Aese ek roop maen Madho, apan hi nirvariae!!4!!  
Bhanae Ravidass ab ka kahi gaoun, jou koi aurahi hoie!  
Ja sioun gaiae gai kahat haen, param roop ham soie!!5!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to human beings through this hymn to sing paeans of God.

***Ab ka kahi kaun bataoun! Ab ka kahi debali dev  
samaoun!!Tek!!***

With what words should I sing glory of God? In what deity or goddess should I get amalgamated leaving aside the Almighty God?

***Ka sioun Ram kahaun sun bhai, ka sioun Krisan Karima!  
Ka sioun baid kataib kahoun ab, ka sioun kahoun laieo  
lina!!1!!***

O dear brother! To whom should I address as Ram, Krishna or Kareem except the all pervading God? What holy books or Vedas should I study and with whom should I get amalgamated leaving aside devout meditation of God?

***Ka sioun tap tirath barat pooja, ka sioun naoun kahaoun!  
Ka sioun bhist dojigu na satt kar, ka sioun kahoun  
kahaie!!2!!***

What penance can I perform leaving aside God, at which holy places should I take bath and what sort of fasting and worship should I perform? With what name should I address Him except God? Because of devout meditation of God, I do not accept the existence of heaven and hell as true and I don't make any declaration based on what others may say.

***Ka sioun jeev siv kahaun sadhau, sunn sahaj ghar bhai!!  
Ka sioun guni na gun kahoun Madhau, ka sioun kahoun  
bataie!!3!!***

O revered sages! Which living being should I deem as my saviour except you? O dear brother! One can realize God only after reaching the stage of permanent eternal serenity. O revered God! Kindly advise me whom should I consider as learned one except Thee?

***Jal ke tarang jal manhi samaie, kahi ka kau nanv dharaiae!  
Aese ek roop maen Madho, apan hi nirvariae!!4!!***

Waves originate from water and get absorbed in water. Likewise, every living being has his origin in God and he gets amalgamated with the Almighty ultimately. Then what name should be ascribed to it? O revered God! Human being becomes indistinguishable from Thee after Thy devout worship. You are always very merciful and kind to all.

***Bhanae Ravidass ab ka kahi gaoun, jou koi aurahi hoie!  
Ja sioun gaiae gai kahat haen, param roop ham soie!!5!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says “Whose glory should I sing now because there is none other than God? Who should I ask to sing His paeans as I have become one with God after His devout meditation?”

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### Shabad 53

***Khojat kithoon firae, tere ghat mahi Sirjanhar!!Tek!!  
Kastoori mirg pas hae re, dhoondat ghas firae!  
Pashae lago Kal pardhi, shin mahin pran harae!!1!!  
Irha Pingla Sukhmana narhi, ja mae chit na dharae!!  
Sahastar mahin Bhanvar Gufa hae, bhanvra goonj  
karae!!2!!  
Dil dariyav hira lal hae gurmukh samajh parae!!  
Marji va ki sain vicharae, tou hira hath parae!!3!!  
Kahi Ravidass samujh re santo, ih pad hae nirvan!  
Ih rahas koi khojae boojhae, soou hae sant sujan!!4!!***

Through this virtuous hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to human beings of the world to strive for realization of eternal serenity through relentless search for God within by absolute focus of the conscience in the forehead region.

***Khojat kithoon firae, tere ghat mahi Sirjanhar!! Tek!!***

O dear human being! Why do you keep searching for God every where outside? The Creator God is always present within you.

***Kastoori mirg pas hae re, dhoondat ghas firae!***

***Pashae lago Kal pardhi, shin mahin pran harae!!1!!***

The musk is present inside the naval region of the abdomen of the musk deer but he keeps searching for it outside in the grass. Likewise God is manifest within you but you keep looking for Him all over outside. However, death in the form of messenger of death is always following you closely. It is in your hot pursuit and you will be dead in no time at the reckoned moment in the end.

***Irha Pingla Sukhmana narhi, ja mae chit na dharae!!***

***Sahastar mahin Bhanvar Gufa hae, bhanvra goonj karae!!2!!***

O dear! You do not worship Almighty with devotion to comprehend God in your mind by focussing your conscience in the region of confluence of the three arteries Irha, Pingla and Sukhmana. There is “Bhanvargufa” inside the “Sahansdal Kamal” within you where God's Naam reverberates eternally.

***Dil dariyav hira lal hae gurmukh samajh parae!!***

***Marji va ki sain vicharae, tou hira hath parae!!3!!***

In this “Bhanvargufa” lies your mind that is vast like a river. A priceless gem in the form of God's Naam is manifest there but only one who devotedly follows the teachings of Guru – the master, can comprehend same. One, who follows scrupulously the path shown by the Guru and contemplates God's Naam with devotion, secures that inestimable gem.

***Kahi Ravidass samujh re santo, ih pad hae nirvan!***

***Ih rahas koi khojae boojhae, soou hae sant sujan!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says “O revered sages! Devout meditation of God, as explained, is the ultimate stage of eternal tranquillity. One who is successful in comprehending

the mystery of God manifest within is indeed the real perfect saint.”

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### Shabad 54

*Santo kul pakhi bhagti hvaesi Kaliyug me, nipakh birla nivhaesi!*

*Jaan pishan harish man hulsae, bin pishan milat murjhasi!!1!!*

*Apsvarath parmadh dadhyade, parmarath na dirhasi!*

*Bin bisvas banjh sut jaysae, Har karani kion rasi!!2!!*

*Bhav bhagti hirdae nahi aasi, vishae lagi sukh pasi!*

*Kahi Ravidass poora Gur pavae, svang ki svang dukhasi!!3!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious sermon to all human beings to shun external, ritualistic, partisan and exhibitionistic worship and practice devout meditation of God whole-heartedly that springs from the sacred communion with a perfect Guru.

*Santo kul pakhi bhagti hvaesi Kaliyug me, nipakh birla nivhaesi!*

*Jaan pishan harish man hulsae, bin pishan milat murjhasi!!1!!*

O revered saints! People exhibit superficial worship for meeting their own selfish motives during the Kaliyug. However, only very rare individuals perform devout and true meditation of God. With the true and devoted worship of God, one stays in eternal ecstasy and intense delight. In the absence of complete comprehension of God, human being suffers agony and dissipates because of jealousy.

*Apsvarath parmadh dadhyade, parmarath na dirhasi!*

*Bin bisvas banjh sut jaysae, Har karani kion rasi!!2!!*

Who so ever practices superficial ritualistic and exhibitionistic worship with his own selfish motives uppermost in mind suffers intense pain and agony all the time and he can never realize Almighty God's Naam . Just as a sterile woman can never be certain of bearing a child, same way any one

devoid of devout meditation of God can never contemplate to cross over Bhavsagar the vast fathomless ocean like universe.

***Bhav bhagti hirdae nahi aasi, vishae lagi sukh pasi!  
Kahi Ravidass poora Gur pavae, svang ki svang dukhasi!!3!!***

Mind of any human being, oblivious of God, does not have any longing for true love of the Almighty God because of his obsession with seeking gratification in pursuit of futile worldly pleasures. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one should seek shelter at the lotus feet of a perfect Guru. Otherwise, one suffers pain and agony because of selfish and futile ritualistic worship.

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### Shabad 55

***Pande! Har vich antar dadha!  
Mund mundavae seva pooja bhram ka bandhan gadha!!  
Tek!!  
Mala tilak manohar banon lago jam ki pasi!!  
Jo Har seti jorhayo chaho to jag so raho udasi!!1!!  
Bhukh na bhajae trisna na jaie kaho kaun kavan gun hoie!!  
Jo dadhi me kanji ko javan to ghril na kadhae koie!!2!!  
Karni kathni gian achara bhagti inhu so nayari!!  
Doi ghora chadhi kou na pahunchau Satguru kahae  
pukari!!3!!  
Jo dasa tan kiyo chaho aas bhagti ki hoie!!  
To nirmal sang magan havae nacho laj saram sab khoie!!4!!  
Koi dadhau kaie sidhau sachau koor nit marya!!  
Kahi Ravida hau na kahat hau yokadasah pukariya!!5!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious sermon to human beings steeped in arrogance that “Human being devoid of true devotion to God remains entangled in ignorance. One soaked in true meditation of God's Naam remains detached while living in this world. All ignorance vanishes when mind is full of true love and devotion to God.”

***Pande! Har vich antar dadha!  
Mund mundavae seva pooja bhram ka bandhan gadha!!  
Tek!!***

O learned friend preoccupied with rituals! There is vast difference in ritualistic worship and truly devoted meditation of God. One devoid of true love for God remains entangled in ignorance despite ritualistic worship after shaving his head.

***Mala tilak manohar banon lago jam ki pasi!!***

***Jo Har seti jorhayo chaho to jag so raho udasi!!1!!***

Devoid of true love for God, ritualistic practices like adoring rosary around neck, wearing attractive clothes and applying sandal paste on forehead only lead one to the noose of messengers of death. O dear brother! If you want to establish a relationship of true love with God, then you must live detached from futile worldly pleasures.

***Bhukh na bhajae trisna na jaie kaho kaun kavan gun hoie!!***

***Jo dadhi me kanji ko javan to ghrit na kadhae koie!!2!!***

O dear brother! You can not get rid of your greed and longings without true meditation of God's Naam. O dear! Therefore you should yourself tell what is the virtue of such arrogance? If one uses carrot extract to turn milk into curd, then how will he separate fat from milk? He cannot get fat out of milk.

***Karni kathni gian achara bhagti inhu so nayari!!***

***Doi ghora chadhi kou na pahunchau Satguru kahae pukari!!3!!***

O dear brother! Your deeds and thoughts, knowledge and behaviour are contrary to truly devout meditation because of your arrogance. However, true devotion to God is different from egotism. Just as no one can reach his destination riding on two horses simultaneously; true masters have cautioned human beings that they cannot adhere to arrogance and true devotion to God at the same time.

***Jo dasa tan kiyo chaho aas bhagti ki hoie!!***

***To nirmal sang magan havae nacho laj saram sab khoie!!4!!***

True love and devotion to God also spring in the mind of anyone who cultivates humility in his mind. Thereafter one remains engrossed in pious Naam of God. Having soaked



oneself with true Naam of God, he shuns everything else including futile worldly Maya, false shyness and timidity.

***Koi dadhau kaie sidhau sachau koor nit marya!!***

***Kahi Ravidass hau na kahat hau yokadasah pukariya!!5!!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that 'Those who believe in rituals also preach others to practice similar rites. However I am saying aloud to every one that advent of true love and devotion to God in one's mind shall banish all ignorance. Devout meditation of God certainly overcomes all ignorance.'

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### Shabad 56

***Man mero thir na rahaie, kot kautik kar dikhravae,  
it ut jag mahin dhaie!! Tek!!***

***Maya mamta moh laptano, din din urjhat jaie!***

***Suan puchh kabhu hoi na soudho kijahu lakh upaie!!***

***Guru ko gian prem ki santi, kubudh kukaram shurhaie!!***

***Kahi Ravidass man thir haesvi, chal sab sharh Gur  
sarnaie!!!***

In this hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advises human beings to shun external rituals, surrender at the lotus feet of perfect Guru and practice devout meditation of God.

***Man mero thir na rahaie, kot kautik kar dikhravae,  
it ut jag mahin dhaie!! Tek!!***

Human mind can never be stable sans God's Naam even if one may exhibit many visible tricks and he may roam the world over in ignorance.

***Maya mamta moh laptano, din din urjhat jaie!***

***Suan puchh kabhu hoi na soudho kijahu lakh upaie!!***

Human being sans God's Naam gets entangled day by day in Maya (Illusion), attachment and longing for dear ones. Just as tail of a dog cannot be straightened despite infinite efforts, likewise human being may pursue any number of futile rituals but he can not seek eternal salvation except through devout meditation of God's Naam.

***Guru ko gian prem ki santi, kubudh kukaram shurhaie!!  
Kahi Ravidass man thir haesvi, chal sab sharh Gur  
sarnaie!!!***

Enlightenment through revered Guru and the stick of true love banish sinful deeds and thereafter human mind becomes stable. Thereafter one surrenders at the lotus feet of perfect Guru abandoning all rituals.

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### **Shabad 57**

***Ham ghar aaiyo Ram bhatar, gavahu sakhi mil manglachar!!  
Tan man ratt karhin aapuno, tau kahun payihin piv piar!!!  
Pritam ko jo darsan payi, man mandir mahin bhayo ujar!!  
Haun marhai tae nau nidh paaie, kripa kinhi Ram  
Kartar!!2!!  
Bahut janam bishure piv payo, janam janam taen bilyi rar!!  
Kahi Ravidass haun kashu nahin janaun,  
charan kanval mahin tuv Murar!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj chanted this hymn at a time when revered sages visited his house as welcome guests. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that he has realized God with the arrival of saints very dear to God and that his mind is glowing with enlightenment and realization of knowledge.

***Ham ghar aaiyo Ram bhatar, gavahu sakhi mil manglachar!!  
Tan man ratt karhin aapuno, tau kahun paiyihin piv piar!!!***

Revered sages dear to God have blessed my house with their visit. Let us join them in singing glory of God. We secure true love of God in their company by surrendering our body and soul at their lotus feet.

***Pritam ko jo darsan payi, man mandir mahin bhayo ujar!!  
Haun marhai tae nau nidh paaie, kripa kinhi Ram  
Kartar!!2!!***

With their blessings, human mind glows with enlightenment of true knowledge and one is able to realize revered God. I have secured the nine precious treasures through their blessings. Lord God has very kindly blessed me with their sacred company.

***Bahut janam bishure piv payo, janam janam taen bilyi rar!!  
Kahi Ravidass haun kashu nahin janaun,  
charan kanval mahin tuv Murar!!3!!***

Even though separated from God for many lives, I have now realized God. Otherwise my precious life was going waste. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj submits before God that “I do not know anything. However, I have now secured the shelter of Thy lotus feet with Thy blessings.”

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### **Shabad 58**

***Kalhu nayi tahi pad sis, nahin bisraoun khin ekahu Ish!!  
Tek!!***

***Janam marun ar jag jala, Naam pratap na biyapahin byala!!  
Agat vigat anadi anoopa, visav viyapak Brahm aroopa!!  
Ghat ghat tih pekhiat ayise, jal mahin lahir, lahir jal jayise!!  
Kahi Ravidass Har sarb viyapak, sarb chintamani sarab  
pritipalak!!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to all human beings through this sacred hymn to worship all pervading God with true devotion.

***Kalhu nayi tahi pad sis, nahin bisraoun khin ekahu Ish!!  
Tek!!***

I bow my head with reverence at the lotus feet of God who is beyond the influence of time. I do not forget Almighty God even for a moment.

***Janam marun ar jag jala, Naam pratap na biyapahin byala!!  
Agat vigat anadi anoopa, visav viyapak Brahm aroopa!!***

Because of blessings of God's Naam, one does not suffer the pangs of birth & death and sufferings in this futile world. No one can fathom the secrets of God. He neither shrinks nor expands. He is eternal and unique. Such God is manifest throughout the universe and He has no definite form.

***Ghat ghat tih pekhiat ayise, jal mahin lahir, lahir jal jayise!!  
Kahi Ravidass Har sarb viyapak, sarb chintamani sarab  
pritipalak!!!***

God is manifest all over the universe just like waves comprise of water and water is present in the waves. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that God is omnipresent and that He fulfils every one's cherished desires. He alone is provider for all.

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## **Raag Gond**

### **Shabad 59**

*Mukand Mukand japahu sansar!! Bin Mukand tan hoi aouhar!!*

*Soi Mukand mukti ka daata!! Soi Mukand hamra pit mata!!!*

*Jivat Mukande marat Mukande!!*

*Ta ke sewak kou sada anande!!! Rahaa!!*

*Mukand Mukand hamare paranan!! Jap Mukand mastak nisanan!!*

*Sev Mukand karae baeragi!! Soi Mukand durbal dhan ladhi!!2!!*

*Ek Mukand karae upkar!! Hamra kaha karae sansar!!*

*Meti jaat huae darbar!! Tuhi Mukand jog jug tar!!3!!*

*Upjio gian hua pargas!! Kar kirpa leene keet dass!!*

*Kahu Ravidass ab trisna chooki!! Jap Mukand seva tahoo ki!!4!!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings to rise above all sorts of discrimination and worship God Mukand who blesses us with eternal salvation.

*Mukand Mukand japahu sansar!! Bin Mukand tan hoi aouhar!!*

People of the world! Be totally devoted to God Mukand who bestows us with eternal salvation. This rare human life is futile in the absence of worship of Mukand.

*Soi Mukand mukti ka daata!! Soi Mukand hamra pit mata!!!*

Mukand is the one who bestows salvation and same Mukand is my revered father and mother.

***Jivat Mukande marat Mukande!!***

***Ta ke sewak kou sada anande!!1!! Rahaao!!***

Any human being, who practices regular meditation of God- the deliverer till death, always enjoys eternal bliss of Almighty God.

***Mukand Mukand hamare paranan!! Jap Mukand mastak nisanan!!***

God's Mukand name is my heart and soul. Human beings worship God Mukand as ordained by Almighty.

***Sev Mukand karae baeragi!! Soi Mukand durbal dhan ladhi!!2!!***

Human beings should worship God Mukand with complete detachment after abandoning futile worldly pursuits. Dedicated worship of God Mukand is the most precious treasure for me.

***Ek Mukand karae upkar!! Hamra kaha karae sansar!!***

God Mukand has blessed me and hence people of this world can do me no harm.

***Meti jaat huae darbar!! Tuhi Mukand jog jug tar!!3!!***

One must abandon caste based discrimination to be a citizen of God's heavenly abode. O God Mukand! Only Thou have been providing eternal salvation to people since times immemorial.

***Upjio gian hua pargas!! Kar kirpa leene keet dass!!***

When a human being is blessed with divine enlightenment, merciful God adopts even a lowly worm like person as his devotee.

***Kahu Ravidass ab trisna chooki!! Jap Mukand seva tahoo ki!!4!! 1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that he only worships God the Mukand and worship of Almighty has guided him to freedom from pursuit of worldly pleasures.

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## Shabad 60

*Je oh athsath tirath nhavae!! Je oh duadas sila poojavae!!  
Je oh koop tata devavae !! Karae nind sabh birtha javae!1!!  
Sadh ka nindak kaise tarae!! Sarpar janahu narak hi  
parae!!1!! Rahaao!!*

*Je oh grahan karae kulkhet!! Arpae nari sigar samet!!  
Sagli simriti sravani sunae !! Karae nind kavnae nahi  
gunaee!!2!!*

*Je oh anik prasad karavae!! Bhoomi daan sobha mandap  
pavae!!*

*Apna bigar birana sandhae !! Karae nind bahu joni  
handhae!!3!!*

*Ninda kaha karhu sansara !! Nindak ka pargat pahara!!  
Nindak sodh sadh bicharia !! Kahu Ravidass papi narak  
sidharia!!4!!2!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj commends people never to criticize saints. Any one who finds fault with saints must go to hell ultimately.

*Je oh athsath tirath nhavae!! Je oh duadas sila poojavae!!  
Je oh koop tata devavae !! Karae nind sabh birtha javae!1!!*

If anyone bathes at sixty eight places of pilgrimage and if he worships twelve sacred rocks or he constructs water storage tanks and wells, even then all of this will not be fruitful if he indulges in willful criticism of saints.

*Sadh ka nindak kaise tarae!! Sarpar janahu narak hi  
parae!!1!! Rahaao!!*

How can one used to criticizing saints attain salvation? He must certainly land in hell ultimately.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- Santan kou mat koi nindahu sant Ram hae eko!! i.e. O citizens of this world! Never condemn saints as saints and God are identical and one.)

*Je oh grahan karae kulkhet!! Arpae nari sigar samet!!  
Sagli simriti sravani sunae !! Karae nind kavnae nahi  
gunaee!!2!!*

Even if one takes a holy bath at Kurukshetra during solar eclipse and offers his own wife, bedecked with sixteen jewels, in alms and he listens to the discourses of twenty-seven scriptures, all that will be futile if he criticizes saints.

***Je oh anik prasad karavae!! Bhoomi daan sobha mandap pavae!!***

***Apna bigar birana sandhae!! Karae nind bahu joni handhae!!3!!***

Even though one may feed people with delicious dishes and secure admiration of the entire world by giving away his land in alms or he may help promote interests of others ignoring his own, yet he will have to endure sufferings of many births in different forms if he condemns and criticizes saints.

***Ninda kaha karhu sansara !! Nindak ka pargat pahara!!***

***Nindak sodh sadh bicharia !! Kahu Ravidass papi narak sidharia!!4!!2!!***

O citizens of this world! Why do you criticize saints? One who condemns saints gets disgraced all over the world. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj that after due consideration of deeds of a person who censures saints, his condemnation in hell is absolutely certain.

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### **Shabad 61**

***Aaj divas leoun balihara!***

***Mere grah aaya raja Ram ka piara!!Tek!!***

***Aangan bagar bhavan bhayo pavan!***

***Harijan baithe Harijas gavan!!2!!***

***Karoun dandot charan pakahroun!***

***Tan man dhan santan par varoun!!3!!***

***Katha kahaen ar arath bicharaen!***

***Aap tarae auran ko taraen!!4!!***

***Kah Ravidass milae nij dass!***

***Janam janam kae katae pas!!5!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj highlights the importance

of company of saints in this hymn. Any home, where saints sit in congregation and eulogise glory of God, is blessed. Such sages achieve eternal ecstasy and help others to secure salvation.

***Aaj divas leoun balihara!***

***Mere grah aaya raja Ram ka piara!!Tek!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj chanted this hymn when sages visited his house. Maharaj Ji says that this sacred day is indeed blessed when saints, who are very dear to God, have been kind to visit him.

***Aangan bagar bhavan bhayo pavan!***

***Harijan baithe Harijas gavan!!2!!***

With the arrival of the learned sages, my house and surroundings have been sanctified with the recital of hymns by saints in praise of God.

***Karoun dandot charan pakahroun!***

***Tan man dhan santan par varoun!!3!!***

I prostrate before the saints and salute them with utmost respect. I wash their lotus feet and proffer my body, soul and riches before them.

***Katha kahaen ar arath bicharaen!***

***Aap tarae auran ko taraen!!4!!***

Learned saints narrate holy scriptures in praise of God and contemplate His pious Naam. They practice devout meditation of God achieving eternal salvation and also help others to realize God.

***Kah Ravidass milae nij dass!***

***Janam janam kae katae pas!!5!!***

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says “O venerated God! Kindly bless Thy devotee everyday with the sacred company of sages that sets living beings free of the shackles endured during many repeated births.”

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## Shabad 62

***Aese jaan japo re jeev! Jap lio Ram na bharmo jeev!! Tek!!  
Ganika thi kis karma jog! Paar pursan so ramti bhog!!!  
Nis basar duskaram kamaie! Ram kahat Baikunthe jaie!!2!!  
Namdev kahiye jaat kae oshu! Ja ko jas gaiye trilok!!3!!  
Bhagti het bhagta ke chale! Ankmal le Bithal mile!!4!!  
Koti yag jo kou karae! Ram Naam sam taou na nistarae!!5!!  
Nirgun ka gun dekho aaie!! Dehi sahit Kabir sidhaie!! 6!!  
Mori kuchil jaat kuchil me baas! Bhagat charan Haricharan  
nivas!!7!!  
Chario ved kia khandaut! Jan Ravidass karae dandaut!!8!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings through this sacred hymn to get free of suspicion, illusions and rituals and focus on devoted meditation of God. Satguru Namdev Ji and Satguru Kabir Ji are held in high esteem throughout the three worlds or universe because of their devout meditation of God.

***Aese jaan japo re jeev! Jap lio Ram na bharmo jeev!! Tek!!***

O human being! Comprehend such omnipresent God and practice His devout meditation which will end your vacillations.

***Ganika thi kis karma jog! Paar pursan so ramti bhog!!!***

Ganika was a prostitute incapable of noble deeds. She indulged in immoral acts with other men.

***Nis basar duskaram kamaie! Ram kahat Baikunthe jaie!!2!!***

That prostitute engaged in ignoble deeds day and night. However she shunned her misdeeds after being blessed with the company of sages and realized eternal God through devout meditation.

***Namdev kahiye jaat kae oshu! Ja ko jas gaiye trilok!!3!!***

People treated Satguru Namdev Ji as hailing from lower caste because of their ignorance. However, he is now famous throughout the universe and every one eulogises his glory all over the world.

***Bhagti het bhagta ke chale! Ankmal le Bithal mile!!4!!***

God reveals Himself to his devotees because of their true love. God embraces His devout followers with an affectionate embrace.

***Koti yag jo kou karae! Ram Naam sam taou na nistarae!!5!!***

Even if one performs millions of yajnas, he cannot get across the unfathomable ocean of turmoil after death in the absence of devout meditation of God.

***Nirgun ka gun dekho aaie!! Dehi sahit Kabir sidhaie!! 6!!***

Comprehend the limitless powers of formless God. Satguru Kabir Ji reached the eternal kingdom of God while alive because of his devout meditation of amorphous God.

***Mori kuchil jaat kuchil me baas! Bhagat charan Haricharan nivas!!7!!***

O revered God! Ignorant people treat me as hailing from low caste. However, I have realized God and I stay at Lord's lotus feet with the blessings of sacred company of saints.

***Chario ved kia khandaut! Jan Ravidass karae dandaut!!8!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that he abhors the four Vedas that divide humanity on the basis of caste and profession and entangle people in rituals. O revered God! "I am Thy staunch devotee and I prostrate only at Thy lotus feet in devotion."

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## **Raag Ramkali**

### **Shabad 63**

***Parhiae guniae naam sabh suniae anbhao bhao na darsae!!***

***Loha kanchan hiran hoi kaise jou parsahi na parsae!!1!!***

***Dev sansae ganth na chhootae!!***

***Kaam krodh Maya mad matsar in panchahu mil lootae!!1!!Rahaao!!***

***Ham bad kabi kulin ham pundit ham jogi sanyasi!!***

***Giani guni soor ham daate ih budhi kabhi na nasi!!2!!***

***Kahu Ravidass sabhae nahi samjhas bhool pare jaise baure!!***

***Mohi aadhar naam Narayan jiwan pran dhan more !!3!!1!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching that “In the absence of guidance of a perfect Guru, no one can become enlightened or get rid of false pride even if one may keep reciting various names of God or one may listen to all names of God or continuously evaluate three principal qualities of human nature.”

***Parhiae guniae naam sabh suniae anbhao bhao na darsae!!  
Loha kanchan hiran hoi kaise jou parsahi na parsae!!!***

Even if any one on his own may read about God in scriptures on his own, appreciate God's virtues and listen to all of His names, no one can be united with God without Guru's preaching and blessings.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib says – Kiya parhiae kiya guniae!! Kiya baid puranan suniae!! Padhae sunae kiya hoi!! Jou sahaj na milio soi!! i.e. What use is study of scriptures, listening to Vedas & Puranas and reflecting without devotion to God? Scholarly pursuits and listening to scriptures are futile until one secures eternal knowledge about God.)

As iron cannot become gold unless touched with divine Paras or philosopher's stone; likewise human being can not get rid of vices until he secures blessings of Paras like perfect Guru.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says – Paras kae sang tamba bigrio!! So tamba kanchan hoi nibrio!!3!! Santan sang Kabira bigrio!! So Kabir Ramae hoi nibrio!! When touched by Paras –the philosopher's stone, copper turns into gold. Likewise, Kabir has been transformed into God because of the company of saints.)

***Dev sansae ganth na chhootae!!***

***Kaam krodh Maya mad matsar in panchahu mil lootae!!!Rahaaol!***

O God! In the absence of Guru's preaching, the knots of illusions of human being cannot get opened because of his sheer ignorance. Because it is on account of one's deeds that the five vices like false desire, anger, Maya (Illusion), pride and jealousy – all the five together loot the human beings and move them away from God.

***Ham bad kabi kulin ham pundit ham jogi sanyasi!!  
Giani guni soor ham daate ih budhi kabhi na nasi!!2!!***

Because of evil influence of five vices, human beings are under the illusion that they are great scholars, influential yogis and sages, learned poets, born in high casts, enlightened, knowledgeable, great warriors and philanthropists. Such arrogant thinking never ends and one cannot get rid of ignorance and illusions because of that.

***Kahu Ravidass sabhae nahi samjhas bhool pare jaise baure!!  
Mohi aadhar naam Narayan jivan pran dhan more !!3!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that it is extremely difficult to lead people to enlightenment because they have forgotten God like mentally retarded individuals. But I am dependent only on supreme God's devotion. Therefore my life is legendary and worth emulation.

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### **Shabad 64**

***Parchae Ram ramae je koi! Paras parse dubidha na hoi!!  
Tek!!***

***Jo disae so sakal binas! Andithae nahin viswas!!1!!***

***Baran sahit kahae jo Ram! So bhagta kewal nihkam!!2!!***

***Phal karan phoole banraie! Upjae phal tab puhup bilaie!!3!!***

***Gianahi karan karam karaie! Upjae gian tab karam  
nasaie!!4!!***

***Batik beej jaisa aakar! Pasriyo teen lok pasar!!5!!***

***Jahan ka upja tahan samaie! Sahaj shunay maen rahyo  
lukaie!!6!!***

***Jo man bindae soi bind! Amavas maen jaise disae chand!!7!!***

***Jal me jaise tumba tirae! Parchae pind jivae nahin  
marae!!8!!***

***So muni kaun joo man ko khai! Bin duare trilok samai!!9!!***

***Man ki mahima sabh koi kahae! Karta so jo anbhae  
rahae!!10!!***

***Kahae Ravidass yah param baerag! Ram Naam kin japhu  
subhag!!11!!***

***Ghrit karan dadhi mathae sayan! Jiwan mukti sada nirban!!12!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings through this hymn to follow the teachings of one's Guru the transformer like a philosopher's stone, to achieve eternal salvation.

***Parchae Ram ramae je koi! Paras parse dubidha na hoi!! Tek!!***

Any living being who worships God under the guidance of his Guru, will become pious like pure gold in the sacred company of his Guru just as iron gets transformed into gold when touched by Paras - the philosopher's stone.

***Jo disae so sakal binas! Andithae nahin viswas!!1!!***

Everything we see in this universe is perishable. However one does not get the faith and confidence in God without seeing Him.

***Baran sahit kahae jo Ram! So bhagta kewal nihkam!!2!!***

Any devotee who worships God with deep devotion is free of longing for worldly pleasures.

***Phal karan phoole banraie! Upjae phal tab puhup bilaie!!3!!***

Just as trees bear flowers before fruit formation and the flowers wither away once the fruits are formed.

***Gianahi karan karam karaie! Upjae gian tab karam nasaie!!4!!***

Likewise seeker of true knowledge performs good deeds and once he achieves enlightenment he is not accountable for his deeds. He does not have to perform any rituals again.

***Batik beej jaisa aakar! Pasriyo teen lok pasar!!5!!***

As the banyan tree looks small from top but its branches are spread far and wide, same way God is manifest everywhere all over the three worlds or the entire universe.

***Jahan ka upja tahan samaie! Sahaj shunay maen rahyo lukaie!!6!!***

Human beings are part and progeny of God and they can attain eternal salvation and unity with God through His devoted meditation.

***Jo man bindae soi bind! Amavas maen jaise disae chand!!7!!***

Mind is an element of God but it can not have a glimpse of God without dedicated meditation. As the moon is always present but same is invisible on the night of Amavas or no moon's day, similarly God is eternal and omnipresent but one does not visualize Him because of ignorance.

***Jal me jaise tumba tirae! Parchae pind jivae nahin marae!!8!!***

Just as the gourd always floats on water, similarly any one, who follows the preaching of his Guru and worships God manifesting within his body, becomes immortal and never dies.

***So muni kaun joo man ko khai! Bin duare trilok samai!!9!!***

The true sage is one who overcomes vacillation of his mind and gets amalgamated with God who is manifest all over the three worlds or the entire universe and beyond the confines of ten apertures.

***Man ki mahima sabh koi kahae! Karta so jo anbhae rahae!!10!!***

All living beings act in accordance with the wishes of their minds. However those, who become one with God, have no fear.

***Kahae Ravidass yah param baerag! Ram Naam kin japhu subhag!!11!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that "O lucky man! You should behold supreme devotion to God within your mind and remain always engrossed in meditation."

***Ghrit karan dadhi mathae sayan! Jiwan mukti sada nirban!!12!!***

Just as a wise lady churns curd for separation of butter and she stops churning when she can take out the butter. Same way

one pursues sacred deeds to attain eternal enlightenment and once he secures the supreme knowledge, he achieves eternal salvation during his lifetime itself.

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### Shabad 65

*Ab maen hariyo re bhai!*

*Thakit bhayon sabh hal chal te lokan ved barhaie!! Tek!!*

*Thakit bhayon gayin ar nachan thaki seva pooja!!*

*Kaam krodh te deh thakit bhayie kahun kahan laun duja!!1!!*

*Ram jan houn na bhagti kahaoun charan pakharoon na deva!!*

*Joyie joyie karun ulati mohi bandhe ta te nikat na bheva!!2!!*

*Pahile gian ka kiya chandna peechhe diya bujhaie!!*

*Sunn sahaj maen doou tiyage Ram kahun na Khudaie!!3!!*

*Door basae khat karam sakal ar duriou kinhe seou!!*

*Gyan- dhyan doou door kinhe dooriyo chhadae teou!!4!!*

*Pancho thakit bhayo hae jahan tahan jahan tahan thiti paie!!*

*Ja karan maen dauriyo phirtau so ab ghat me paie!!5!!*

*Pancho meri sakhi saheli tin nidh dayie dikhaie!!*

*Ab man phooli bhayo jag mahiya ulat aap me samaie!!6!!*

*Chalat chalat mero nij man thakiyo ab mo so chalou na jaie!!*

*Saien sahaj miliyo soi sanmukh kahae Ravidass barhaie!!7!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches through this hymn that a human being reaches a stage of eternal tranquillity after devoted meditation of God and ultimately becomes one with God. One cannot realize God through performance of rituals.

*Ab maen hariyo re bhai!*

*Thakit bhayon sabh hal chal te lokan ved barhaie!! Tek!!*

O brother! I feel overwhelmed in the absence of meditation of God. People of this world give importance to Vedas and scriptures but contrary to those, I have focussed on devoted meditation of God and I have become one with God.

*Thakit bhayon gayin ar nachan thaki seva pooja!!*

*Kaam krodh te deh thakit bhayie kahun kahan laun duja!!1!!*

Devoid of true devotion, one gets tired of singing, dancing, ritualistic worship and servitude. Even human body gets tired because of lust for vices like false desire and anger. How can one be united with God in such a situation through these rituals? i.e. One can not achieve communion with God through futile rituals.

***Ram jan houn na bhagti kahaoun charan pakharoon na deva!!***

***Joyie joyie karun ulati mohi bandhe ta te nikat na bheva!!2!!***

I am an ardent devotee of God the Almighty. Neither I am associated with worship of any other deity nor do I wash the feet of any deity. Anything I do, other than worship of God, only entangles me in the web of Maya because one cannot fathom the true significance of God through such useless rituals.

***Pahile gian ka kiya chandna peechhe diya bujhaie!!***

***Sunn sahaj maen doou tiyage Ram kahun na Khudaie!!3!!***

First the lamp of enlightenment with true knowledge banished my ignorance. Then both knowledge and ignorance vanished after realizing the state of eternal ecstasy. Thereafter there is no need to say Ram or Rahim as a living being gets amalgamated with God.

***Door basae khat karam sakal ar duriou kinhe seou!!***

***Gyan- dhyan doou door kinhe dooriyo chhadae teou!!4!!***

I have abandoned the six rituals prescribed by the scriptures and I have nothing to do with the worship of Shiva. After achieving the state of eternal tranquillity, I have secured freedom from such knowledge and rituals of worship.

***Pancho thakit bhayo hae jahan tahan jahan tahan thiti paie!!***

***Ja karan maen dauriyo phirtau so ab ghat me paie!!5!!***

After vanquishing the five evil vices, I have achieved the status of eternal tranquillity. I have been running here and there in search of God but I have ultimately secured Him from within my self.



***Pancho meri sakhi saheli tin nidh dayie dikhaie!!  
Ab man phooli bhayo jag mahiya ulat aap me samaie!!6!!***

Now all the five senses of knowledge are friendly to me and with their focus on devotion to God, I have acquired the supreme treasure of veneration for God from within. The mind, which was always engrossed in pursuit of worldly pleasures, has now total disdain for them and has since got amalgamated with supreme God.

***Chalat chalat mero nij man thakiyo ab mo so chalou na jaie!!  
Saien sahaj miliyo soi sanmukh kahae Ravidass barhaie!!7!!***

My mind is now tired of futile ritualistic pursuits. It cannot wander any longer. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that after attaining the stage of eternal ecstasy, I have realized personified God. This is because of the blessings of the Almighty God.

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### **Shabad 66**

***Gayi gayi ab ka kahi gaoun!!  
Gavanhar koon nikat bataoun!! Tek!!  
Jab lag hae ya tan ki aasa tab lag karae pukara!!  
Jab man miliyo aas nahin tan ki tab ko gavanhara!!1!!  
Jab lag nadi na samund samavae tab lag badae hankara!!  
Jab man miliyo Ram sagar so tab yah miti pukara!!2!!  
Jab lag bhagti mukti ki aasa param tatt sun gavae!!  
Jahan jahan aas dharat hae yah man tahan tahan kashu na  
pavae!!3!!  
Shadae aas niras param pad tab sukh satt kar hoie!!  
Kahae Ravidass ja soon aur kahat hae param tatt ab soie!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to visualize God to be always near to them. Just as the river becomes part of the sea after merging with it, likewise a human being gets integrated with God through His devout meditation.

***Gayi gayi ab ka kahi gaoun!!  
Gavanhar koon nikat bataoun!! Tek!!***

How do I now sing paeans of God on whom I always

showered my praise because, I always find him extremely close to me?

***Jab lag hae ya tan ki aasa tab lag karae pukara!!***

***Jab man miliyo aas nahin tan ki tab ko gavanhara!!1!!***

As long as one has abiding hope of union with God, he keeps his search for God on and when he is able to comprehend God then he attains an ecstatic eternal state. At that stage there is no one to sing.

***Jab lag nadi na samund samavae tab lag badae hankara!!***

***Jab man miliyo Ram sagar so tab yah miti pukara!!2!!***

Until the river merges with the sea, it roars proudly and flows with high velocity causing floods and heavy soil erosion. After merging with sea it becomes part of the same sea. Likewise a human being with pride in mind will remain far removed from God. When one sheds his arrogance, he merges with the ocean like God to become indistinguishable from God. His search then ends for ever.

***Jab lag bhagti mukti ki aasa param tatt sun gavae!!***

***Jahan jahan aas dharat hae yah man tahan tahan kashu na pavae!!3!!***

As long as a devotee of God has the longing for eternal salvation, he sings and listens to paeans of God. Oblivious of the God, the human being longs for worldly pleasures. Mind remains busy in pursuit of those. However, when one sheds the lust for worldly desires and devotes himself to meditation of God, he realizes the ultimate permanent bliss and eternal tranquillity.

***Shadae aas niras param pad tab sukh satt kar hoie!!***

***Kahae Ravidass ja soon aur kahat hae param tatt ab soie!!4!!***

When a living being abandons worldly pleasures and devotes him to worship of God, he realizes the supreme eternal position and all round enduring happiness. Guru Ji says that human beings describe God in different ways, but ultimate realization of God is securing the real eternal bliss.

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## Shabad 67

***Ram jan hoon na bhagat kahaoun seva karoun na dasa!!  
Gunin jog jagya kashoo na janun tan thae rahoun udasa!!  
Tek!!  
Bhagat hooa to charhae barhai jog karoun jag manae!!  
Gun hua to guni jan kahae guni aap ko tanae!! 1!!  
Na mae mamta moh na mohiya ye sab jahi bilaie!!  
Dojakh bhist doou sam kar janae duhun tarak hae bhai!!2!!  
Maen taen taen maen dekh sakal jag maen taen mool  
ganwaie!!  
Jab man samta ek ek man tabhin ek hae bhai!!3!!  
Krisan Karim Ram Har Raghav jab lag ek na pekha!!  
Ved Ktaib Kuran Puranin sahaj ek nahin dekha!!4!!  
Joi joi kar poojiy soi soi kanchi sahaj bhav satt hoie!!  
Kahi Ravidass maen taahi ko poojoon jake ganv thanv nahin  
koie!!5!!***

In this hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj describes blissful stage of eternal ecstasy in which a living being becomes one with God and indistinguishable from Him through devoted meditation of God.

***Ram jan hoon na bhagat kahaoun seva karoun na dasa!!  
Gunin jog jagya kashoo na janun tan thae rahoun udasa!!  
Tek!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains the supreme position of eternal ecstasy that “O revered God! I have become indistinguishable part of Thee after Thy devoted meditation. O God! I am neither Thy slave nor I am fond of being called a devotee. I am also not a servant deployed in Thy service. O God! I don't even have suitable qualities to be a yogi or to perform yajnas. I remain detached from these rituals.”

***Bhagat hooa to charhae barhai jog karoun jag manae!!  
Gun hua to guni jan kahae guni aap ko tanae!! 1!!***

O God! If one pursues Thy devoted worship, he will become renowned and if one practices yoga he will be known as a yogi. If one is knowledgeable, people will respect him as a

learned scholar and he will take pride in considering himself to be superior to all.

***Na mae mamta moh na mohiya ye sab jahi bilaie!!***

***Dojakh bhist doou sam kar janae duhun tarak hae bhai!!2!!***

I am also not enamoured of futile affection and longing for worldly pleasures. I reckon heaven and hell to be equal. Hence I have discarded both.

***Maen taen taen maen dekh sakal jag maen taen mool ganwaie!!***

***Jab man samta ek ek man tabhin ek hae bhai!!3!!***

Human beings are oblivious of God because of ego, arrogance & attachment and they have forgotten about God on account of their false pride. However when one sheds his arrogance and cultivates deep devotion to God then he ultimately becomes one with God.

***Krisan Karim Ram Har Raghav jab lag ek na pekha!!***

***Ved Ktaib Kuran Puranin sahaj ek nahin dekha!!4!!***

Krishna, Kareem, Ram, Har and Raghava etc. are amongst the myriad names of omnipresent God. One does not appreciate this reality until he treats all living beings as equal. Even if one acquires deep knowledge of Vedas, Koran and other scriptures, he can achieve the stage of eternal ecstasy only through devoted meditation of God.

***Joi joi kar poojiy soi soi kanchi sahaj bhav satt hoie!!***

***Kahi Ravidass maen taahi ko poojoon jake ganv thanv nahin koie!!5!!***

Worship of anyone other than supreme God is futile and unfruitful. One can realize God through devoted meditation of God in a stage of eternal bliss and true worship. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that he worships only that one God who is not confined to any particular place but is manifest everywhere throughout the universe.

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## Shabad 68

*Ab meri boorhi re bhai tatae charhi lok barhaie!! Tek!!  
Ati ahankar ur me sat-raj-tam ta maen rahiou urjhaie!!  
Kram bas pariyo kashoo na soojhae swami Naam  
bhulaie!!!*

*Ham manou guni jog sunn jugta ham maha purakh re bhai!!  
Ham manou soor sakal bidh tiyagi ye mamta nahin  
mitaie!!2!!*

*Ham manae akhil shunn man sodhyo sab chetan sudh paie!!  
Gyan dhyan sab hi ham janyo boojhae kaoun son jaie!!3!!*

*Ham manae param prem ras janyo nau-bidh bhagti karaie!!  
Swang dekh sab hi jag dahkyo phir aapan por bandhaie!!4!!*

*Saang dhe sanch na janyo logan yah bharmaie!!*

*Syangh roop meshi jab pahiri boli tab sudh paie!!5!!*

*Aesi bhagti hamari santo prabhuta eh barhaie!!*

*Aapan annan aur nahin manat tatae mool ganwaie!!6!!*

*Bhanae Ravidass udas tahi taen ab kashu mopae karyo na  
jaie!!*

*Aapo khoiya bhagti hot hae tab rahae antar urjhaie!!7!!*

Through this hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to abandon false pride and concentrate on devout meditation of God.

*Ab meri boorhi re bhai tatae charhi lok barhaie!! Tek!!*

O brother! When pride vanishes from one's mind, then he is praised in the world.

*Ati ahankar ur me sat-raj-tam ta maen rahiou urjhaie!!*

*Kram bas pariyo kashoo na soojhae swami Naam  
bhulaie!!!*

In the absence of devotion to God, living beings remain entangled in web of their satvik, passionate or ignorant intellect because of their arrogance. Human beings are subservient to their conduct and oblivious of God. They forget the sacred boat, represented by devoted meditation of God the Almighty, which is necessary to cross the ocean of worldly attachments for achieving eternal salvation.

*Ham manou guni jog sunn jugta ham maha purakh re bhai!!*

***Ham manou soor sakal bidh tiyagi ye mamta nahin mitaie!!2!!***

Dictated by one's false pride, human being considers himself to be learned, intellectual, yogi, tactful and sage. He also deems himself to be valiant and generous. He cannot get rid of his lust.

***Ham manae akhil shunn man sodhyo sab chetan sudh paie!!  
Gyan dhyan sab hi ham janyo boojhae kaoun son jaie!!3!!***

Human being considers himself to be intellectual, extremely intelligent and greatest of all. However he has not acquired the wisdom to remember God. He deems himself to be a great scholar and sage. But he does not comprehend God.

***Ham manae param prem ras janyo nau-bidh bhagti karaie!!  
Swang dekhi sab hi jag dahkyo phir aapan por bandhaie!!4!!***

Human being considers himself to be an exponent of allegiance and boasts of performing nine types of meditation. He does not comprehend true God but remains enamoured with the illusory & perishable world. Moreover he relentlessly promotes his own importance.

***Saang dhe sanch na janyo logan yah bharmaie!!  
Syang roop meshi jab pahiri boli tab sudh paie!!5!!***

People don't understand eternal God but they remain preoccupied with futile pursuit of worldly pleasures which are illusory. If a sheep wears the cloak of a lion, people will easily recognize the disguised sheep after hearing its bleat. Likewise, despite varied postures and attires, one cannot realize God until he dedicates himself to devoted meditation of God.

***Aesi bhagti hamari santo prabhuta eh barhaie!!  
Aapan annan aur nahin manat tatae mool ganwaie!!6!!***

O revered saints! Meditation of God is so pious that I have become one with God and indistinguishable from Him because of devoted and eternally true worship. This is all because of magnanimity of God. However any one, who boasts of being supreme himself and cares little for others, ultimately perishes because of his own false pride.

***Bhanae Ravidass udas tahi taen ab kashu mopae karyo na jaie!!***

***Aapo khoiya bhagti hot hae tab rahae antar urjhaie!!7!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “I am not enamoured with the world. What can I say in praise of God as His Glory is beyond description? One can truly worship God only after shedding his own ego and thereafter become indistinguishable from God. Human being becomes part of God.”

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### **Shabad 69**

***Bhaie re! Bhram bhagti sujan!!***

***Jo lon sanch nahin pahichan!!Tek!!***

***Bhram nachan bhram gayian bhram jap tap daan!!***

***Bhram seva bhram pooja bhram saun pahichan!!!***

***Bhram khat karam sanhita bhram grah ban jan !!***

***Bhram kar kar karam kio bhram ki yah ban!!2!!***

***Bhram indri nigrah kiya bhram gufa me baas!!***

***Bhram tau lau janiye kare sunn ki aas!!3!!***

***Bhram shudh sarir jau lau bhram nanv binanv!!***

***Bhram bhani Ravidass tau lau jau lau chahae thanv!!4!!***

In this sacred hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches living beings of this world to worship God with devotion. In the absence of devoted meditation of God, all human beings are roaming under ignorance.

***Bhaie re! Bhram bhagti sujan!!***

***Jo lon sanch nahin pahichan!!Tek!!***

O brother! This universe is a futile illusion. Therefore, understand divinity of God through devoted meditation. Until one has true devotion to God in his heart, he cannot comprehend God.

***Bhram nachan bhram gayian bhram jap tap daan!!***

***Bhram seva bhram pooja bhram saun pahichan!!!***

In the absence of true affection for God, dancing, singing, recitation of scriptures, penance and giving of alms are all

illusory. Serving or worshipping without devotion to God are erroneous. Therefore o brother! You should learn to understand delusion as this universe too is an illusion.

***Bhram khat karam sanhita bhram grah ban jan!!  
Bhram kar kar karam kio bhram ki yah ban!!2!!***

Performances of six types of sacraments in accordance with the prescriptions of vedic scriptures or abandoning home to live in forests are all illusions. Any deeds performed because of ignorance are all illusory.

***Bhram indri nigrah kiya bhram gufa me baas!!  
Bhram tau lau janiye kare sunn ki aas!!3!!***

Exercising control over one's physical and mental desires and living in caves are also misleading. When one attains the stage of eternal tranquillity with deep longing for God, then he is able to understand the futile illusions of this world.

***Bhram shudh sarir jau lau bhram nanv binanv!!  
Bhram bhani Ravidass tau lau jau lau chahae thanv!!4!!***

Adorning one's body, without true devotion to God, is also illusory. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that until one attains true eternal realization of God, his ignorance and myths will not vanish even if he wanders all over the globe.

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### Shabad 70

***Jayo tum karan Kesave antar liv lagi!!  
Ek anupam anubhavi kim hoie bibhagi!!Tek!!  
Ek abhimani chatriga bichrat jag mahin!!  
Jadpi jal pooran mahi kahun va ruchi nahin!!1!!  
Jaise kami dekh kamini hirdae sool upjaie!!  
Kot ved bidh uchrae baki bitha na jaie!!2!!  
Jo jehi chahae so milae aarat gat hoie!!  
Kahi Ravidass yah gop nahi janae sabh koie!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj describes his abiding devotion to God in this hymn and says that when a living being is bonded with God in devoted meditation, he becomes one with God and indistinguishable from Him.



***Jayo tum karan Kesave antar liv lagi!!  
Ek anupam anubhavi kim hoie bibhagi!!Tek!!***

O revered God! As soon as I got enlightened with Thy deep affection within my mind, I was absorbed within Thee. Only the love for Thee is a unique experience that can neither be shared nor described.

***Ek abhimani chatriga bichrat jag mahin!!  
Jadjal pooran mahi kahun va ruchi nahin!!1!!***

Just as the bird Chatriga, proud of his affection for swati or scarce nectar like rain drop, roams all over the world in search of that legendary drop of nectar swati. Even if earth may have plenty of water but he has no interest in water other than that mythical drop of swati. Likewise true devotee of God is only interested in His dedicated meditation.

***Jaise kami dekh kamini hirdae sool upjaie!!  
Kot ved bidh uchrae baki bitha na jaie!!2!!***

As a man overtaken by passionate lust feels extreme suffering on seeing a woman and his intense longing for lust does not end despite varied treatments by thousands of doctors. Similarly a true devotee of God endures unbearable pain if he is separated from God even for a moment.

***Jo jehi chahae so milae aarat gat hoie!!  
Kahi Ravidass yah gop nahi janae sabh koie!!3!!***

Only some one, who has abiding love for God, comprehends Him after complete surrender at the sacred feet of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that this is a universal truth and everyone knows it. Anyone with profound devotion to God ultimately realizes God.

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### **Shabad 71**

***Aayaun ho aayaun dev tum sarna!!  
Jani kripa kijae aapno jana!!Tek!!  
Tribidh jon baas jam di agam tras tumhare bhajan bin  
bhramat phiryo!!***

***Mamita ahm bikhae mad maton ih sukh kabhoon na dootur tiraun!!!***

***Tumhare nanv bisas shadi hae aan ki aas sansar dharm mere man na dhijae!!***

***Ravidass dass ki seva mani ho Devadhidev patit pavan Naam pragat kijae!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys sacred sermon through this hymn that anyone who surrenders himself at the lotus feet of God achieves eternal bliss with the grace of God during his lifetime.

***Aayaun ho aayaun dev tum sarna!!***

***Jani kripa kijae aapno jana!!Tek!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj prays to God with deep humility that “O supreme God of the deities! I surrender before Thee. Take pity on Thy devotee and bless me with Thy eternal sight.”

***Tribidh jon baas jam di agam tras tumhare bhajan bin bhramat phiryo!!***

O God! Anyone devoid of Thy meditation wanders through endless life cycles of lowly creatures enduring intense suffering.

***Mamita ahm bikhae mad maton ih sukh kabhoon na dootur tiraun!!!***

In the absence of devotion to God, living being remains engrossed in lust, pride and illusory worldly pleasures. Drowned in relentless pursuit of worldly pleasures, one cannot vanquish the five foes.

***Tumhare nanv bisas shadi hae aan ki aas sansar dharm mere man na dhijae!!***

O God! I have abandoned all desires barring practice of Thy devout meditation. I relish only Thy worship but have no liking for pursuit of futile worldly rituals.

***Ravidass dass ki seva mani ho Devadhidev patit pavan Naam pragat kijae!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj prays to God with deep humility that “O revered God! Kindly accept my dedicated devotion and bless me with Thy devout meditation that purifies even the sinners.”

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### Shabad 72

***Bhai re Ram kahan hae mohi batavo!!  
Satt Ram ta ke nikat na aavo!! Tek!!  
Ram kahat sab jagat bhulana!! So yah Ram na hoie!!  
Karam akarm karunamay Keso!! Karta nanv su koie!!1!!  
Ja Ramhi sab jag janaen!! Bhram bhoollau re bhai!!  
Aap aap thae koi na janae!! Kahae kon so jaie!!2!!  
Satt tan lobh pars jia tan man!! Gun parsat nahin jaie!!  
Alikh naam ja ko thaur na kathun!! Kyon na kahau samujhaie!!3!!  
Bhanae Ravidass udas tahi tae!! Karta kau hae bhai!!  
Kewal Karta ek sahi kar!! Satt Ram tihi thaien!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings of the world through this hymn to worship omnipresent God.

***Bhai re Ram kahan hae mohi batavo!!  
Satt Ram ta ke nikat na aavo!! Tek!!***

O brothers! You worship Ram but can you tell me where is that Ram? You never come anywhere close to the all pervading Ram because you are steeped in ignorance.

***Ram kahat sab jagat bhulana!! So yah Ram na hoie!!  
Karam akarm karunamay Keso!! Karta nanv su koie!!1!!***

Ignoring the true omnipresent Ram the God, the entire world is lost in chanting Ram- Ram but he is not the universal divine God. All pervading Ram is the extremely kind God-the creator & supreme administrator of all affairs of the entire universe.

***Ja Ramhi sab jag janaen!! Bhram bhoollau re bhai!!  
Aap aap thae koi na janae!! Kahae kon so jaie!!2!!***

O brother! Under the influence of false illusion, you have forgotten the omnipresent Ram known to the entire universe. O

dear! No one can realize God on one's own self but who will explain this truth to you?

***Satt tan lobh pars jia tan man!! Gun parsat nahin jaie!!  
Alikh naam ja ko thaur na kathun!! Kyon na kahau  
samujhaie!!3!!***

Real God is unaffected by the influence of three traits of human personality i.e. satvik, passionate and ignorant personality, devoid of any bodily form, mind or greed and His supreme qualities are beyond description. God is all-pervading & without any specific abode. O brother! Why don't you comprehend this truth?

***Bhanae Ravidass udas tahi tae!! Karta kau hae bhai!!  
Kewal Karta ek sahi kar!! Satt Ram tihi thaien!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that "My mind is beyond influence of worldly pleasures and it is completely devoted to meditation of God. There is only one all-pervading supreme God."

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### Shabad 73

***Aiso kush anubhau kahat na aavae!!  
Sahib milae to ko bigravae!! Tek!!  
Sab me Har hae Har me sab hae Har apno jin jana!!  
Saakhi nahi aur koi doosar jananhar syana!!1!!  
Bajigar saun rach rahiye baji ka maram na jana!!  
Baji jhooth sanch Bajigar jana man patiyana!!2!!  
Man thir hoi ton koi na soojhae janae jananhara!!  
Kahae Ravidass bimal vivek sukh sahij saroop  
sambhara!!3!!***

In this hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches people to worship God with dedicated devotion. He further explains that divine experience of God is beyond description and that human beings should have deep and abiding affection for God the juggler.

***Aiso kush anubhau kahat na aavae!!  
Sahib milae to ko bigravae!! Tek!!***

The experience of eternal bliss of God can not be described. Once a human being realizes God, no one can separate him from God thereafter.

***Sab me Har hae Har me sab hae Har apno jin jana!!  
Saakhi nahi aur koi doosar jananhar syana!!!1!!***

Hari God is manifest in all living beings and all living beings are part of Hari. Only person who understands this truth is the one who has actually realized God. There is no one who can match God. One who comprehends God is blessed in this world.

***Bajigar saun rach rahiye baji ka maram na jana!!  
Baji jhooth sanch Bajigar jana man patiyana!!2!!***

As one gets engrossed in the performance of a juggler but he can not comprehend truth behind the jugglery. Likewise God is akin to a juggler who is creator of this perishable universe but God is real and eternal. One who is able to understand that Maya is an illusion and God is true and timeless, his mind is always absorbed in devoted meditation of God.

***Man thir hoi ton koi na soojhae janae jananhara!!  
Kahae Ravidass bimal vivek sukh sahij saroop  
sambhara!!3!!***

One whose mind is immersed in meditation of God does not think of anything else. He is then able to comprehend omniscient God. He is able to realize divine God and eternal tranquillity.

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### Shabad 74

***Pundat! Akhil khilae nahi ka kahi gaoun koi na kahae  
samujhaie!!***

***Abaran baran roop nahi ja ke so kahan layo layi samaie!!  
Tek!!***

***Chand soor nahin raat divas nahin dharan aakas na bhai!!  
Karam akaram nahin subh asubh nahin ka kahi dehu  
badaie!!1!!***

***Sit na oosan vayoo nahi sarvat kaam kutil nahi hoie!!***

***Jog na bhog rog nahi ja kae kahon nanv satt soie!!2!!***  
***Niranjan Nirakar nirlepahi nirbikar nirasi!!***  
***Kaam kutilta ta hi kahi gavae Har Har aavae hansii!3!!***  
***Gagan dhoor dhoop nahin ja ke pavan poor nahi pani!!***  
***Gun bigun kahiyat nahi ja ke kaho tum baat syani!!4!!***  
***Yahi sau tum jog kahat hau jab lag aas ki pasi!!***  
***Shoote tabhi jab milae ek hi bhanae Ravidass udasi!!5!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains through this hymn that God is one and all-pervading God does not discriminate against any one. Hence all human beings of the world should free themselves of caste & class based discrimination, ignorance, superstitions & rituals and devote themselves to dedicated meditation of God.

***Pundat! Akhil khilae nahi ka kahi gaoun koi na kahae samujhaie!!***  
***Abaran baran roop nahi ja ke so kahan layo layi samaie!!***  
***Tek!!***

O brother! None of the pundits explains the eternal truth that all-pervading God is one and can not be separate for different people. God is one and same God is manifest in all living beings in myriad forms all over the universe. God has no form and affiliation to any class or individual and He is not confined to any specific place.

***Chand soor nahin raat divas nahin dharan aakas na bhai!!***  
***Karam akaram nahin subh asubh nahin ka kahi dehu badaie!!1!!***

That God is neither moon or sun nor day or night. He is neither earth nor space. He is neither active or inactive nor good or evil. How do I eulogize God?

***Sit na oosan vayoo nahi sarvat kaam kutil nahi hoie!!***  
***Jog na bhog rog nahi ja kae kahon nanv satt soie!!2!!***

That God is not hot or cold breeze and He is not misdemeanor. God is beyond yoga or pursuit of worldly pleasures and God is eternal truth.

***Niranjan Nirakar nirlepahi nirbikar nirasi!!***

***Kaam kutilta ta hi kahi gavae Har Har aavae hansii!!3!!***

God is beyond Maya, any definite form, need for normal breathing, vices and uninfluenced by worldly distractions. Human beings who are cunning and crave for lust keep singing paeans of God without any true & real devotion. This makes me burst into laughter time & again because such people only indulge in external exhibitionism.

***Gagan dhoor dhoop nahin ja ke pavan poor nahi pani!!  
Gun bigun kahiyat nahi ja ke kaho tum baat syani!!4!!***

God can not be reckoned to be space, dust, sunlight, water or air. That God cannot be termed as having any specific form or being absolutely formless. This fact is the ultimate truth.

***Yahi sau tum jog kahat hau jab lag aas ki pasi!!  
Shoote tabhi jab milae ek hi bhanae Ravidass udasi!!5!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O Pundit! You are nurturing futile hope and you term those exterior rituals as yoga. That is why you are unable to comprehend the divinity of God. Human being gets relieved of these external rituals when he practices meditation of God with deep devotion and shuns all attachments while living in this world.”

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## **Shabad 75**

***Narhari chnachal hae mat mori kaise bhagti karoon mae  
tori!!Tek!!***

***Toon mohi dekhae maen tohin dekhoon preet paraspar  
hoie!!1!!***

***Toon mohi dekhae haou tohi na dekhoon eh mat sabh budhi  
khoaie!!2!!***

***Sabh ghat antar ramas nirantar maen dekhat hoon nahin  
jana!!***

***Gun sabh tor mori sabh augun krit upkar na mana!!3!!***

***Mae to tor mori asamjhis kaise kar nistara!!***

***Kahi Ravidass Madho karunamay jae jae jagat adhara!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to all human beings that if one abandons ignorance

and practices true meditation of God with devotion, he becomes one with God and indistinguishable from Him.

***Narhari chnachal hae mat mori kaise bhagti karoon mae tori!!Tek!!***

O revered God! Any one oblivious of Thee is unintelligent, then how can he worship Thee? As long as I thought myself to be clever, I could not focus on Thy meditation.

***Toon mohi dekhae maen tohin dekhon preet paraspar hoie!!1!!***

***Toon mohi dekhae haou tohi na dekhon ehu mat sabh budhi khoie!!2!!***

O God! I have now shunned astuteness and I am absorbed in Thy true worship. Therefore, I now visualize that Thou are seeing me and I am also having your divine view. We now truly love each other. I have abandoned the thought that Thou are watching me but I am not able to comprehend Thee. Both of us have abiding eternal love for one another.

***Sabh ghat antar ramas nirantar maen dekhat hoon nahin jana!!***

***Gun sabh tor mor sabh augun krit upkar na mana!!3!!***

O God! Thou are manifest all the time in every living being. Even though I am aware of this fact, yet I have not been able to understand this eternal truth. O God! Thou are perfect in all respects and I have all the vices because I have not respected Thy magnanimity.

***Mae to tor mori asamjhis kaise kar nistara!!***

***Kahi Ravidass Madho karunamay jae jae jagat adhara!!4!!***

O God! So long as I was unable to comprehend Thee, how could I achieve salvation? Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O omnipresent God! Thou are extremely kind and the very basis of this universe. Living beings attain eternal salvation by singing paeans in Thy praise.”

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## Shabad 76

***Tab Ram Naam kahi gavaega!!***

***Rarankar rahit sabhhin me antar mel milavaega!!Tek!!***

***Loha kanchan sam kar dekhae bhed abhed samavaega!!***

***Jo sukh hovae paras ke parse so sukh va ko aavaega!!1!!***

***Gur parsad bhayie anubhae mati bish amrit sam dhyavaega!!2!!***

***Kahi Ravidass met aapa par tab va thaurahi pavaega!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches to all living beings through this hymn that if one worships God with true devotion, he will become indistinguishable from God.

***Tab Ram Naam kahi gavaega!!***

***Rarankar rahit sabhhin me antar mel milavaega!!Tek!!***

When a human being concentrates on devout meditation of God with firm mind, then he will realize all-pervading God within himself.

***Loha kanchan sam kar dekhae bhed abhed samavaega!!***

***Jo sukh hovae paras ke parse so sukh va ko aavaega!!1!!***

Just as iron gets supreme pleasure on contact with Parasthe philosopher's stone i.e. iron gets transformed into gold, same way the joy of that supreme eternal bliss, one gets after realization of God, is beyond description through singing.

***Gur parsad bhayie anubhae mati bish amrit sam dhyavaega!!2!!***

With the blessings of Guru, mind of living being becomes fearless and as a result thereof poison and amrit (Nector) become one and the same.

***Kahi Ravidass met aapa par tab va thaurahi pavaega!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that when one sheds false pride, then he secures a place in divine God's realm and becomes indistinguishable from God.

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## Shabad 77

***Santo anin bhagti yah nahin!***

***Jab lag sat-raj-tam tino gun biyapat hae ya mahin!! Tek!!***

***Soi aan antar karae Har son apmarg ko aanae!***

***Kaam krodh mad lobh moh ki pal pal pooja thanae!!!***

***Sakit saneh isht ang lavae asthal asthal khelae!***

***Jo kashu milae aan akhat jiyo sut dara sir melae!!2!!***

***Harijan Har bin aur na janae tajae aan sabh tiagi!***

***Kahi Ravidass soi jan nirmal nisdin nij anuragi!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches living beings through this hymn to surrender before God and practice truly devoted meditation.

***Santo anin bhagti yah nahin!***

***Jab lag sat-raj-tam tino gun biyapat hae ya mahin!! Tek!!***

O saints! This is not devout meditation of God as long as one's mind is beset with the three traits i.e. truth, beauty & goodness and the five senses of vision, taste, aroma, touch and sound.

***Soi aan antar karae Har son apmarg ko aanae!***

***Kaam krodh mad lobh moh ki pal pal pooja thanae!!!***

Illusory Maya of this universe is taking living beings on the wrong path away from God. Therefore, human being is moving away from God every moment blinded by evils like libido, anger, arrogance, greed and worldly attachments.

***Sakit saneh isht ang lavae asthal asthal khelae!***

***Jo kashu milae aan akhat jiyo sut dara sir melae!!2!!***

A devout devotee of God adorns Almighty divine God in his heart and rejoices himself traversing over all regions of universe. Barring devout meditation of God, whatever one acquires in this world is used by his family members including sons and wife. At the end of one's life only worship of God accompanies the departed soul.

***Harijan Har bin aur na janae tajae aan sabh tiagi!***

***Kahi Ravidass soi jan nirmal nisdin nij anuragi!!3!!***

A true devotee of God never accepts anyone else as equal

to God. He treats all other worldly treasures as futile and abandons them. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that only such living being is uninfluenced by Maya (Illusion) who remembers God every moment and remains immersed in His devoted meditation.

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### Shabad 78

***Bhagti aisi sunhu re bhai!***

***Aaie bhagti tou gaie barhaie!!Tek!!***

***Kaha bhayo nache ar gaye kaha bhayo tap kinhe!***

***Kaha bhayo jo charan pakhare jau lo tatt nahin chinhen!!1!!***

***Kaha bhayo je moond mundayo bahu tirath brat kinhe!***

***Swami dass bhagt ar sevak kahu param tatt nahin chinhen!!2!!***

***Kahae 'Ravidass' teri bhagti door hae bhag barhae so pavae!***

***Taj abhiman met aapa par piplak hvae chun khavae!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches people to worship God. Devotion to God adorns one's life when he banishes lust for praise and false pride from his mind.

***Bhagti aisi sunhu re bhai!***

***Aaie bhagti tou gaie barhaie!!Tek!!***

O brother listen! Meditation of God is so pious that it annihilates arrogance of human mind.

***Kaha bhayo nache ar gaye kaha bhayo tap kinhe!***

***Kaha bhayo jo charan pakhare jau lo tatt nahin chinhen!!1!!***

Nothing tangible can be achieved through external rituals. Even if one dances, sings, worships or washes the feet of deities and goddesses, he will not benefit from these ceremonies until he comprehends divinity of God.

***Kaha bhayo je moond mundayo bahu tirath brat kinhe!***

***Swami dass bhagt ar sevak kahu param tatt nahin chinhen!!2!!***

Even if one gets his head shaved or one may bathe at all places of pilgrimage and fast, he cannot realize God through these rituals. Even worship of the master by his servant or

devotion to Guru by his disciple will be of little use until one really understands God.

***Kahae 'Ravidass' teri bhagti door hae bhag barhae so pavae!  
Taj abhiman met aapa par piplak hvae chun khavae!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O revered God! Thy devout meditation is beyond one's reach. Only the blessed one really worships Thee. Just as an ant abandons her false pride to pick and eat sugar from its mixture with sand, likewise any living being of this world, who sheds his fake arrogance and devotes himself to dedicated meditation of God with humility, attains supreme eternal bliss.”

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### Shabad 79

***Ab kashu maram bichara ho Har!***

***Aadi ant ausan Ram bin koi na karae nistara ho Har!!Tek!!***

***Jal te pank pank te amrit jal jalhi sudh hoi jaise!!***

***Aese bharam karam jia bandhio shootaen tum bin kaise ho  
Har!! 1!!***

***Jap tap bidh nishedh Naam karunamaen paap punn doou  
Maya!!***

***Aese mohit man gat bimukh dhan janam janam danhkaya ho  
Har!!2!!***

***Tarhan shedan trashan khedan bahu bidh kar le upai!***

***Lunxharhi sanjog binan jaise kanik kalank na jai ho  
Har!!3!!***

***Kahi Ravidass udas tahi taen kaha upay ab kijae!***

***Bhae burhat bhaebhit bhagti jan kar avlamban dijae ho  
Har!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings through this hymn that one cannot achieve eternal salvation without dedicated meditation of God. Blessed with devout meditation of God, human being is able to cross over this ocean like universe and secure eternal salvation.

***Ab kashu maram bichara ho Har!***

***Aadi ant ausan Ram bin koi na karae nistara ho Har!!Tek!!***

“O revered God! I have understood the unknown eternal

truth or the sacred divine knowledge through Thy devout meditation that none except Thee, from beginning to end of the universe, can bless any one with eternal salvation.”

***Jal te pank pank te amrit jal jalhi sudhi hoi jaise!!  
Aese bharam karam jia bandhio shootaen tum bin kaise ho  
Har!!1!!***

Just as the mud in water sustains lotus flower and amrit (Nector) like lotus adores water without itself getting soiled by mud and only water gives solace to water. Likewise human being is bonded with the rituals and superstitions. O God! How can the human being get freedom from these futile shackles and achieve eternal salvation without Thy blessings? Only Thy benevolence can relieve human beings of their false & illusory attachments.

***Jap tap bidh nishedh Naam karunamaen paap punn doou  
Maya!!  
Aese mohit man gat bimukh dhan janam janam danhkaya ho  
Har!!2!!***

O God! Ritualistic recital of scriptures, worship and both prohibited misdeeds or noble actions are reflections of Maya in the absence of Thy devout meditation. One forgets Thee and keeps suffering from endless cycles of birth and death because of preoccupation with these futile rituals.

***Tarhan shedan trashan khedan bahu bidh kar le upai!  
Lunxharhi sanjog binan jaise kanik kalank na jai ho  
Har!!3!!***

Just as any amount of heating, piercing or dispersion cannot remove smudge from gold that can be eliminated by ammonium chloride only. Likewise, one cannot get rid of blemishes of misdeeds through practice of any amount of yoga and meditation devoid of truthful devotion to God.

***Kahi Ravidass udas tahi taen kaha upay ab kijae!  
Bhae burhat bhaebhit bhagti jan kar avlamban dijae ho  
Har!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj asks what measures should

one take to escape the ill effects of Kaliyug? O revered Hari God! Be kind enough to help scared people drowning in the ocean like universe to cross over same safely with Thy generous support.

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### Shabad 80

*Narhari pragatas na ho pragatas na ho! Dina nath dayal!!Tek!!*

*Janmat hi te ho bigran! Ab kashoo boojat bahur siyan!!1!!*

*Parivar bimukh mohi laag! Kashu samujh parat nahin jan!!2!!*

*Yah bhau bides kali kaal! Ham aan pariyo jamjal!!3!!*

*Kabhuk tor bharos! Jo maen na kahun to mor dos!!4!!*

*As kahiyat hoo maen ajan! Aho Prabhu tum sarvagay sayan!!5!!*

*Sut sevak sada asoch! Thakar pitahin sabh soch!!6!!*

*Ravidass binvae kar jor! Aho suami tum mohin na shor!!7!!*

*Sutau purbala akaram mor! Bal jaoun karau nij kor!!8!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains to all living beings of the universe, through this hymn, the correct way to pray to God with humility and how does one, with intense longing for realizing God, prays to God to grant him a glimpse of His divine vision.

*Narhari pragatas na ho pragatas na ho! Dina nath dayal!!Tek!!*

O revered God! Thou are not appearing to grant me Thy eternal divine view. Thou are not visible. O merciful God –the saviour of the destitute! Kindly take pity on me and bless me with Thy divine sight.

*Janmat hi te ho bigran! Ab kashoo boojat bahur siyan!!1!!*

O God! Human being gets separated from Thee after arrival in this universe. Only knowledgeable persons are able to recognize this truth.

*Parivar bimukh mohi laag! Kashu samujh parat nahin jan!!2!!*

This family like universe appears to be futile to a person

engrossed in devout meditation of God. But a human being does not appreciate this eternal truth until he wakes up from deep slumber of ignorance.

***Yah bhau bides kali kaal! Ham aan pariyo jamjal!!3!!***

Human being forgets his real home and indulges in misdeeds in this foreign land of earth under the influence of Kalyug. Therefore he gets entangled in the web of messengers of death.

***Kabhuk tor bharos! Jo maen na kahun to mor dos!!4!!***

O God! I always have abiding faith in Thee. However if one does not practice Thy devout meditation, then he is himself to blame.

***As kahiyat hoo maen ajan! Aho Prabhu tum sarvagay sayan!!5!!***

O God! Human being can neither sing Thy paeans nor comprehend Thy divine greatness under the evil influence of Maya (Illusion) . O God! Thou are all-pervading, omniscient and greatest of all.

***Sut sevak sada asoch! Thakar pitahin sabh soch!!6!!***

Just as a son supported by father and a servant looked after by his master remain free of worries because a father is always concerned with his son and the master is anxious about his servant. Likewise, dedicated devotees of God are always free of worries as God is always by their side to look after them.

***Ravidass binvae kar jor! Aho suami tum mohin na shor!!7!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj pleads humbly with folded hands before God that “O God! Please ignore weaknesses of human beings and be merciful to them.”

***Sutau purbala akaram mor! Baljaoun karau nij kor!!8!!***

O God! Living being was alienated from Thee because of misdeeds of past births. I am captivated by Thee. Kindly forgive me for my shortcomings and bless me with Thy profound devotion.

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## Shabad 81

***Jio tum karan Kesave lalach jiv laga!***

***Nikat nath prapat nahin mati mand abhaga!! Tek!!***

***Sagar salil sarodika jal bal adhikaie!***

***Swati boond ki aas hae piou pias na jaie!!1!!***

***Jo re sanehi chahiae chitvat ho doori!***

***Pangul phal na pahunchahi kashu sadh na poori!!2!!***

***Kahae Ravidass akath katha upnishad sunijae!***

***Jas toon tas toon hi kas upma dijae!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj describes in this hymn the stage of a living being in which he is fully absorbed in devotion to God. A devotee of God finds true solace only in realization of God. Supernatural qualities of God are beyond description.

***Jio tum karan Kesave lalach jiv laga!***

***Nikat nath prapat nahin mati mand abhaga!! Tek!!***

O revered God! One gets the rare human life for realization of Thee but he remains busy in pursuit of futile material wealth & worldly pleasures. Because of that any one, with such an unfortunate mind, cannot comprehend God manifest within himself.

***Sagar salil sarodika jal bal adhikaie!***

***Swati boond ki aas hae piou pias na jaie!!1!!***

There are oceans, lakes, water bodies and many other sources of water in this world. However, Papiha (a small bird) always longs for that elusive drop of nectar like Swati- the mythical raindrop. Without Swati nectar, Papiha cannot quench his thirst with any other form of water. Likewise, a true devotee of God does not get satisfied with anything but realization of God.

***Jo re sanehi chahiae chitvat ho doori!***

***Pangul phal na pahunchahi kashu sadh na poori!!2!!***

Human being should only have true and abiding love for God. However such real love is far away from his mind meaning that such affection is absent from his mind. Therefore, human being is unable to realize God. As a physically



challenged person without legs cannot climb a tree to pluck fruits but he can only see them, similarly one cannot comprehend God without everlasting true devotion and his desire for same remains unfulfilled.

***Kahae Ravidass akath katha upnishad sunijae!  
Jas toon tas toon hi kas upma dijae!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that mysticism of God is beyond description even if one listens to innumerable Upanishads. O God! Though shall always be unique. Living beings can hardly eulogize Thee or they cannot describe Thy divine virtues.

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### Shabad 82

***Gobinde bhoujal biadh apara!  
Ta te kashu soojhat var na para!!Tek!!  
Agam greh door doorantar bol bharos dijae!  
Teri bhagti prohan sant arohan mohin charhaie kin lijae!!1!!  
Loh ki naav pakhanan bojhi sukirit bhav bihina!  
Lobh tarang moh bhayon galau man meen bhayo jan  
lina!!2!!  
Tum Dina Nath dyal Damodar kinae het bilamb kijae!  
Ravidass dass sant charan ki mohi avlamban dijae!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching that this world is replete with suffering and misery. Only saints can help human beings to cross over this ocean like universe or attain eternal salvation through deep meditation of God.

***Gobinde bhoujal biadh apara!  
Ta te kashu sohat var na para!!Tek!!***

O God! This universe is full of pain and agony. Therefore people are ignorant of ways to achieve everlasting bliss and salvation.

***Agam greh door doorantar bol bharos dijae!  
Teri bhagti prohan sant arohan mohin charhaie kin lijae!!1!!***

Human being has come far away from the abode of God to this world. However no one, except devout meditation of

God, guarantees any assurance of returning back to one's real eternal abode. Thy dedicated worship only ensures salvation. Sages help people to come on board the boat of meditation and achieve divine bliss through devout meditation of God. O God! Why don't You take me on board the boat of Your devout worship?

***Loh ki naav pakhanan bojhi sukirit bhav bihina!***

***Lobh tarang moh bhayon galau man meen bhayo jan lina!!2!!***

Because of ignorance, the human being has rendered his precious human life like a steel boat, laden with heavy stones represented by his misdeeds & devoid of gracious conduct, being tossed in the ocean like universe. Life like boat is sinking because of strong waves of greed and attachment. Just as a fish gets hooked in pursuit of greed in the form of a bait and loses her life, similarly human mind gets entangled in futile worldly attractions and rare human life is wasted.

***Tum Dina Nath dyal Damodar kinae het bilamb kijae!***

***Ravidass dass sant charan ki mohi avlamban dijae!!3!!***

O God saviour of the poor! Kindly listen to my prayers and bless me with the glimpse of Thy eternal view. For what reason are You causing the delay? Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "I am a devotee at the sacred feet of sages. Kindly bless me with Thy eternal glimpse and provide me succor."

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### **Shabad 83**

***Aagae manda havae rahya parkirat na jaie!!***

***Koogar chauki chahodiyae phir bahe su bhai!!Tek!!***

***Sursari mae jo sura paryau ko karae na bichar!!***

***Ram Naam hirdae basae sabh sukh nidh sar!!!1!!***

***Kahae Ravidass sunn Kesave antah karan bichar!!***

***Tumhari bhagti kae karnae phir havae ho chamar!!2!!***

In this hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches people to cultivate the habit of being devout to God for fulfilling the real goal of this human life.

***Aagae manda havae rahya parkirat na jai!!  
Kookar chauki chahodiyae phir bahe su bhai!!Tek!!***

In the absence of devotion to God, one suffers immensely later. But human being does not change his habit. If one gives his dog a nice bath and makes him sit on a podium, the dog cannot keep sitting there because of his habit. Likewise one may perform any number of futile rituals, but he cannot get rid of his ugly habits.

***Sursari mae jo sura paryau ko karae na bichar!!  
Ram Naam hirdae basae sabh sukh nidh sar!!1!!***

Even if wine gets mixed with water in Ganges, it becomes part of sacred Ganges. There is no doubt in that. Likewise when one's mind is immersed in devotion of God, then he becomes part of God and achieve supreme bliss.

***Kahae Ravidass sunn Kesave antah karan bichar!!  
Tumhari bhagti kae karnae phir havae ho chamar!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "O God! Kindly listen to my prayer and consider it favourably. I, hailing from Chamar community, have become indistinguishable from Thee through Thy devout meditation."

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## **Raag Ramkali (Choupada)**

**Shabad 84**

***Dhrig dhrig jivan raje Ram bina!!Tek!!  
Dehi naen bin, chand raen bin, jioun meena gahr jale bina!!  
Hasti sund bin, pankhi pankh bin, jaisoy mandir deep  
bina!!1!!  
Jaise brahmin ved vihoona, taeso prani tujh Naam bina!!  
Beswa koon sut kakau kahiye, taeso bhagti jan Ram bina!!2!!  
Mantar surat bin, nari kant bin, jaeso dharti Indar bina!!  
Jioun brisha phalhi vihoona, tioun prani tujh prem bina!!3!!  
Kaam krodh hanker nibaraou, trishna tiagahu sant jana!!  
Kahi Ravidass bhayie sital kaya, jioun houn lago Gur  
charna!!4!!***

Through this sacred hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that human life is futile without devout meditation of God.

***Dhrig dhrig jivan raje Ram bina!! Tek!!***

In the absence of emperor God, this human life is like a curse.

***Dehi naen bin, chand raen bin, jioun meena gahr jale bina!!  
Hasti sund bin, pankhi pankh bin, jaisoy mandir deep  
bina!!1!!***

Human being without two eyes, moon in the absence of night, fish without deep water, an elephant without snout, bird without feathers and a temple without a lamp are worthless.

***Jaise brahmin ved vihoona, taeso prani tujh Naam bina!!  
Beswa koon sut kakau kahiye, taeso bhagti jan Ram bina!!2!!***

Just as a brahmin without knowledge of Vedas is worthless, similarly this rare human life of a living being is futile without dedicated devotion to God. As father of a son born to a prostitute cannot be named, likewise this devotee cannot be given any name other than the name of God.

***Mantar surat bin, nari kant bin, jaeso dharti Indar bina!!  
Jioun brisha phalhi vihoona, tioun prani tujh prem bina!!3!!***

Just as a mantra devoid of devout concentration, lady without her husband, earth without rain, and trees without fruit are imperfect, likewise human being devoid of true love for God is incomplete.

***Kaam krodh hanker nibaraou, trishna tiagahu sant jana!!  
Kahi Ravidass bhayie sital kaya, jioun houn lago Gur  
charna!!4!!***

O brother! Seek the shelter of saints and get rid of your lust, anger, ego and futile wishes. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human soul becomes pious when one surrenders at the sacred feet of Guru.

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## **Raag Maru** **Shabad 85**

***Aesi lal tujh bin kaun karae!!***

***Garib Nivaj Gusaiya mera mathae chhatar dharae!!!Rahaao!!***

***Ja ki chhot jagat kau lagae ta par tuhi dharae!!***

***Nichah ooch karae mera Govind kahu te na darae!!!***

***Namdev Kabir Tilochan Sadhna Sain tarae!!***

***Kahi Ravidass sunahu re santahu Har Jiu te sabhae sarae!!2!!1!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, who brought revolutionary social changes in society, was born in a community deprived of basic human rights like education, listening to religious discourses and dressing well etc. With a view to inculcating unity, equality and establishment of social affinity in the world, empowerment of deprived & depressed communities and ridding those communities of false pride who considered themselves to belong to higher castes; he had to make stones float on water and river Ganges to flow in reverse direction. He had to show four types of threads and Guru ji then removed the cotton thread and challenge the misuse of authority by kings and extremists. Ultimately people from all the four communities had devout respect for Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj because of his revolutionary human qualities and spiritual accomplishments and he was taken in a procession seated in a gold palanquin on an elephant. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj sang this sacred hymn at that time.

***Aesi lal tujh bin kaun karae!!***

***Garib Nivaj Gusaiya mera mathae chhatar dharae!!!***

***Rahaao!!***

O charming God! Who else except Thee can perform such miracles? O God the saviour of the poor! Thou have bestowed me with great honour today.

***Ja ki chhot jagat kau lagae ta par tuhi dharae!!***

***Nichah ooch karae mera Govind kahu te na darae!!!***

I, who was considered untouchable so far, am now being

showered with paeans of praise all around because of Thy benevolence. My God Govind transforms lowly into high and mighty and He is not afraid of anyone while doing so.

***Namdev Kabir Tilochan Sadhna Sain tarae!!***

***Kahi Ravidass sunahu re santahu Har Jiu te sabhae sarae!!2!!1!!***

Satguru Namdev Ji, Satguru Kabir Ji, Satguru Trilochan Ji, Satguru Sadhna Ji and Satguru Sain Ji attained eternal salvation through deep devotion to God. They strived to create a united world with universal brotherhood and many kings and religious extremists bowed their heads with reverence before them. Following the sacred path shown by them, innumerable number of people attained salvation. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj in his address to the holy saints says “Listen o saints! God is omnipotent and He can accomplish whatever He envisages.”

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### **Shabad 86**

***Sukh sagar suritar chintamani kamdhen bas ja ke re!!***

***Char padarath ast maha sidhi nav nidhi kar tal ta kae!!1!!***

***Har Har Har na japas rasna!!***

***Avar sabh chhad bachan rachna!!1!! Rahaao!!***

***Nana khiyan puran ved bidh chautis achhar mahi!!***

***Bias bichar kahio parmarath Ram Naam sar nahi!!2!!***

***Sahaj samadh upadhi rahat hoi bade bhag liv lagi!!***

***Kahi Ravidass udas dass mati janam maran bhae bhagi!!3!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the entire humanity that devotion to God is a great treasure of eternal bliss. Therefore, human beings should worship only God leaving aside the rituals, illusions and praying to various deities and goddesses.

***Sukh sagar suritar chintamani kamdhen bas ja ke re!!***

***Char padarath ast maha sidhi nav nidhi kar tal ta kae!!1!!***

O people of this world! Be devoted to God the ultimate treasure of all happiness. Heavenly tree Kalapvriksha,

Kamdhenu cow that fulfils all desires, the precious stone Chintamani that gives one all desired treasures and four good desires, riches, religious pursuits and salvation, eight supernatural powers and nine super treasures are all under the command of God. Whosoever worships God with dedicated devotion gets control over all of these easily.

***Har Har Har na japas rasna!!***

***Avar sabh chhad bachan rachna!!! Rahaao!!***

O man! Why don't you worship Hari Naam of God that is treasure of eternal bliss. Leave chanting the voice of futile world and devote yourself to worship of God.

***Nana khiyan puran ved bidh chautis achhar mahi!!***

***Bias bichar kahio parmarath Ram Naam sar nahi!!2!!***

Innumerable varieties of mythological chronicles and vedic scriptures are written with thirty four alphabets. Sage Ved Vyas Ji has declared, after detailed and careful perusal of various mythological chronicles and vedic scriptures, that there is nothing more precious in this universe than the sacred worship of God.

***Sahaj samadh upadhi rahat hoi bade bhag liv lagi!!***

***Kahi Ravidass udas dass mati janam maran bhae bhagi!!3!!2!!***

Eternal devotion and surrender to God is possible only after getting rid of futile pursuit of worldly pleasures. And it is with blessings of extremely good fortune that one can achieve this stage of eternal tranquillity in worship of God. Thereafter, the devotee of God no longer cherishes any worldly pleasures and his mind becomes free of the fear of recurring cycle of life and death.

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## **Raag Maru (Choupada)**

**Shabad 87**

***Pia Ram ras piya re!! Tek!!***

***Bhar bhar devae surat kalali, dariya dariya pina re!!***

***Pivat pivatu aapa jag bhula, Har ras manhi baurana re!!***

***Dar ghar visar gaiyo Ravidasa, unman sad matwari re!!  
Pal pal prem piala chalaе, shoote nanhi khumari re!!1!!1!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings through this pious hymn to seek company of Guru Ji and savour the pot full of amrit (Nector) at his hands after which one achieves the position of eternal tranquillity and remains soaked in serenity of God's Naam.

***Pia Ram ras piya re!!Tek!!***

I have tasted the amrit (Nector) of God's Name.

***Bhar bhar devae surat kalali, dariya dariya pina re!!  
Pivat pivatu aapa jag bhula, Har ras manhi baurana re!!***

Revered Guru in the guise of a bartender helps one to concentrate his self conscience inside the tenth aperture and serves bowls full of amrit (Nector). Human being savours infinite number of bowls of nectar like a river. Having tasted such amrit, human being forgets about the worldly pleasures and remains immersed in God's Naam.

***Dar ghar visar gaiyo Ravidasa, unman sad matwari re!!  
Pal pal prem piala chalaе, shoote nanhi khumari re!!1!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “Having disregarded the abode of human body, the soul becomes ecstatic after reaching the stage of eternal tranquillity. The bowl of amrit (Nector) is being served there constantly every moment inside the tenth aperture and the eternal pleasure of that never diminishes.”

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### **Shabad 88**

***Man mora Maya mahi laptano!!Tek!!  
Bisakat rahio nisvasar, ajhoun nahin aghano!  
Kami kutil labar kuchali, samjhayi nahin samujhano!!1!!  
Sat sangat pal nahin kinahin, man mourakh bahu garvano!  
Sot khat din raen bitayi, tahi maen rasna sukh mano!!2!!  
Maya manhi hil mil rahio, fokat sate janam ganvano!  
Kahi Ravidass kashu chet babre, Ram Naam vin nahi  
ubrano!!3!!2!!***



Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious sermon to all human beings through this hymn to get rid of the influence of Maya and seek eternal salvation.

***Man mora Maya mahi laptano!!Tek!!***

Oblivious of God, the human mind remains preoccupied with the influence of Maya (Illusion).

***Bisasakat rahio nisvasar, ajhoun nahin aghano!***

***Kami kutil labar kuchali, samjhayi nahin samujhano!!!***

Human being keeps losing confidence failing to comprehend the reality. He remains preoccupied with lust, misdeeds and cunningness and fails to reform himself despite counselling.

***Sat sangat pal nahin kinahin, man mourakh bahu garvano!***

***Sot khat din raen bitayi, tahi maen rasna sukh mano!!2!!***

Human being does not keep company of sages and the foolish idiot remains arrogant. He wastes his entire day and night in sleeping and eating and yet his tongue never feels contented.

***Maya manhi hil mil rahio, fokat sate janam ganvano!***

***Kahi Ravidass kashu chet babre, Ram Naam vin nahi ubrano!!3!!2!!***

Human being wastes his life engrossed in futile tasks enticed by Maya. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "O mad man! You must remember God. Your life is getting wasted in the absence of God's Naam,"

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### Shabad 89

***Biti aayu bhajan nahin kinha!!Tek!!***

***Set bhayo tan thar thar kampahi, Har simran nahin kinha!!***

***Sat sangat nahin Gur pad seo, prabh kirati nahin gaie!***

***Nahi man ramiyo prabh charnan mahin, tan siou preet drirhaie!***

***Kahi Ravidass chalan ki baria, kou na hoi sahaie!!!***

In this virtuous hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the entire humanity that human beings keep wasting

their lives sans meditation of God's Naam. Body keeps trembling with the onset of old age. None comes to the rescue of human being at the end of his life. Therefore, one must follow the preaching of his Guru and realize the goal of human life through devout and truthful love for God.

***Biti aayu bhajan nahin kinha!! Tek!!***

O dear! You are nearing the end of your precious human life but you have never bothered to keep God in mind.

***Set bhayo tan thar thar kampahi, Har simran nahin kinha!!***

With the advent of old age, the body keeps trembling and it is difficult to worship God at that time.

***Sat sangat nahin Gur pad seo, prabh kirati nahin gaie!***

You did not abide by the preaching of Guru, never kept company of sages and you never sang the glory of God.

***Nahi man ramiyo prabh charnan mahin, tan siou preet drirhaie!***

You did not connect your mind with the lotus feet of God and remained busy adorning your own body.

***Kahi Ravidass chalan ki baria, kou na hoi sahaie!!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that in the end, none except God's Naam will be of help to you. Therefore you must worship God with devotion.

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### **Shabad 90**

***Prabhu Ji tum augan bakhshanhar!***

***Haoun bahu neech udhrau patki, moorakh nipat ganvar!! Tek!!***

***Mo sam patit adham nahin kou, khien dukhi visiar!***

***Naam sunahi narak bhajae hvae, tum bin kavan hamar!!!***

***Patit pavan birhad tiharau, aai paraun tohi duaar!!***

***Kahi Ravidass ih man aasa, nij kar lehu ubhar!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj prays to God with humility that "O revered God! Please pardon people of the world for their shortcomings and be extremely merciful to condone their sins."

***Prabhu Ji tum augan bakhshanhar!  
Haoun bahu neech udhrau patki, moorakh nipat  
ganvar!!Tek!!***

O revered God! You condone faults of human beings. We living beings of the world, being oblivious of Thee, are very mean. Kindly take pity on us who are foolish & covetous and pardon us for our sins.

***Mo sam patit adham nahin kou, khien dukhi visiar!  
Naam sunahi narak bhajae hvae, tum bin kavan hamar!!!***

O revered Lord! There is no greater sinner than me as I have ignored Thee. But You are always very kind to tormented people. The fear of hell vanishes with chanting of Thy Naam with devotion. O revered God! There is none to support us except Thee.

***Patit pavan birhad tiharau, aai paraun tohi duaar!!  
Kahi Ravidass ih man aasa, nijkar lehu ubhar!!2!!***

O revered God! Thy Naam purifies the sinners. I seek Thy shelter; kindly bestow me with Thy blessings. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj further says that “O dear Lord! That the only longing I have in my mind is to seek Thy blessings. Kindly pardon for my sins and grant me eternal salvation.”

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## **Raag Kedara Shabad 91**

***Khat karam kul sanjugat hae Har bhagti hirdae nahi!!  
Charnarbind na katha bhavae supach tul samaan!!!  
Re chit cheti chet achet!! Kahe na Balmikahi dekh!!  
Kis jaat te kih padahi amario Ram bhagti  
bisekh!!!Rahaao!!  
Suan satr ajat sabh te Krisan lavae het!!  
Log bapura kiya sarahae teen lok praves!!2!!  
Ajamal Pingula Lubhat Kunchar gaiye Har kae pas!!  
Aese durmati nistarae tu kiyon na tarahi Ravidass!!3!! 1!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advises human beings through his pious preaching to worship God and that one who is

devoted to God is superior. Guru Ji preaches all living beings to emulate Brahmgyani (who has knowledge and understating of God), omniscient, Maharishi Valmik Ji in respect of devoted meditation of God and make this rare human life a real success. Even though he was born in a community treated as untouchables, he achieved supreme position and became one with eternal God. People sing paeans in his praise in all of the three worlds and the entire universe.

***Khat karam kul sanjugat hae Har bhagti hirdae nahi!!  
Charnarbind na katha bhavae supach tul samaan!!1!!***

Even if one hails from a respected upper caste and is perfect in the six virtues like scholarly education and teaching, performance of yajnas and helping others perform yajnas, charity and to give alms etc; he is equivalent to an evil person in the absence of devotion to God and disinterest in spiritual discourses dedicated to lotus feet of God.

***Re chit cheti chet achet!! Kahe na Balmikahi dekh!!  
Kis jaat te kih padahi amario Ram bhagti bisekh!!1!!  
Rahaao!!***

O ignorant mind! I remind you to always remember God and immerse your heart in deep devotion to God. O dear friend! Why don't you look at learned Brahmgyani (Omniscient) Maharishi Valmik Ji? Why don't you get inspiration from his life? He was born in a community considered as untouchables. However he attained supreme position because of his devoted meditation of God and he immortalized himself achieving unity and oneness with God.

***Suan satr ajat sabh te Krisan lavae het!!  
Log bapura kiya sarahae teen lok praves!!2!!***

Atagonist of the evil greed, Maharishi Valmik Ji had overpowered all evil distractions and the Yagya performed by the Pandavas was complete only after his arrival and participation. On that occasion, Shri Krishna Ji and everybody else worshipped Maharishi Valmik, washed his feet with devotion and savoured the pious nectar. What paeans can the innocent people sing in praise of Maharishi Valmik Ji? He is

being praised and paid rich tributes by every one in all the three words i.e. earth, oceans and space. People sing paeans in his praise in every part of the entire universe.

***Ajamal Pingula Lubhat Kunchar gaiye Har kae pas!!  
Aese durmati nistarae tu kiyon na tarahi Ravidass!!3!! 1!!***

Ajamal the great sinner, Pingula the prostitute of Janakpuri, Lubhatu hunter and the elephant – all of them got united with God and became one with the Almighty after their devout meditation of God.

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that if such unwise living beings can attain salvation through devoted meditation of God then you are sure to be emancipated by God if you worship Him with true devotion.

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### **Shabad 92**

***Re man Ram Naam sambhar!!  
Maya kae bhram kaha bhoulivo jahige kar jhar!!Tek!!  
Dekh dhaun ihan kaun tero saga sut nahin sar!!  
Tor tang sab door karihae daehinge tan jar!!1!!  
Pran gaiye kaho kaun tera dekh soch bichar!!  
Bahur yeh Kali kaal mahie jeet bhavae haar!!2!!  
Yah Maya sab thothari re bhagti ko pritipar!!  
Kahi Ravidass satt bachan Gur kae so na jia tae bisar!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his virtuous preaching to human beings to worship and always remember God in the mind. Living beings should adore teachings of revered Guru, who helps comprehension of God, in their hearts. They should shun futile worldly Maya and make their rare human lives fruitful by realization of God through His true and devout meditation.

***Re man Ram Naam sambhar!!  
Maya kae bhram kaha bhoulivo jahige kar jhar!!Tek!!***

O dear brother! Always remember God in your heart. If you don't worship God's Naam, you will get entangled in the illusory Maya wasting precious life and leave this world empty handed in the end.

***Dekh dhaun ihan kaun tero saga sut nahin sar!!  
Tor tang sab door karihae daehinge tan jar!!1!!***

Look carefully! Who is your own in this world? So much so that even your own son and wife will not be able to help you at the end. All of your near and dear ones will sever their relationship with you on your death and they will consign your dead body to the flames.

***Pran gaiye kaho kaun tera dekh soch bichar!!  
Bahur yeh Kali kaal mahie jeet bhavae haar!!2!!***

O brother! Contemplate this reality in mind that who will accompany you when you breathe your last? In reality, none except God's Naam will go together with you. You have been advised in many ways in this Kaliyug to strive for making this rare human life fruitful. Now it is up to you to win over the battle of this world through devout meditation of God or remain oblivious to the Lord and waste the opportunity. The choice is entirely with you.

***Yah Maya sab thothari re bhagti ko pritipar!!  
Kahi Ravidass satt bachan Gur kae so na jia tae bisar!!3!!***

O dear brother! Maya (Illusion) of this world is futile unlike God's devout Naam. And therefore you should have devout meditation of God uppermost in your mind. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says "O dear! Never forget the preaching of your revered Guru that will help you in realization of God. Instead, follow the sermons scrupulously and make this human life really fruitful."

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### Shabad 93

***Haun banjaro Ram ko Har jou ko tando lado jai re!!  
Ram Naam dhan paiyo ta te sahaj karoon biopar re!!Tek!!  
Aughat ghaat ghano ghana re nirgun bael hamar re!!  
Ram Naam ham ladio tathae vish ladio sansar re!!1!!  
Antahin dhan dhario re antahin dhoondan jai re!!  
Anat ko dharyo na paiye tathae chalio mool gamai re!!2!!  
Raen ganvai soi kar divas ganvayo khai re!!***

***Hira yah tan paye kar kauri badle jai re!!3!!***  
***Sadh sangat poonji bhayie re basut laie nirmol re!!***  
***Sahjae baldiya lad kar chahun dis tando mel re!!4!!***  
***Jaisa rang kusambh ka taisa yah sansar re!!***  
***Ramaya rang majith ka bhanae Ravidass bichar re!!6!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches entire humanity that the passage to realization of God is extremely tough and dangerous because of ignorance and attachment with futile worldly pleasures. Human soul, akin to an ox, can successfully traverse this difficult path with the blessings of God and get drenched in fast maroon colour of Lord's blessings to make this life truly fruitful.

***Haun banjaro Ram ko Har jou ko tando lado jai re!!***  
***Ram Naam dhan paiyo ta te sahaj karoon biopar re!!Tek!!***

If there is anyone wishing to trade in God's Naam, he can come to me and do fruitful business of dealing in God's Naam. My cart is laden with God's Naam. I deal in trading of eternal stage of ecstasy which is accessible only if one shuns discrimination and goes beyond the realm of nine apertures of human body to stay focused in the tenth aperture.

***Aughat ghaat ghano ghana re nirgun bael hamar re!!***  
***Ram Naam ham ladio tathae vish ladio sansar re!!1!!***

Just as it is tough for a stupid ox to traverse tough and perilous hill track to reach the destination; likewise even after having this extremely scarce human life, one finds the path leading to realization of God to be extremely treacherous and difficult like a thickly forested hill track because of his ignorance and lust for futile worldly pleasures. The human mind, treading such path, is very fragile like a weak ox. I have laden riches of God's Naam on my ox like human body whereas people of this world load themselves with the poisons of futile distractions.

***Antahin dhan dhario re antahin dhoondan jai re!!***  
***Anat ko dharyo na paiye tathae chalio mool gamai re!!2!!***

One has to realize God from within to have limitless

treasures of His blessings. However if one does not comprehend God, he loses even his principal capital.

***Raen ganvai soi kar divas ganvayo khai re!!  
Hira yah tan paye kar kauri badle jai re!!3!!***

Oblivious of God, human being wastes his precious life sleeping during the night and eating during the day time thus squandering away his diamond like scarce life in pursuit of worthless shells.

***Sadh sangat poonji bhayie re basut laie nirmol re!!  
Sahjae baldiya lad kar chahun dis tando mel re!!4!!***

The wealth of Lord' Naam is inherent in the company of sages and that priceless treasure of God's Naam can be obtained only from true saints. Laden with the treasure of God's Naam on one's body akin to an ox; human being trades in Lord's Naam travelling in all the four directions.

***Jaisa rang kusambh ka taisa yah sansar re!!  
Ramayia rang majith ka bhanae Ravidass bichar re!!6!!***

Just as the colour of safflower (Carthamus tinctorius) is short lived, likewise this universe is also fragile and perishable. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj further states that the colour of my Lord is eternal and everlasting maroon. I say this after serious deliberation.

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### Shabad 94

***Preet sudhamin aav!  
Tej saroupi sakal siromani alakh Niranjan rav!!Tek!!  
Piev sang prem kabhun nahi payo karni kavan bisari!  
Chak ko dhian dadhi sut son hot hae yon tum tae maen  
niarie!!1!!***

***Bhor bhaiyau mohin ik tak jovat talfal rajni jaie!  
Piev bin sejai ka sukh sooun birah bitha tan khaie!!2!!  
Met duhag suhagni kijae apne ang lagaie!  
Kahae Ravidass Prabhu tumhre bishohe ek palak jug jaie!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preached all human beings through this pious sermon to develop true love with their



Lord God and become His blessed beloved brides so as to amalgamate with God and make their scarce human lives truly fruitful.

***Preet sudhamin aav!***

***Tej saroupi sakal siromani alakh Niranjan rav!!Tek!!***

O dear! You must enrich your life through abiding true love for God who is omnipotent, supreme, and unassuming sovereign.

***Piev sang prem kabhun nahi payo karni kavan bisari!***

***Chak ko dhian dadhi sut son hot hae yon tum tae maen niarie!!!***

When any human bride does not have true love for her dear husband Lord, then oblivious of God, she wastes her scarce human life in futility. However just as the partridge has abiding love for the moon, same way human being should have unique and devout affection for God.

***Bhor bhaiyau mohin ik tak jovat talfal rajni jaie!***

***Piev bin sejai ka sukh sooun birah bitha tan khaie!!2!!***

Human bride spends her life akin to a night in extreme suffering longing to meet her Lord God. However she has not been able to realize God yet. How can the human bride sleep peacefully on the bedecked bed without union with husband God? Agony of separation is unbearable for her.

***Met duhag suhagni kijae apne ang lagaie!***

***Kahae Ravidass Prabhu tumrhe bishohe ek palak jug jaie!!3!!***

O revered God! Bless this human soul separated from Thee with Thy kind glimpse and embrace her as Thy beloved bride. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says "O revered Lord of the universe! How can this human bride live in isolation from Thee? Separation from Thee, even for a blinking of the eye, is agonizing like separation for yugas (astronomically long periods) for this human bride. Agony and suffering because of separation are unbearable."

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# Raag Bhairo

## Shabad 95

*Bin dekhe upjae nahi aasa!! Jo disae so hoi binasa!!  
Baran sahit jo japae Naam!! So jogi kewal nihkam!!!  
Parchae Ram ravae jao koi!! Paras parsae dubidha na  
hoi!!! Rahaao!!  
So muni man ki dubidha khai!! Bin duare trae lok samai!!  
Man ka subhaou sabh koi karae!! Karta hoi so anbhae  
rahae!!2!!  
Phal karan phoolii banrai!! Phal laga tab phool bilai!!  
Gianae karan karam abhiyas!! Gian bhaiya tah karmah  
nas!!3!!  
Ghrit karan dadh mathae saiyan!! Jiwat mukat sada nirban!!  
Kahi Ravidass param baerag!! Ridae Ram ki na japas  
abhag!!4!!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching that the mind of any one, who follows the path shown by Guru the transformer and worships God with extreme devotion, gets rid of all doubts and vacillation and he achieves oneness with God omnipresent in all the three worlds. After attaining self enlightenment, he becomes immortal in this life and achieves permanent eternal peace and tranquillity.

*Bin dekhe upjae nahi aasa!! Jo disae so hoi binasa!!*

Without realizing God, mind of a living being has no longing to achieve oneness with God. However, everything visible to eye in this world is perishable.

*Baran sahit jo japae Naam!! So jogi kewal nihkam!!!*

Any one, who worships God with dedicated devotion, is a true ascetic sage who does not want anything in return.

*Parchae Ram ravae jao koi!! Paras parsae dubidha na  
hoi!!! Rahaao!!*

Any living being, who worships God as guided by Guru Ji, gets rid of all doubts and vacillation in life. Just as iron is transformed into gold after coming into contact with divine

Paras the philosopher's stone, same way such individual gets transformed like pure gold with the blessings of his Guru Ji.

***So muni man ki dubidha khai!! Bin duare trae lok samai!!***

The true saint in this world is one who banishes all doubts from mind and becomes one with God who is omnipresent in all the three worlds, i.e. earth, space and oceans, sans the ten apertures.

***Man ka subhaou sabh koi karae!! Karta hoi so anbhae rahae!!2!!***

All living beings in this world act according to the nature of their minds. However any one, who is able to exercise complete control over one's mind, leads a fearless life being one with God.

***Phal karan phooli banrai!! Phal laga tab phool bilai!!***

Just as various species of plants bear flowers for the production of fruit and the flowers whither away after formation of fruits.

***Gianae karan karam abhiyas!! Gian bhaiya tah karmah nas!!3!!***

Likewise, seeker of truthful knowledge performs superior deeds for his enlightenment. Once he is blessed with the fruit of divine enlightenment, he is no longer accountable for his deeds like withering of flowers.

***Ghrit karan dadh mathae saiyan!! Jiwat mukat sada nirban!!***

As a wise lady churns curd for getting butter and she stops churning after taking out the butter. Similarly, seeker of divine knowledge performs good deeds for seeking divine enlightenment. When he attains self enlightenment, he achieves eternal tranquility during his life time and attains a permanent eternal status of oneness with God.

***Kahi Ravidass param baerag!! Ridae Ram ki na japas abhag!!4!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji asks "O unlucky man! Why don't you

worship God with utmost devotion for achieving eternal tranquillity that will bless you with permanent status of divine salvation?”

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### Shabad 96

*Aisa dhian dharaun Banwari! Man pawan dirh sukhman narhi!! Tek!!*

*Soi jap japaun jo bahur na japna! Soi tap tapaun jo bahur na tapna!!!*

*Soi Guru karaun jo bahur na karna! Aesi maraun jo bahur na marna!!2!!*

*Ulati Gang Jamun me lyavau! Binhi jal majan hvae aavaun!!3!!*

*Lochan bhar bhar biyamb niharaun! Joti bichar na aur bicharaun!!4!!*

*Pind parejeev jis gharjata! Shabad atit anahad rata!!5!!*

*Ja par kirpa soi bhal janae! Goongo sakar kaha bakhanae!!6!!*

*Sunn mandal men tera basa! Tathae jav me rahaun udasa!!7!!*

*Kahi Ravidass Niranjan dhiao! Jis ghari jao haun bahur na aao!!8!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to focus the concentration on God within the tenth aperture to reach the stage of eternal tranquillity and secure salvation while one is still alive.

*Aisa dhian dharaun Banwari! Man pawan dirh sukhman narhi!! Tek!!*

O human being! You should concentrate on devout meditation of God in such a way that your breath should reach the confluence of both Irha and Pingula with Sukhmana artery or the tenth aperture.

*Soi jap japaun jo bahur na japna! Soi tap tapaun jo bahur na tapna!!!*

O dear! Surrender at the sacred feet of enlightened Guru.

If you worship God with devotion after reaching that stage, then you don't need to meditate time and again. Likewise if you perform such a profound meditation, you will have no need to repeat same.

***Soi Guru karaun jo bahur na karna! Aesi maraun jo bahur na marna!!2!!***

Only true enlightenment with blessings of Guru can get one rid of ignorance and nothing else is then required. When any one secures eternal salvation through devout meditation of God while still alive, then he does not have to endure death again.

***Ulati Gang Jamun me lyavau! Binhi jal majan hvae aavaun!!3!!***

When any one abhors this futile world and practices meditation of God with devotion, then he attains eternal salvation through a holy dip at the tenth aperture akin to the confluence of Ganges or Irha and Yamuna or Pingula with Sukhmana that is without water.

***Lochan bhar bhar biyamb niharaun! Joti bichar na aur bicharaun!!4!!***

Thereafter human being perceives God within through the vision of his mind and feels elated with ecstasy. Then he comprehends true form of God and gets amalgamated with Him.

***Pindpare jeev jis ghar jata! Shabad atit anahad rata!!5!!***

The soul, duly merged with God within this body, then moves to its own real home Begampura –the seat of eternal tranquillity. Then the soul gets truly dyed with the uniform elixir of God's Naam.

***Ja par kirpa soi bhal janae! Goongo sakar kaha bakhanae!!6!!***

Only one, who is blessed by God, really appreciates supreme bliss of realization of God. As a dumb person enjoys the sweet but cannot describe its taste, likewise one who

comprehends God is ecstatic with supreme pleasure which is beyond description.

***Sunn mandal me tera basa! Tathae jav me rahaun udasa!!7!!***

O God! Thou are omnipresent all over throughout the universe that is Thy own abode. Therefore, I abhor this world even though this is my domicile.

***Kahi Ravidass Niranjan dhiao! Jis ghari jao haun bahur na aao!!8!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says “I worship God who is beyond Maya and I will not go anywhere other than God's own abode i.e. I have got merged with God through His devout meditation. I will never be borne again in this universe.”

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### Shabad 97

***Abigat nath Niranjan deva! Maen ka janoun tumhari seva!!Tek!!***

***Bandhoo na bandhan shaoon na shaya! Tumhin seoun Niranjan raya!!1!!***

***Charan patal sis asmana! So thakur kaise samput smana!!2!!***

***Siva Sankadik ant na payia! Brahma khojat janam ganvaya!!3!!***

***Toroon na pati poojoon na deva! Sahaj samadhi karoon Har seva!!4!!***

***Nakh prased ja ke Sursari dhara! Romavali atharah bhara!!5!!***

***Chare ved ja ke sumirat sansa! Bhagti het gavae Ravidasa!!6!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches us through this hymn to shun arrogance and futile rituals and concentrate on devout meditation of omnipresent God.

***Abigat nath Niranjan deva! Maen ka janoun tumhari seva!!Tek!!***

O eternal God beyond Maya! I do not know how really to serve Thee.

***Bandhoo na bandhan shaoon na shaya! Tumhin seoun  
Niranjan raya!!1!!***

I will not get embroiled in bonds of deeds and I will not be under the influence of illusory Maya (Illusion). O Lord beyond Maya (Illusion)! I shall serve only Thee.

***Charan patal sis asmana! So thakur kaise samput  
smana!!2!!***

Can that Almighty God, whose feet are reckoned as ocean bed and head as space, ever be confined? No never! God is omnipresent.

***Siva Sanakadik ant na payia! Brahma khojat janam  
ganvaya!!3!!***

Even Shiva and Sanak brothers (four sons of Brahma) have not been able to fathom the vastness of God. Brahma, oblivious of God, wasted his precious life engrossed in interpretation of the Vedas.

***Toroon na pati poojoon na deva! Sahaj samadhi karoon Har  
seva!!4!!***

O God! I do not pluck leaves of vegetation to offer Thee in worship. I only serve Thee after reaching the stage of eternal ecstasy. I am always ready in Thy service.

***Nakh prased ja ke Sursari dhara! Romavali atharah  
bhara!!5!!***

O God! The pious stream of Ganges originates from the sweat of Thy sacred feet and the pores of Thy skin constitute the entire plant kingdom.

***Chare ved ja ke sumirat sansa! Bhagti het gavae  
Ravidasa!!6!!***

Even the writer of the four Vedas is devoted to Thy meditation with every breath. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj Maharaj says that he sings paeans in praise of God out of true love and devotion to the Lord.

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## Shabad 98

*Bhesh liyo pae bhed na janiyo! Amrit leyi bishae so maniyo!!Tek!!*

*Kaam krodh me janam ganvayo! Sadh sangat mil Ram na gayo!!1!!*

*Tilak diyo pae tapan na jaie!! Mala pahir ghaneri laie!!2!!*

*Kahae Ravidass maram jo paoun! Dev Niranjan satt kar dhiaoun!!3!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings the pious sermon to abandon arrogance and seek company of saints and worship God with true devotion.

*Bhesh liyo pae bhed na janiyo! Amrit leyi bishae so maniyo!!Tek!!*

O arrogant human! You have donned the robes of saints but you do not understand the significance of God. You have not been able to comprehend the Brahmgyan (Universal knowledge) of God. Instead, you have treated the futile worldly pleasures as amrit.

*Kaam krodh me janam ganvayo! Sadh sangat mil Ram na gayo!!1!!*

O dear human! You are wasting your precious life in the futile pursuit of worldly pleasures like lust and false pride oblivious of God. However you have never worshipped God under the guidance of saints.

*Tilak diyo pae tapan na jaie!! Mala pahir ghaneri laie!!2!!*

You cannot get rid of the immense heat of your lust for futile worldly pleasures within you by application of sandal paste at your forehead. You can adorn yourself with innumerable garlands and yet you cannot get rid of the delusion from your mind.

*Kahae Ravidass maram jo paoun! Dev Niranjan satt kar dhiaoun!!3!!*

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that any human being, who abandons futile rituals and understands the meaning of



Brahmgyan, comprehends true God beyond Maya and worships Him with devotion.

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### Shabad 99

***Guru sabh rahas agmahi janaen!***

***Dhoondhe kou shat sastran mahin, kidhoon ko ved vashanae!! Tek!!***

***Sans usans chadhavae bahu bidh, baethahin sunn samadhi!***

***Fantio kaan bhabhut tan laie, anik bharmat vaeragi!!1!!***

***Tirath barat karayi bahutere, katha basat bahu sanae!***

***Kahi Ravidass miliyo Gur poore, jih antar Har milanae!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches this pious sermon to all human beings that they should abandon futile rituals and seek shelter at Guru's lotus feet to realize God.

***Guru sabh rahas agmahi janaen!***

Guru understands the intricate mysteries of God.

***Dhoondhe kou shat sastran mahin, kidhoon ko ved vashanae!! Tek!!***

Some people keep searching for God in reading of Vedas and six Shastras because of their ignorance.

***Sans usans chadhavae bahu bidh, baethahin sunn samadhi!***

Some living beings practice varied forms of yogic breathing and others sit in quiet meditation to realize God.

***Fantio kaan bhabhut tan laie, anik bharmat vaeragi!!1!!***

Some people get their ears pierced and smear their bodies with ash and many ascetics wander from place to place.

***Tirath barat karayi bahutere, katha basat bahu sanae!***

Many take holy dip at places of pilgrimage fasting and explain religious scriptures.

***Kahi Ravidass miliyo Gur poore, jih antar Har milanae!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that when one finds a perfect Guru, the master enables him to realize God from within.

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## Raag Basant Sahabd 100

*Tujheh sujhanta kashoo nahi!! Pahirawa dekhe oobh jahi!!  
Garbvati ka nahi thaou!! Teri gardan oopar lavae kaou!!!  
Tu kaye garbahi bavali!! Jaise bhadou khumbraj  
tu tis te khari utavali!!! Rahaao!!  
Jaise kurank nahi payio bhed!! Tan sugandh dhundhae  
prades!!  
Ap tan ka jo kare bichar!! Tis nahi jamkankar kare  
khuar!!2!!  
Putar kalatar ka karhi ahankar!! Thakur lekha maganhar!!  
Pherhe ka dukh sahae jiyo!! Pachhe kisahi pukarahi pio  
pio!!3!!  
Sadhu ki jou lehi ot!! Tere mitahi paap sabh kot kot!!  
Kahi Ravidass jo japae naam!! Tis jaat na janam na jon  
kaam!!4!!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advocates to human beings through his pious preaching to shed false pride and seek solace at the feet of sages during this precious human life so as to get rid of one's misdeeds and discrimination based on caste, birth and species. One can thus achieve the ultimate goal of securing eternal salvation through dedicated devotion and worship of God.

*Tujheh sujhanta kashoo nahi!! Pahirawa dekhe oobh jahi!!*

O human being ! You are unable to think right because of your false pride. You always feel proud of displaying your dress.

*Garbvati ka nahi thaou!! Teri gardan oopar lavae kaou!!!*

There is no place for any proud person in the kingdom of God. Death looms large at your neck in the form of a nasty crow. Cruel death may strike any moment.

*Tu kaye garbahi bavali!! Jaise bhadou khumbraj  
tu tis te khari utavali!!! Rahaao!!*

O dear! Why do you indulge in false pride? Just as mushrooms grow naturally for a short period during the month

of Bhadron (August- September), your life is more uncertain and short lived even compared to the little life mushroom.

***Jaise kurank nahi payio bhed!! Tan sugandh dhundhae prades!!***

Just as the musk deer has musk in its stomach and he keeps roaming in forests and hills in search of that perfume, similarly God is present within every living being. However because of sheer ignorance, we keep searching for God all over beyond our inner selves.

***Ap tan ka jo kare bichar!! Tis nahi jamkankar kare khuar!!2!!***

Angles of death never bother anyone who respects this rare human form and devotes himself to dedicated search of God within.

(Satguru Pipa Ji says- Jo Brahmande soi pinde jo khoje so pavae!! God, who is omnipresent throughout the universe, is also present in your human body. Anyone, who earnestly searches for God within, becomes one with the Almighty ultimately.)

***Putar kalatar ka karhi ahankar!! Thakur lekha maganhar!!***

Every one who feels proud of his son and wife ignoring God is held accountable by Divinity.

***Pherhe ka dukh sahae jiyo!! Pachhe kisahi pukarahi pio pio!!3!!***

O dear! When you will be held accountable and awarded punishment for your misdeeds, who will you look upto and pray for your defence and plead for saving your soul? No one can come to your rescue and help you at that time.

***Sadhu ki jou lehi ot!! Tere mitahi paap sabh kot kot!!***

O dear! If you secure blessings of saints, then you will get rid of billions of your past misdeeds.

***Kahi Ravidass jo japae naam!! Tis jaat na janam na joni kam!!4!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “Any one, who worships God with devotion, has nothing to do with caste, birth

or species, meaning that he gets rid of repeated cycle of birth and death and becomes one with God.”

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## **Raag Malar**

### **Shabad 101**

***Nagar janan meri jaat bikhiyat chammarag!!***

***Ridae Ram Gobind gun sarag!!1!!Rahaao!!***

***Sursari salal krit baruni re sant jan karat nahi panag!!***

***Sura apvitar nat avar jal re Sursari milat nahi hoi aanag!!1!!***

***Tar tar apvitar kar maniae re jaise kagra karat bicharag!!***

***Bhagti bhagaout likhiaie tih oopare poojiae kar namaskarag!!2!!***

***Meri jaat kut bandhla dhor dhovanta nitahi Banarasi aas pasa!!***

***Ab bipar pardhan tihi karah dandout tere Naam sarnai Ravidass dasa!!3!!1!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches entire humanity that any one, who worships God with deep devotion, becomes one with God and his virtues are praised all over the world.

***Nagar janan meri jaat bikhiyat chammarag!!***

***Ridae Ram Gobind gun saram!!1!!Rahaao!!***

O Nagar Mall and learned citizens of the city and people of Nagar community! My caste obviously is Chamar. I have absorbed all virtues of God in my heart.

***Sursari salal krit baruni re sant jan karat nahi panag!!***

If wine is brewed with water from the Ganges, sages won't savour that wine because that water, separated from the flow of the Ganges, is no longer pious. Likewise even if one is borne in a so called high caste but he does not worship God with devotion, he is never accepted in the kingdom of God.

***Sura apvitar nat avar jal re Sursari milat nahi hoi aanag!!1!!***

Contrary to this, when wine or water from any other streams and rivers joins the Ganges, then that water is nothing else but pure water of the Ganges. Likewise even those, who are

treated as untouchables because of birth in low castes by ignorant people of the world, become one with God through deep devotion and meditation of God.

***Tar tar apvitar kar maniae re jaise kagra karat bicharag!!***

As the Palmyra palm tree is considered not virtuous because it contains intoxicating juice in it and many thinkers treat even paper made of leaves of this palm as irreverent.

***Bhagt bhagaout likhiaie tih oopare poojiae kar namaskarag!!2!!***

However, when the same leaves have holy scriptures and God's paeans written on them, people hold them in very high esteem and worship same. Likewise even those, who are treated by ignorant people of the world as untouchables, command every one's salutations and are highly revered when they achieve oneness with God through deep devotion and meditation.

***Meri jaat kut bandhla dhor dhovanta nitahi Banarasi aas pasa!!***

People of my caste living around Banaras are engaged in carting away and skinning of dead animals, tanning of leather and making leather goods.

***Ab bipar pardhan tihi karah dandout tere Naam sarnai Ravidass dasa!!3!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that O God! As I have taken shelter under Thy sacred feet, now even the head of the Brahmins bows before Thy devotee with reverence. This entire glory is because of Thy worship and kind blessings.

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## Shabad 102

***Har japat teou jana padam kawlaspat tas sam tul nahi aan kouoo!!***

***Ek hi ek anek hoi bisthariyo aan re aan bharpoor souoo!!  
Rahaao!!***

***Ja kae bhagwat lekhiae avar nahi pekhiae tas ki jaat ashop shipa!!***

***Bias mah lekhiae Sanak mah pekhiae Naam ki namna sapat  
dipa!!!***

***Ja kae eid bakreid kul gaou re badh karahi maniah sekh sahid  
pira!!***

***Ja kae baap vaesi kari poot aisi kari tihu re lok parsidh  
Kabira!!2!!***

***Ja ke kutamb ke dhedh sabh dhor dhovant phirhi ajhun  
Banarsi aas pasa!!***

***Aachar sahit bipar karah dandout tin tanae Ravidass dasan  
dasa!!3!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys through his pious preaching that one God is omnipresent throughout the universe in myriad forms. No one can be comparable to a human being who becomes one with God through devoted meditation and worship of God. Satguru Namdev Ji and Satguru Kabir Ji are so well known because of their dedicated devotion to God. Bed Bias Ji and Sank Ji also sang paeans of same God.

***Har japat teou jana padam kawlaspat tas sam tul nahi aan  
kouoo!!***

***Ek hi ek anek hoi bisthariyo aan re aan bharpoor souoo!!  
Rahaao!!***

Vishnu, Shiva and none else can match those human beings who worship God with devotion. One God is manifest in many forms throughout the universe. O dear! You must focus on dedicated devotion and meditation of that omnipresent perfect God.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- Ek anek biyapak pooran jaat dekhaou tatt soie!! One perfect God is omnipresent in myriad forms throughout the universe. Wherever I look, I see but the same one God.)

***Ja kae bhagwat lekhiae avar nahi pekhiae tas ki jaat ashop  
shipa!!***

We see nothing else but only unmatched devotion to God in the life of Satguru Namdev Ji. He hailed from so called low caste of calico printers, but he became one with God through dedicated devotion and profound meditation of God.

***Bias mahi lekhiae Sanak mah pekhiae Naam ki namna sapat  
dipa!!!***

The great scholar Ved Viyas Ji only sings paeans of God in his religious scriptures and even Sanak, son of Brahma, extolled God's glory throughout his life meaning that both of them were perfect devotees of God. God's glory is manifest all over the seven continents. Paeans in praise of Almighty God are being sung in the seven continents all over the world and the entire universe.

***Ja kae eid bakre id kul gaou re badh karahi maniah sekh sahid pira!!***

***Ja kae baap vaesi kari poot aisi kari tihu re lok parsidh Kabira!!2!!***

The people of Kabir Ji's community used to sacrifice cows and goats on the occasion of Eid and Bakrid and they revered their ancestors, martyrs, sheikhs and sages. However the son of these ancestors created such an environment, through deep meditation of God, that his elders stopped sacrifice of cows and goats, got rid of their rampant ignorance and started practicing profound meditation of God. Because of such philosophical thoughts, preaching fraternity and welfare of one and all; Kabir Sahib is extremely well known in all the three worlds.

***Ja ke kutamb ke dhedh sabh dhor dhovant phirhi ajhun Banarsi aas pasa!!***

***Aachar sahit bipar karah dandout tin tanae Ravidass dasan dasa!!3!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "People from my community even now engage in carting away carcasses of dead animals in the vicinity of Banaras. I am born in that community, son of them and a follower of devotees of God. Now learned Brahmins respect me and bow before me with complete deference."

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### Shabad 103

***Milat piaro pran nath kavan bhagti te!!***

***Sadhsangat paaie param gate!! Rahaao!!***

***Maile kapre kaha lou dhovou!! Aavaegi neend kaha lag sovou!!1!!***

***Joi joi joriyo soi soi phatiyo!! Jhutte banaj uth hi gayi hatiyo!!2!!***

***Kahu Ravidass bhayo jab lekho!! Joi joi kino soi soi dekhio!!3!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to all living beings of the universe that virtuous company of saints awakens us from slumber of ignorance and leads to destruction of ill effects of our misdeeds.

***Milat piaro pran nath kavan bhagti te!!  
Sadhsangat paaie param gate!! Rahaao!!***

Through what type of meditation, can I achieve oneness with God who is dearer than my own life? One achieves highest stage of eternal salvation and divine unity with God through pious company of saints.

(Baba Farid Ji says- Kari kirpa Prabh sadhsang meli!! Ja phir dekha ta Allahu beli!! God has very kindly blessed me with the company of saints and I see divine God every where by virtue of that.)

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- Kahu Kabir ih kahiae kahi! Sadhsangat Baikunthe aahi!! Why should we say that heaven does not exist? Sacred company of saints is itself the heaven.)

***Maile kapre kaha lou dhovou!! Aavaegi neend kaha lag sovou!!!***

In the absence of pious company of saints, where will any one cleanse his sinful heart akin to washing of dirty clothes? And how long will one keep suffering from slumber of ignorance?

***Joi joi joriyo soi soi phatiyo!! Jhutte banaj uth hi gayi hatiyo!!2!!***

Because of virtuous company of saints, all accounts of good and bad deeds of human beings get written off. The shop dealing with trade in false pleasures of this world gets destroyed with the pious company of saints.

***Kahu Ravidass bhayo jab lekho!! Joi joi kino soi soi dekhio!!3!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that when any human being is held accountable for his deeds, then he recalls all what exactly he did. And his accountability for such deeds



ends only through sacred company of saints and dedicated meditation of God.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- Dharam Rai jab lekha mangae kiya mukh laeke jahinga!! Kahit Kabir sunahu re santahu sadhsangat tar jahinga!! O dear! When Dharam Rai, angel of death, will hold you accountable for your deeds, then how will you face him except with your past meditation of God? Therefore, Kabir Sahib Ji says that “Listen O devout sages! Living beings attain eternal salvation in only the pious company of saints.”)

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## **Raag Aasawari**

### **Shabad 104**

***Kesave vikat Maya tor tate bikal gat mor!!Tek!!  
Subish dasan karal ahimukh grasit sudrirh su mesh!!  
Nirukh makhi bakhat biakul lobh kaal na dekh!!!  
Indriyadik dukh daran asankhyadik paap!!  
Tohi bhajat Raghunath antar tahi tras na tap!!2!!  
Pratigia pratipal chahun jug bhagti purvan kaam!!  
Aas mohi bharos hae Ravidass jae Ram!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains through this hymn that the meditation of God is the only way to escape from the influence of Maya (Illusion).

***Kesave vikat Maya tor tate bikal gat mor!!Tek!!***

O God! In the absence of thy meditation, Maya (Illusion) afflicts severe pain. Therefore, human being feels extremely miserable and confused.

***Subish dasan karal ahimukh grasit sudrirh su mesh!!  
Nirukh makhi bakhat biakul lobh kaal na dekh!!!***

The Maya strikes human beings with the charms of worldly pleasures like a deadly snake bite. This wonderful Maya (Illusion) devours even the most indomitable person. Just as a fly loses composure at the sight of sweets, a greedy person cannot evaluate the occasion and always feels restless driven by his insatiable greed.

***Indriyadik dukh daran asankhyadik paap!!  
Tohi bhajat Raghunath antar tahi tras na tap!!2!!***

Human beings commit serious sins guided by their lust for worldly pleasures. O God! Human being will be free of any suffering if he worships Thee with devotion.

***Pratigia pratipal chahun jug bhagti purvan kaam!!  
Aas mohi bharos hae Ravidass jae Ram!!3!!***

O God the provider of all living beings throughout the four Yugas! Thou fulfil all of the desires of Thy devotee. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj proclaims that O God! "I have complete faith in Thee. Thou all pervading God shall always be victorious."

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### **Shabad 105**

***Ramahi pooja kaha charhaoun!! Phal aur phool anupam na paoun!!Tek!!***

***Thanhar doodh jo bashroo joothario!! Puhap bhanvar jal meen bitario!!1!!***

***Maliyagir berhiyo bhuanga!! Bish amrit doou ekae sanga!!2!!***

***Dhoop deep naibedahi basa!! Kaise pooj karhi teri dasa!!***

***Manhi pooja manhi dhoop!! Manhi seoun sahaj saroop!!3!!***

***Pooja archa na janoo teri!! Kahae Ravidass kavan gat meri!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all living beings to rise above the rituals, doubts and misgivings for dedicated devotion and meditation of God.

***Ramahi pooja kaha charhaoun!! Phal aur phool anupam na paoun!!Tek!!***

O God! What should I offer Thee in worship out of perishable articles of this world? From where can I fetch the unique and pious fruits and flowers?

***Thanhar doodh jo bashroo joothario!! Puhap bhanvar jal meen bitario!!1!!***

Even milk is unsuitable for offering to Thee as it is rendered unfit having been tasted by the calf from the cow's

teats. The bumble bee and fish render the flower and water respectively impure and therefore unfit for offering to Thee.

***Maliyagir berhiyo bhuanga!! Bish amrit doou ekae sanga!!2!!***

O God! Even sandalwood is not fit for Thy worship because poisonous snakes live together with sandalwood trees which are full of aroma.

***Dhoop deep naibedahi basa!! Kaise pooj karhi teri dasa!!***

O God! How can I offer, incense, lamp, sweets and stale food in worship to Thee because all of these are impure?

***Manhi pooja manhi dhoop!! Manhi seoun sahaj saroop!!3!!***

O God! One can worship Thee with pure mind and only pious mind is the true incense. One can comprehend Thee only when his mind has achieved the state of tranquillity.

***Pooja archa na janoo teri!! Kahae Ravidass kavan gat meri!!4!!***

O God! I do not know how to worship Thee with the offering of material articles of this world and hence what shall be my destiny? I always worship Thee with a pure mind and deep devotion.

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### Shabad 106

***Baraj ho baraj Bithule Maya jag khaya!!***

***Mahaprabal sabh hi bas kiye, sur nar muni bharmaya!!Tek!!***

***Balak biradh tarun ati sunder, nana bhes banavae!!***

***Jogi jati tapi sanyasi, pundit rahan na pavae!!1!!***

***Bajigar ki baji karan, sabh ko kautig aavae!!***

***Jo dekhae so bhul rahae vaka chela maram jo pavae!!2!!***

***Khand Brahimand lok sabh jeete, ih bidh tej janavae!!***

***Siambhu ka chit chaur lio hae, vakae pashae laga dhavae!!3!!***

***In batan sukhchaen mariat hae, sabh ko rahe ujhari!!***

***Nek drishat kin rakho Kaeso, meto bipat hamari!!4!!***

***Kahae Ravidass udas bhayo man, bhaaj kahan ab jaiye!!***

***It ut tum Gobind Gusaien, tumhi manhi samaiye!!5!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj teaches human beings the correct way to escape the influence of fake Maya. Maya influences everyone in this universe but anyone, who worships

God with devotion, gets rid of Maya and gets amalgamated with God.

***Baraj ho baraj Bithule Maya jag khaya!!***

***Mahaprabal sabh hi bas kiye, sur nar muni bharmaya!! Tek!!***

O God the saviour from illusory Maya! Kindly control Thy Maya as this powerful Maya has subjugated entire universe and overwhelmed deities, human beings and sages.

***Balak biradh tarun ati sunder, nana bhes banavae!!***

***Jogi jati tapi sanyasi, pundit rahan na pavae!!!***

This Maya, in myriad fascinating forms, has disillusioned the children, adolescents, aged and wise people alike. Even the yogis, learned, sages and those practicing celibacy and penance cannot escape the all pervading influences of Maya.

***Bajigar ki baji karan, sabh ko kautig aavae!!***

***Jo dekhae so bhul raha, vaka chela maram jo pavae!!2!!***

Because of amazing stunts of God the juggler, all living beings of this universe are performing drama having forgotten God under the sway of Maya. However one, who is able to grasp the secrets of Maya, is the true devotee of God.

***Khand Brahimand lok sabh jeete, ih bidh tej janavae!!***

***Siambhu ka chit chaur lio hae, vakae pashae laga dhavae!!3!!***

Except for devout worshippers of God, Maya has subjugated all living beings of the entire world and the whole universe. Maya demonstrates its awesome power this way. This Maya has attracted all living beings to its fold and in reality Maya pursues and subjugates every one.

***In batan sukhchaen mariat hae, sabh ko rahe ujhari!!***

***Nek drishat kin rakho Kaeso, meto bipat hamari!!4!!***

Human being perishes while talking of and acting as per dictats of this illusory Maya. Maya tells every one that it belongs to him. O God! Kindly end the evil influence of Maya and protect us.

***Kahae Ravidass udas bhayo man, bhaaj kahan ab jaiye!!***

***It ut tum Gobind Gusaien, tumhi manhi samaeye!!5!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "O God! Because

of Thy devoted meditation, my mind has got rid of the influence of Maya (the materialistic greed). There is no way to escape from the evil influence of Maya except through Thy devout meditation? O God! Thou are all pervading and omnipresent all over this world and the entire universe. Human beings get rid of the influence of Maya through Thy true worship and ultimately get amalgamated with Thee.”

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### Shabad 107

*Tujhi charan arbind bhavan man,  
Paan karat payo payo Ramaiya dhan!! Tek!!  
Sampat vipat patal Maya dhan,  
Ta mahin magan na hot tero jan!!1!!  
Kaha bhayo je gat tan shin shin!!  
Prem jaye to darpae tero nijjan!!2!!  
Prem raj lae rakho ridae dhar,  
Kahae Ravidass shootibo kavan par!!3!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the need for devout meditation of God to entire humanity. Those who truly love God show no fear even if their bodies are cut into pieces.

*Tujhi charan arbind bhavan man,  
Paan karat payo payo Ramaiya dhan!! Tek!!*

O God! Thy feet are like lotus flower and my mind is akin to a nectar seeking bumble bee. My mind has secured a place to live at Thy sacred feet. O God! I have savoured the sacred nectar in the form of Thy meditation and I have secured the treasure of Thy eternal worship.

*Sampat vipat patal Maya dhan,  
Ta mahin magan na hot tero jan!!1!!*

O revered God! One, who is devoted to Thee and rejoices in Thy true meditation, never gets influenced by pleasure or pain, universal Maya and worldly treasures.

*Kaha bhayo je gat tan shin shin!!  
Prem jaye to darpae tero nijjan!!2!!*

O God! I have no fear even if my body is severed into pieces. The only fear your devotee has is that there should be no dilution of devotion to Thee in his mind.

***Prem raj lae rakho ridae dhar,  
Kahae Ravidass shootibo kavan par!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O God! Thy devotee has adorned Thee in his heart with great devotion. Now how will you get free? i.e. Thou cannot get rid of the strong bonds of my true devotion”

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### **Shabad 108**

***Bande jan sahib gani!!  
Samajh ved kataib bolae Kabe me kiya mani !!Tek!!  
Javaani duni jamal soorat dekhiye thir nahin ve!!  
Dam chha sae sahans ikkis har din khajane thaen jahin  
ve!!1!!  
Mani maare garab 'gafil' bemihar bepir ve!!  
Dari khane parat choba hot nahi taksir ve!!2!!  
Siahi sapedi turangi nana rang bisal ve!!  
Napaed taen paeda kiya paemal karat na bar ve!!3!!  
Kush ganth kharchi mihar tosa khair khoobi hath ve!!  
Dhani ka furman aaya tab keeya chalaе sath ve!!4!!  
Taji badjavan badnazar kamdilan kar khasam ki kan ve!!  
Ravidass ki ardas sun kashu hak halal pachhan ve!!5!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to secure precious treasure of meditation through devout worship of God that will be helpful to them during this world and life thereafter.

***Bande jan sahib gani!!  
Samajh ved kataib bolae Kabe me kiya mani !!Tek!!***

O man! You must realize the eternal truth about God's supreme riches. Vedas and other scriptures endorse that there is no special gem other than God in Kaba.

***Javaani duni jamal soorat dekhiye thir nahin ve!!  
Dam chha sae sahans ikkis har din khajane thaen jahin  
ve!!1!!***

The valour and beauty of youth are never stable and everlasting. You are losing in vain twenty-one thousand six hundred breaths every day out of your precious life span.

***Mani maare garab 'gafil' bemihar bepir ve!!  
Dari khanai parat choba hot nahi taksir ve!!2!!***

O foolish man! You - cruel living being without Guru, are getting ruined because of your false pride. Having been blessed with a human body with ten apertures, you should tread a holy path so that you don't make any mistake.

***Siahi sapedi turangi nana rang bisal ve!!  
Napaed taen paeda kiya paemal karat na bar ve!!3!!***

God has created many colours like black, white and yellow. That self illuminated radiant God has created this universe and it takes Him no time to annihilate it.

***Kush ganth kharchi mihar tosa khair khoobi hath ve!!  
Dhani ka furman aaya tab keeya chalae sath ve!!4!!***

O man! You should carry with you devotion to God and His blessings along with alms of good deeds that will help you during this human life and journey thereafter and you will be blessed with supreme eternal tranquillity. When God will send for you, your devotion to God will be the only wealth to accompany you.

***Taji badjavan badnazar kamdilan kar khasam ki kan ve!!  
Ravidass ki ardas sun kashu hak halal pachhan ve!!5!!***

O blind and timid hearted man! You should stop talking harsh language and surrender yourself to God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advises human beings to comprehend true God.

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### **Shabad 109**

***Su kashu bichariyo tathe mero man thir havae rahiyoo!!  
Har rang lago tathae mero baran palt bhayoo!! Tek!!  
Dhann so panthi panth chalava!!  
Agam gavan me gam dikhlava!!1!!  
Abaran baran kathae jin koie!!  
Ghat ghat biyap rahiyoo Har soie!!  
Jihi pad sur nar prem piassa!!  
So pad rami rahiyoo Ravidassa!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to concentrate on devout meditation of God. Human being becomes indistinguishable from God through such devoted worship.

***Su kashu bichariyo tathe mero man thir havae rahiyo!!  
Har rang lago tathae mero baran palt bhayo!! Tek!!***

When I focussed even a little bit on devotion to God, my mind became stable. When I got soaked in maroon colour of worship of Hari or God, then the fake colour vanished.

***Dhann so panthi panth chalava!!  
Agam gavan me gam dikhlava!!1!!***

Blessed are those saints and devotees who have promoted Bhakti (Devotion) movement that teaches us to get amalgamated with distress free God and ends the cycle of birth and death.

***Abaran baran kathae jin koie!!  
Ghat ghat biyap rahiyo Har soie!!***

Guru Ji preaches not to discriminate because all human beings are equal and Hari or God is omnipresent in every particle throughout this universe.

***Jihi pad sur nar prem piasa!!  
So pad rami rahiyo Ravidasa!!2!!***

While deities and all human beings are desperate even to comprehend God, Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj proclaims that, having realized same supreme God, he has got amalgamated with Him.

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### Shabad 110

***Bhai re sahaj bando soie bin sahaj sidh na hoie!!  
Nayaulin man jo janiye jab keet bhringi hoie!! Tek!!  
Aapa par chinahe nahin re aur ko updes!!  
Kahan te tum aayo re bhai jahooge kit des!!1!!  
Kahiye to kahiye ka kahi kahiae kahan na ko patiyai!!  
Ravidass dass ajaan hvae kar rahiyo sahaj samayi!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys pious sermon



that living beings having secured rare human life must pray to God for attainment of eternal salvation. Having secured freedom from external rituals, human being can achieve a stage of eternal tranquillity and get amalgamated with God.

***Bhai re sahaj bando soie bin sahaj sidh na hoie!!  
Nayaulin man jo janiye jab keet bhring hoie!! Tek!!***

O dear! Pray to God to achieve self enlightenment because one cannot achieve salvation without reaching the stage of eternal ecstasy. Just as a normal wingless insect transforms and develops wings to fly, similar is the stage of a person who gets absorbed into God after devout meditation. When a wingless insect becomes a “bhring” or develops wings after transformation and adopts another wingless insect, the former keeps encircling the later which also becomes a “bhring” or gets transformed into a winged flying insect. Thus one, who secures God's blessings and seeks realization of God, ultimately gets amalgamated into God and becomes indistinguishable from Him.

***Aapa par chinahe nahin re aur ko updesh!!  
Kahan te tum aayo re bhaj jahooge kit des!!1!!***

O man! You have not distinguished your self from others but you keep preaching every one else. O dear! You should search within to understand from where did you come and where would you go after your inevitable death.

***Kahiye to kahiye ka kahi kahiae kahan na ko patiyai!!  
Ravidass dass ajaan hvae kar rahiyo sahaj samayi!!2!!***

If anyone, without realization of God, tries to preach others by narrating religious scriptures, no body will have trust and faith in such preaching. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “I Thy devotee, having shunned worldly rituals, have attained the stage of eternal tranquillity and got amalgamated with Thee.”

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### Shabad 111

***Dehu kalali ek piala!! Aisa avdhoo hoie matwala!! Tek!!  
Kahae kalali piala deo!! Peevanhare ka sir leo!!1!!  
Aeri kalali taen kia keea!! Sir ke satae piala deea!!  
Sir kae satae mahinga bharee!! Peevega apna sir daree!!2!!***

***Chand soor doou sanmukh hoie!! Peevae piala marae na koie!!3!!***

***Sahaj sunn me bhathi sravae!! Peevae Ravidass gurmukh dravae!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to seek a perfect Guru who guides them in devout meditation of God to savour the pot full of nectar like mantra or “Naam Daan” given by the revered Guru. One can get such a pot of amrit (Nector) or nectar only after surrendering himself before the Guru.

***Dehu kalali ek piala!! Aisa avdhoo hoie matwala!!Tek!!***

O revered saints! You bless people with pots full of “Naam” or amrit. Kindly give one such pot to me too. I am desperate to have such a pot of nectar and then get soaked in devout meditation of God.

***Kahae kalali piala deo!! Peevanhare ka sir leo!!1!!***

The revered Guru Ji, who grants such pots full of amrit (Nector), says that “I can give you such a pot of nectar only if you offer your head to me i.e. you must abandon your ego and self-esteem completely.”

***Aeri kalali taen kia keea!!Sir ke satae piala deea!!***

O revered Guru Ji—the distributor of amrit like God's Bhakti! What have you done? You have given me pot of amrit (Nector) in lieu of my head.

***Sir kae satae mahinga bharee!! Peevega apna sir daree!!2!!***

One gets such a priceless pot of amrit in lieu of one's head. Human being can savour such a pot of amrit (Nector) only after sacrificing one's head.

***Chand soor doou sanmukh hoie!! Peevae piala marae na koie!!3!!***

At the confluence of “Irha” and “Pingla”, they join “Sukhmana” artery. Then human being enters the tenth aperture and can savour the pot of amrit in the form of devout meditation of God. Thereafter one attains eternal salvation during his human life itself.

***Sahaj sunn me bhathi sravae!! Peevae Ravidass gurmukh dravae!!4!!***

Having entered the tenth aperture through devout worship of God, one can savour the amrit like nectar prepared under the state of eternal tranquillity. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that true devotees savour unique divine bliss after attaining such a state of ecstasy in meditation of God.

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### **Shabad 112**

***Aesi meri jaat vikhiat chamarag!!***

***Hirde Ram Gobind gun sarag!!Tek!!***

***Sursari jal liya krit baruni re jaise sant jan nahin karat panag!!***

***Sura apvitar nit gangjal maniye sursari milat nahin hot aanag!!1!!***

***Tar tar apvitar kar maniye jaise kagra karat bicharag!!***

***Bhagwat Bhagwant jab oopare likhiye tab poojiye kar namaskarag!!2!!***

***Anek adham jib Naam sun udhare patit pavan bhaye pars sarag!!***

***Bhanat Ravidass rarankar gun gabant sant sadhu bhaye sahajparag!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches entire humanity that one, who worships God with devotion, becomes one with God and his pious virtues become known all over the world.

***Aesi meri jaat vikhiat chamarag!!***

***Hirde Ram Gobind gun sarag!!Tek!!***

I hale from famous Chamar caste. I have adorned my heart with eternal virtues of God.

***Sursari jal liya krit baruni re jaise sant jan nahin karat panag!!***

Even if we distil wine using water of the Ganges saints do not savour that wine because after separation from natural flow of Ganges that holy water becomes polluted. Likewise even if one is born in a high caste, he will not be accepted in the kingdom of God if he does not worship God with devotion.

***Sura apvitar nit gangjal mnaiye sursari milat nahin hot aanag!!1!!***

Contrary to this, if unholy wine or water from other streams and rivers joins the Ganges ; thereafter that wine or water do not remain anything but water of holy Ganges. Same way even those, who are considered as untouchables because of caste by ignorant people of this world, can realize God through their devout meditation and become indistinguishable from God.

***Tar tar apvitar kar maniye jaise kagra karat bicharag!!***

As the Palmira palm tree is considered to be unholy because it has an intoxicating juice, some intellectuals deem paper made out of leaves of that palm also to be impure.

***Bhagwat Bhagwant jab oopare likhiye tab poojai kar namaskarag!!2!!***

However when holy scriptures are written on the palm leaves or paper made from palm leaves, same are revered and worshipped by all. Similarly even those, treated as down trodden because of ignorance of people, are held in high esteem and worshipped in this world when they pursue meditation of God with profound devotion.

***Anek adham jib Naam sun udhare patit pavan bhaye pars sarag!!***

Innumerable number of persons, who were considered as low caste by other people because of delusion, attained eternal salvation through devout meditation of God.

***Bhanat Ravidass rarankar gun gabant sant sadhu bhaye sahajparag!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that saints attain a stage of eternal tranquillity through devout meditation and become amalgamated with God who is beyond colour and form.

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### **Shabad 113**

***Paar gaya chahe sabh koie dohu urvar paar nahi hoie!!1!!Tek!!***

***Paar kahae urvar so para bin pad parche bhramae ganvara!!1!!***

***Paar parampad manjh Murari ta maen aap ramaen  
Banwari!!2!!***

***Pooran Brahm basae sabh thaien kahae Ravidass milae sukh  
saien!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings that even though everyone in this world wants to attain salvation, but no one can secure deliverance without knowing and comprehending eternal God.

***Paar gaya chahe sabh koie dohu urvar paar nahi  
hoie!!1!!Tek!!***

Every living being of this world wants to achieve eternal tranquillity. However, no one can attain salvation or secure everlasting bliss in this world or life thereafter without devout meditation of God.

***Paar kahae urvar so para bin pad parche bhramae  
ganvara!!!***

Getting rid of repeated cycle of birth and death through devoted worship of God is known as eternal salvation. However in the absence of comprehension of eternal God, irrational man remains steeped in superstitions.

***Paar parampad manjh Murari ta maen aap ramaen  
Banwari!!2!!***

The stage of supreme eternal tranquillity is the phase of achieving everlasting salvation in the eternal abode of God.

***Pooran Brahm basae sabh thaien kahae Ravidass milae sukh  
saien!!3!!***

One comprehends God all over in each particle after realizing the stage of eternal tranquillity. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that only realization of God is truly the supreme bliss.

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### **Shabad 114**

***Satgur hamhu lakhaie baat!!***

***Janam pashlo paap nasane mitogo sabh santap!!Tek!!***

***Bahar khojat janam ganvaye unman dhian rahe ghat aap!!***

***Shabad anahad bajat ghat mahin agam gian bhau Gur pratap!!1!!***

***Dhan dara mahin rahiyo magan nit guniyo na mich kau chap!!***

***Kahi Ravidass Gur rah dikhavae trisha bujh miti man santap!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys pious preaching to all human beings to realize God from within and fulfil the real purpose of this life.

***Satgur hamhu lakhaie baat!!***

***Janam pashlo paap nasane mitogo sabh santap!!Tek!!***

Satguru shows the path of devout meditation to human beings for attaining eternal salvation. One gets rid of all past sins and sufferings by adhering to that path.

***Bahar khojat janam ganvaye unman dhian rahe ghat aap!!***

One often wastes his life searching for God in the external world. However, one can realize God from within after reaching the stage of eternal tranquillity through devout meditation of God with focussed concentration.

***Shabad anahad bajat ghat mahin agam gian bhau Gur pratap!!1!!***

A divine reverberation echoes constantly within human mind. Such enlightenment is possible only with the blessings of perfect Guru.

***Dhan dara mahin rahiyo magan nit guniyo na mich kau chap!!***

Human being is all the time busy in pursuit of riches and pleasing his wife oblivious of the supreme virtues of God.

***Kahi Ravidass Gur rah dikhavae trisha bujh miti man santap!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that when a true Guru shows human being the path for realization of God, then one gets his mind rid of all sorrows & longings for worldly pleasures and secures a firm attachment with God.

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## Shabad 115

***Bapuro satt Ravidass kahae re!!***

***Gian bichar charan chit lavae Har ki sarani rahae re!!Tek!!***

***Pati torhe pooj rachavae taran tiran kahae re!!***

***Moorat mahin basae Parmeshar tau pani mahin tirae re!!1!!***

***Tribidh sansar kavan bidh tirbau je drirh naav na gahe re!!***

***Naam shadije dande baese tau doona dukh sahe re!!2!!***

***Guru ko sabad ar surat kudali khodat koie lahe re!!***

***Ram kahahu kae batae na aayio so nek labahae re!!3!!***

***Jhoothi Maya jag dahkaya tou tin tap dahae re!!***

***Kahae Ravidass Ram jap rasna Maya kahu ke sang na rahae re!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, preaches human beings through this sacred hymn to achieve ultimate divine bliss through deep meditation as guided by the Guru and escape from the influences of illusory Maya.

***Bapuro satt Ravidass kahae re!!***

***Gian bichar charan chit lavae Har ki sarani rahae re!!Tek!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that he is telling the real truth that human beings should contemplate to seek true knowledge, be devoted to the sacred feet of God and remain dedicated to the Almighty.

***Pati torhe pooj rachavae taran tiran kahae re!!***

***Moorat mahin basae Parmeshar tau pani mahin tirae re!!1!!***

Human beings offer leaves and flowers in prayers before the idol of God without true devotion and hope that God will grant them eternal salvation. If God is manifest in the idol then the idol should itself float on water.

***Tribidh sansar kavan bidh tirbau je drirh naav na gahe re!!***

***Naam shadije dande baese tau doona dukh sahe re!!2!!***

How can one rise above the influence of the three personality traits of satvik, passionate and ignorant qualities and attain eternal salvation until he secures a strong boat in the form of devoted meditation of God to cross over this futile ocean like universe? If one abandons the strong boat of devotion to God and holds an ore akin to worship of deities and goddesses, then he has to endure immense suffering.

***Guru ko sabad ar surat kudali khodat koie lahe re!!  
Ram kahahu kae batae na aayio so nek labahae re!!3!!***

There are very rare human beings who really accomplish successful search of God from within to realize eternal bliss and communion of sound and soul through devoted meditation of God under the guidance of the perfect Guru. Supreme God is not partial to any living beings and one, who seeks God with pure heart and devotion, is able to realize God.

***Jhoothi Maya jag dahkaya tou tin tap dahae re!!3!!  
Kahae Ravidass Ram jap rasna Maya kahu ke sang na rahae re!!4!!***

Fake Maya keeps the entire universe under an illusion and human beings have to endure three types of sufferings. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to worship God with dedicated devotion so that their minds are always related to true God. Maya never belongs to any one ever.

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### **Shabad 116**

***Eh andes soch yih mere!  
Nisvasar gun gaoun tere!! Tek!!  
Tum chintat meri chintahu jaie!  
Tum chintamani hoi ki naie!!1!!  
Bhagat het tum kaha kaha nahin kinha!  
Hamri ber bhaye balhina!!2!!  
Kahae Ravidass dass apradhi!  
Jehi tum dravau maen bhagti na sadhi!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches pious sermons to the human beings that every one must have a keen desire day and night to sing paeans of God.

***Eh andes soch yih mere!  
Nisvasar gun gaoun tere!! Tek!!***

O God! I am always anxious with the thoughts that I should remain busy singing your paeans.

***Tum chintat meri chintahu jaie!  
Tum chintamani hoi ki naie!!1!!***

O God! I have been able to get rid of my worries through



worship of Thy sacred Naam. Thy Naam or drvout meditation is the priceless gem that fulfils all human desires.

***Bhagat het tum kaha kaha nahin kinha!  
Hamri ber bhaye balhina!!2!!***

O God! You help Thy devotees in myriad ways. But how have you become powerless in my case? Why don't you come to my aid?

***Kahae Ravidass dass apradhi!  
Jehi tum dravau maen bhagti na sadhi!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that O God! I am Thy culprit because I am unable to practice Thy true worship even though I am known as Thy servant.

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### Shabad 117

***Bauri karilae Ram saneha!!  
Sang sahelii viah chali sab, chhad naehar ra geha!! Tek!!  
Khel khilar bais sabh biti, man chit bhaj na piyu partiti!!  
Maen maen jau laun garbh baurani, tau laun piara man nahi  
aani!!1!!  
Aapa met maen meri khohi, garb tiyagi arpahi nij dehi!!  
Piyu kau nari ouhi man aaie, jih abh antar avar nahin  
kaie!!2!!  
Jau laun piara man nahin aaie, ka sorahi shingar banaie!!  
Soie satt Ravidass bakhani, tan man sioun piyo rang  
samanie!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches human bride through this hymn to secure her husband God and realize successfully the ultimate goal of human life to achieve salvation.

***Bauri karilae Ram saneha!!  
Sang sahelii viah chali sab, chhad naehar ra geha!! Tek!!***

O foolish lady! You have forgotten about your lord God. You should have abiding love for God. Other human brides and your friends, who have deep affection for God, have already got married to Him and become one with God. Therefore O dear!

You should always worship God with devotion leaving aside your other preoccupations.

***Khel khilar bais sabh biti, man chit bhaj na piyu partiti!!***

O human bride! Your life is getting wasted in pursuit of worldly pleasures oblivious of Almighty God. Why don't you have abiding faith in God with mind and soul?

***Maen maen jau laun garbh baurani, tau laun piara man nahi aani!!1!!***

As long as this human bride remains mad with false pride, she cannot win the heart of her dear lord God.

***Aapa met maen meri khohi, garb tiyagi arpahi nij dehi!!***

I have abandoned my ego and pride and surrendered myself at the sacred feet of my lord God.

***Piyu kau nari ouhi man aaie, jih abh antar avar nahin kaie!!2!!***

Lord God likes that human bride, who has none in her heart except the Almighty God.

***Jau laun piara man nahin aaie, ka sorahi shingar banaie!!***

If lord God has no liking for this human bride, then all of her ornaments and make up are futile.

***Soie satt Ravidass bakhani, tan man sioun piyo rang samanie!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that only that human bride is blessed who surrenders her soul and body before lord God and gets amalgamated in His hues to become one with the God.

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### Shabad 118

***Re man manshla sansar samunde, toon chitar bachitar bichar re!***

***Jihin gale galiyahin mariye, so sang door nivar re!!Tek!!***

***Yam hae diggan dor hae kankan, par tiya galau jani re!!***

***Havae ras lubudh ramai yaun moorakh, man pashitavae niani re!!1!!***

***Paap gunio shae dharm nibauli, toon dekh dekh phal chakh re!!!***

***Partiriya sang bhalau jaun hovae, to ranau Ravan dekh re!!2!!***

***Kahae Ravidass rattan phal kaaran, Gobind kae gun gayi re!!  
Kanchau kumbh bhariyo jal jaise, din din ghatatou jayi re!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that human mind, which is akin to a fish, should worship God with devotion so as to cross this unfathomable ocean like universe or Bhavsagar.

***Re man manshla sansar samunde, toon chitar bachitar bichar re!***

***Jihin gale galiyahin mariye, so sang door nivar re!!Tek!!***

O mind! You are like a fish and this universe is like an ocean filled with variety of colours. You should ponder over these facts. You are getting rotten and dying entangled in these futile worldly attachments. You must get rid of the attachments.

***Yam hae diggan dor hae kankan, par tiya galau jani re!!  
Havae ras lubudh ramai yaun moorakh, man pashitavae niani re!!!***

You can be struck by the deadly mace of Yama or the messenger of death any moment and yet you are entangled in futile bonds of worldly pleasures. You will rot in the company of other ladies. O foolish man! You are engrossed in the pursuit of futile worldly pleasures and later you will have to repent like other ignorant persons.

***Paap gunio shae dharm nibauli, toon dekh dekh phal chakh re!!!***

***Partiriya sang bhalau jaun hovae, to ranau Ravan dekh re!!2!!***

For a sinful person, following of six commandments of religion is tough like eating of bitter fruits of neem (Azadirachta indica) tree. You must learn from experience of bitter fruits of sin. Look at the miserable end of king Ravana and learn whether company of other's wife is really beneficial.

***Kahae Ravidass rattan phal kaaran, Gobind kae gun gayi re!!  
Kanchau kumbh bhariyo jal jaise, din din ghatatau jayi re!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to worship God with devotion and sing His paeans to secure the priceless jewel of Naam or devotion to God. As an unbaked pitcher of clay filled with water will slowly and surely get disintegrated, same way your precious human life will end in futility in the absence of devout worship of God.

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### Shabad 119

***Rath ko chatur chalavnharo!***

***Khin hankae khin ubho rakhae nahin aan kau saro!!Tek!!***

***Jab rath rahae sarathi thakae tabko rathahi chalavae!***

***Naad bind sabae hi thakae man mangal nahin gavae!!!***

***Panch tatt ko yahoo rath sajiyo ardhae uradh nivasa!***

***Charan kamal liyo lai rahio hae gun gavae Ravidasa!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human mind, which drives human body made up of five elements, to be a devotee of God. Human being becomes one with God and indistinguishable from Him through devoted worship of God.

***Rath ko chatur chalavnharo!***

***Khin hankae khin ubho rakhae nahin aan kau saro!!Tek!!***

Human mind, that drives chariot like human being made of five elements, is extremely wise and clever. Within the twinkle of an eye, mind makes one's body run and prevents him from losing his way within the fraction of a second. No one else ever understands this fact.

***Jab rath rahae sarathi thakae tabko rathahi chalavae!***

***Naad bind sabae hi thakae man mangal nahin gavae!!!***

Even if human body, akin to a chariot, is physically present; who will run it if the driver in the form of mind is tired. Mind is not able to sing soothing songs in praise of God at such time and human being cannot experience eternal ecstasy oblivious of God and human mind cannot sing paeans of God.

***Panch tatt ko yahoo rath sajiyo ardhae uradh nivasa!***

***Charan kamal liyo lai rahio hae gun gavae Ravidasa!!2!!***

God has created human body, akin to a chariot, from five

elements i.e. water, air, soil, fire and space that inhabit this world and the entire universe. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says, while reciting hymns in praise of God, that he has become amalgamated with God through devout meditation at the feet of Almighty God.

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### Shabad 120

***Jo tum toro Ram maen nahin toraun!  
Tum son tor kavan sau joraun!!Tek!!  
Tirath barat na karou andesa!  
Tumhare charan kamal ka bharosa!!!  
Jahan jahan jaoun tumhari pooja!  
Tumsa dev avar nahin dooja!!2!!  
Maen apno man Har so joriyo!  
Har so jor saban se toriyo!!3!!  
Sab par Har tumhari aasa!  
Man kram bachan kahae Ravidasa!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to get rid of rituals and become true devotees of God.

***Jo tum toro Ram maen nahin toran!  
Tum son tor kavan sau joraun!!Tek!!***

O revered God! I have truthful devotion to Thee. Even if Thou sever Thy friendship with me, I will never abandon my abiding devotion to Thee because there is no one I can befriend after leaving Thee.

***Tirath barat na karou andesa!  
Tumhare charan kamal ka bharosa!!!***

I am not concerned with external rituals like taking a holy dip at places of pilgrimage and fasting, because I have abiding faith in true devotion to Thy lotus like feet.

***Jahan jahan jaoun tumhari pooja!  
Tumsa dev avar nahin dooja!!2!!***

O Almighty God! I worship only Thee wherever I may go. There is no other deity as great as Thee.

***Maen apno man Har so joriyo!  
Har so jor saban se toriyo!!3!!***

O Lord! I have dedicated my mind to Thee and having established firm bonds with Thee, I have severed my connection with everyone else.

***Sab par Har tumhari aasa!  
Man kram bachan kahae Ravidasa!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj prays to God "I long for Thy glimpse all the time. I say this with complete involvement of my mind, words and deeds."

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### Shabad 121

***Kehi bidh ab sumiro re ati dulabh deen dyal!!  
Maen maha bishaie adhik aatur kamna ki jhal!!Tek!!  
Kahan dimb bahar kiye Har kanak kasauti haar!!  
Bahar bhitar sakh toon hau kiyo su sau andhiyar!!1!!  
Kaha bhayo bahut pakhand kiye Har hirdae sapne na jaan!!  
Jo dara bibhicharni mukh patibarta jiy aan!!2!!  
Maen hirdae Har baethiyo Har mo pae saryo na eko kaaj!!  
Bhav bhagti Ravidass de pritipal karo mohi aaj!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys sacred preaching that no one can realize God through futile rituals. Therefore, human beings should worship God with devotion leaving aside rituals and showmanship.

***Kehi bidh ab sumiro re ati dulabh deen dyal!!  
Maen maha bishaie adhik aatur kamna ki jhal!!Tek!!***

O revered God! How should human beings meditate to realize Thee? O merciful Lord! Realizing Thee is extremely difficult because human beings remain engrossed in pursuit of worldly pleasures, lust and fulfilment of their myriad desires.

***Kahan dimb bahar kiye Har kanak kasauti haar!!  
Bahar bhitar sakh toon hau kiyo su sau andhiyar!!1!!***

Human beings indulge in showmanship to realize God. However only a rare human being, who is pure like gold, passes the litmus test of omniscient God and is considered as pious. O

God! Everything within and around any human being is always well known to Thee. However, mind of a human being, oblivious of Thee, is steeped in darkness of ignorance.

***Kaha bhayo bahut pakhand kiye Har hirdae sapne na jaan!!  
Jo dara bibhicharni mukh patibarta jiy aan!!2!!***

What use are all those rituals when one does not have true remembrance of God even in his dreams. Even as a characterless lady may talk about virtues of a faithful & pious bride, but she will always have an eye and longing for another person. Such a lady will never win over her husband. Likewise if any human being, akin to a bride, talks about realization of God without cultivating abiding true devotion from her heart, such human being will never realize her husband God.

***Maen hirdae Har baethiyo Har mo pae saryo na eko kaaj!!  
Bhav bhagti Ravidass de pritipal karo mohi aaj!!3!!***

O God! I have failed to achieve the real purpose of this life in the absence of Thy meditation and I have not accomplished any goal. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj prays “O revered God! Bless me with Thy devoted eternal meditation right now and be my saviour.”

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### Shabad 122

***Ab kaise shootae Naam rat lagie!!Tek!!***

***Prabhu Ji tum chandan ham pani! Jaki ang ang bas samani!!1!!***

***Prabhu Ji tum ghan ban ham mora! Jaise chitvat chand chakora!!2!!***

***Prabhu Ji tum deepak ham bati! Ja ki joti barae din rati!!3!!***

***Prabhu Ji tum moti ham dhaga! Jaise sonahi milat suhaga!!4!!***

***Prabhu Ji tum suami ham dasa! Aesi bhagti karae Ravidasa!!5!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj describes his abiding true love for God in this hymn.

***Ab kaise shootae Naam rat lagie!!Tek!!***

O God! My heart is imbued with true love and devotion to

Thee. Now, tell me how this continuous chant of Ram Naam (Devout meditation) can stop? It can never stop.

***Prabhu Ji tum chandan ham pani! Jaki ang ang bas samani!!1!!***

O dear God! Thou are like sandalwood and I am like water. Just as water becomes a paste of sandal after mixing with sandal, similarly every part of my body is imbued with the scent of Thy Naam. O revered God! I have also got amalgamated with Thee and become indistinguishable from Thee.

***Prabhu Ji tum ghan ban ham mora! Jaise chitvat chand chakora!!2!!***

O dear God! Thou are like clouds and I am akin to a wild peacock. Just as a peacock gets overjoyed to see the dark clouds, likewise I become ecstatic on seeing Thee. Just as Chakor or partridge has abiding love for the moon, I have similar love and devotion to Thee. Just as the Chakor keeps looking at the moon without a blink, I am also always anxiously looking forwards to have Thy eternal glimpse.

***Prabhu Ji tum deepak ham bati! Ja ki joti barae din rati!!3!!***

O God! My love for Thee is like the wick of a lamp. Thou are like an eternal lamp and I am thy wick. O revered God! Eternal flame of Thy Naam is blazing in every corner of the universe continuously.

***Prabhu Ji tum moti ham dhaga! Jaise sonahi milat suhaga!!4!!***

O God! Thou are analogous to a pearl and I am akin to the thread. My love for Thee is like the union of pearl and thread. Just as borax blends with gold, I have got amalgamated with Thee.

***Prabhu Ji tum suami ham dasa! Aesi bhagti karae Ravidasa!!5!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says “O God! Thou are the Lord of the entire universe. I am Thy devotee. O God! I always practice Thy true worship.”

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## Shabad 123

***Madho bhram kaise na bilaie!!Tathaen duti darsae aaie!!  
Tek!!***

***Kanak kutak soot pat juda raj bhuang bhram jaisa!!***

***Jal tarang pahan pratima jioun, Brahm jeev duti aisa!!!***

***Bimal ek ras upjae na binsae, uday asat doou nanhi!!***

***Bigta bigat ghatae nahin kabhoon, basat basae sabh  
manhi!!2!!***

***Nischal nirakar aj anupam, nirbhay gat Gobinda!!***

***Agam agochar achhar atarak, nirgun ant ananda!!3!!***

***Sada atit gian ghan barjit, nirbikar abinasi!!***

***Kahae Ravidass sahaj sunn satt, jivan mukti nidhi kasi!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches through this hymn that human being gets rid of illusions and realizes the ultimate state of eternal tranquillity with the blessings of God.

***Madho bhram kaise na bilaie!!Tathaen duti darsae aaie!!  
Tek!!***

O revered God! Why does human being suffer from illusion? This is because he continues to harbour the feelings of duality.

***Kanak kutak soot pat juda raju bhuang bhram jaisa!!***

***Jal tarang pahan pratima jioun, Brahm jeev duti aisa!!!***

Just as the gold and gold ornaments and thread and cloth look to be different from each other, same way a rope looks like a snake in darkness only because of ignorance.

***Bimal ek ras upjae na binsae, uday asat doou nanhi!!***

***Bigta bigat ghatae nahin kabhoon, basat basae sabh  
manhi!!2!!***

Virtuous God is eternal. God is beyond birth and death and God neither rises nor ever sets like sun. Omniscient God neither shrinks nor expands. God is omnipresent.

***Nischal nirakar aj anupam, nirbhay gat Gobinda!!***

***Agam agochar achhar atarak, nirgun ant ananda!!3!!***

God is always firm, formless, beyond birth, unique,

fearless, divine and invisible. God is beyond time as well as argument. God is embodiment of eternal ecstasy.

***Sada atit gian ghan barjit, nirbikar abinasi!!***

***Kahae Ravidass sahaj sunn satt, jivan mukti nidhi kasi!!4!!***

God is eternal. God cannot be realized through worldly knowledge. God is timeless and beyond the influence of futile distractions. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that eternal ecstatic stage of God is the truth. This stage of eternal ecstasy blesses human beings with the priceless treasure of everlasting salvation during the human life itself.

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### **Shabad 124**

***Man mero satt saroop bicharag!!***

***Aadi ant anant param pad sansa sakal nivarag!!Tek!!***

***Jas Har kahiye tas Har nanhi hae as jas kashu taisa!!***

***Janat janat jaan rahyo man maram kaho nij kaisa!!1!!***

***Kahiat aan anubhavat aan ras milae na bigar hoie!!***

***Bahar bhitar pragat gupt ghat-ghat prati avar na koie!!2!!***

***Adahu ek ant funi soie madhay upadh su kaise!!***

***Ahae ek pae bhram se doojo kanak alankrit jaise!!3!!***

***Kahae Ravidass prakash param pad ka jap tap brat pooja!!***

***Ek anek anek ek Har kahau kaun bidh dooja!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings through this hymn to focus on true form of God who is the eternal foundation of the entire universe. Human mind gets enlightened with illumination of God's Naam through His devout meditation and then one comprehends God all over and everywhere.

***Man mero satt saroop bicharag!!***

***Aadi ant anant param pad sansa sakal nivarag!!Tek!!***

O my dear mind! Think of the true form of God who is profound and eternal from the very beginning & without any end and who blesses human beings with the supreme status of eternal salvation.

***Jas Har kahiye tas Har nanhi hae as jas kashu taisa!!  
Janat janat jaan rahyo man maram kaho nij kaisa!!1!!***

God is not like what people of this world describe. What description can be given about form of God? However, human beings feel that they know about God but they fail to comprehend the secret of true God.

***Kahiat aan anubhavat aan ras milae na bigar hoie!!  
Bahar bhitar pragat gupt ghat-ghat prati avar na koie!!2!!***

Human being says something different about God that is absolutely unlike understanding God. Any one who is blessed with the nectar of God's Naam becomes amalgamated with God. Thereafter he never gets separated from God. God is manifest within and outside in every particle all over the universe. None other than same Almighty God is present within each living being.

***Adahu ek ant funi soie madhay upadh su kaise!!  
Ahae ek pae bhram se dooja kanak alankrit jaise!!3!!***

There was but one God at the beginning of the universe and God is present now and shall remain so for ever in future. God is truly one, but human being thinks Him to be separate because of ignorance just as he thinks gold and ornaments made of gold to be different whereas both are gold in reality. Similarly, human being is distinct from God only because of illusion and he gets amalgamated with God the moment his delusion vanishes.

***Kahae Ravidass prakash param pad ka jap tap brat pooja!!  
Ek anek anek Har kahau kaun bidh dooja!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “When a human being gets enlightenment of God within, then he realizes the ultimate supreme state of eternal tranquillity. Then one has no need to perform the rituals of Meditation, Recitation, Worship, Fasting and penance. God is omnipresent and manifest throughout the universe in myriad forms. None is as precious as God.”

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## Shabad 125

***Thotho jan soie pashoro re koie!  
Pashoro ja me nij kan hoie!!Tek!!  
Thothi kaya thothi Maya!  
Thotha Har bin janam ganvaya!!1!!  
Thotha pundit thothi banie!  
Thothi Har bin sabae kahani!!2!!  
Thotha mandir bhog bilasa!  
Thothi aan dev ki aasa!!3!!  
Sacha sumiran Naam bisasa!  
Man bach karam kahae Ravidasa!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to human beings for devoted meditation of God. Every thing other than God's virtuous Naam is futile.

***Thotho jan soie pashoro re koie!  
Pashoro ja me nij kan hoie!!Tek!!***

O brother! God's Naam is the truth. No one should forget Him thinking that to be false. Why should anyone forget that God who is manifest everywhere all over the universe providing spiritual tranquillity?

***Thothi kaya thothi Maya!  
Thotha Har bin janam ganvaya!!1!!***

This human body is also sham without God's Naam and even Maya is fake. Human being is wasting his life devoid of devotion to God.

***Thotha pundit thothi banie!  
Thothi Har bin sabae kahani!!2!!***

Even a learned scholar is also charade and his preaching is also false without God's Naam. All stories sans God's Naam are false.

***Thotha mandir bhog bilasa!  
Thothi aan dev ki aasa!!3!!***

Pursuit of worldly pleasures in beautiful palaces is futile and dependence on any deity or goddess is in vain.

***Sacha sumiran Naam bisasa!***

***Man bach karam kahae Ravidasa!!4!!***

Devoted meditation of God is the true faith in God's Naam. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "O brother! Worship God and meditate His true Naam with devoted mind, words and deeds."

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**Shabad 126**

***Madho! Mohi ek saharo tora!!Tek!!***

***Tumhi maat pita prabh mero, haun maskin ati bhora!!***

***Tum jou tajo kavan mohi rakhe, sahihae konu nihora!!1!!***

***Bahadambar haun kabhun na janiyo, tum charnan chit mora!!***

***Agun sagun dau samkari aaniyo, chahun dis darsan tora!!2!!***

***Paras mani mohi ratu nahin, jag janjaar na thora!!***

***Kahi Ravidass taj sabh trishna, ik Ram charan chit mora!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching through this hymn to all human beings to seek blessings of God and achieve the true goal of this human life.

***Madho! Mohi ek saharo tora!!Tek!!***

O revered God! I am solely dependent upon Thee.

***Tumhi maat pita prabh mero, haun maskin ati bhora!!***

***Tum jou tajo kavan mohi rakhe, sahihae konu nihora!!1!!***

O God! Though are my revered mother and father. I am an humble devotee at Thy lotus feet. O God! If Thou abandon me, then who will provide me shelter? I cannot express my inner feelings before any one except Thee.

***Bahadambar haun kabhun na janiyo, tum charnan chit mora!!***

***Agun sagun doou samkar aaniyo, chahun dis darsan tora !!2!!***

I do not know how to perform futile rituals and my mind is always focussed at Thy lotus feet. Kindly have a balanced view of my qualities and shortcomings. I visualize Thee all over and in all directions.

***Paras mani mohi ratu nahin, jag janjaar na thora!!***

***Kahi Ravidass taj sabh trishna, ik Ram charan chit mora!!3!!***

I have no need for Paras or philosopher's stone. All worldly pleasures are futile compared to God's Naam. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human beings should get rid of greed for riches and worldly pleasures and devote wholeheartedly to true worship of God.

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## **Raag Todi**

**Shabad 127**

***Paavan jas Madho tora tum darun aghmochan mora!! Tek!!***

***Kirat teri paap binase lok baid yon gavae!***

***Jaun ham paap karat nahin bhoodhar ton toon kaha nasavae!!1!!***

***Jab lag ang pank nahin parsae tau jal kaha pakhalae!***

***Man malin vishiya ras lampat ton Har Naam sambhalae!!2!!***

***Jo ham bimal hirdae chit antar dos kaun par dharihau!***

***Kahi Ravidass Prabhu tum dayal hau abandh mukti ka karihau!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, through this pious sermon, urges human beings for devout meditation of God's Naam that purifies human souls. One, who worships God with true love and devotion in heart, gets amalgamated with the Lord.

***Paavan jas Madho tora tum darun aghmochan mora!! Tek!!***

O respected God! Thy glory is pious. You will pardon my worst sins.

***Kirati teri paap binase lok baid yon gavae!***

***Jaun ham paap karat nahin bhoodhar ton toon kaha nasavae!!1!!***

O Lord! Your glory banishes all sins but ignorant people consider chanting of vedic hymns only to be superior. O Lord! If we human beings of this mortal world were not sinners, then who would You absolve of their misdeeds?

***Jab lag ang pank nahin parsae tau jal kaha pakhalae!***

***Man malin vishiya ras lampat ton Har Naam sambhalae!!2!!***

As long as the limbs are not soiled by slush, where is the need to cleanse them with pure water? Likewise, when human

mind is soiled with the lust of futile worldly pleasures and attractions then it gets purified only through devoted meditation of God.

***Jo ham bimal hirdae chit antar dos kaun par dharihau!  
Kahi Ravidass Prabhu tum dayal hau abandh mukti ka  
karihau!!3!!***

O respected Lord! If our minds were pious then whose sins would You cleanse? Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says “O esteemed God! You are extremely merciful. I have been blessed with Thy eternal realization and hence I do not require any other salvation.”

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## **Raag Sarang**

**Shabad 128**

***Jag me ved baid manijae!***

***In me avar agam kashu aure kaho kavan par kijae!!Tek!!***

***Bhaujal biyadh asadhi prabal ati param panth na  
gahijae!!1!!***

***Parhae sunae kashu samujh na parayie anubhae pad na  
lahijae!!2!!***

***Chakh bhun katar chalat hae tinhu ans bhuj dijae!!3!!***

***Kahae Ravidass bamek tatt bin sabh mil garat parijae!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching that only devout meditation of God can help end all miseries of this universe and enable one to cross over the Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean of this perishable world. Therefore human beings must grasp the magnitude of supreme force of God's Naam and realize human life's real goal of attaining eternal salvation.

***Jag me ved baid manijae!***

***In me avar agam kashu aure kaho kavan par kijae!!Tek!!***

Vedas are reckoned as repositories of knowledge for curing all ills of this world. But the contents of Vedas are different and supreme reality of God that is beyond description is something else. Which of these is really trustworthy?

***Bhaujal biyadh asadh prabal ati param panth na gahijae!!1!!***

This unfathomable ocean like universe is full of agonizing suffering and pain. However human beings, because of their extreme ignorance, never comprehend the supreme truth that only devout meditation of God's Naam can cure us of anguish and all ills.

***Parhae sunae kashu samujh na parayie anubhae pad na lahijae!!2!!***

One can understand nothing through ritualistic reading of Vedas or listening to hymns. Therefore one is unable to achieve the supreme ecstasy that is possible only through realization of God.

***Chakh bahun katar chalat hae tinhu ans bhuj dijae!!3!!***

Devoid of enlightened eyes, human being remains ignorant of God and treads a wrong path. No one can ever help such a person.

***Kahae Ravidass bamek tatt bin sabh mil garat parijae!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that living beings of this world never comprehend the supreme reality of God and therefore they suffer in the hell.

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### **Shabad 129**

***Tum karhu kirpa mohi sanyie!!Tek!!***

***Swas swas tujh Naam sambharoun, tumhi bhaint mam man harsaie!!***

***Tumhu dayal kripal karunanidh tumhahi Dinbandh Raghurai!!1!!***

***Tumhari saran rahon nisvasar, bharmat phiraun na haun Harraie!!***

***Tumhari anukamap maan mad shutae, Ram rasayin amrit paie!!2!!***

***Aiso budh jachihun karunamaen tujh charan taj kithu na jaie!!***

***Charan-saran Ravidass rabri, apno Jani lehu ur laie!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious



preaching to human beings through this hymn to worship God with devotion all the time with each breath.

***Tum karhu kirpa mohi Sanyie!!Tek!!***

O Lord! Be kind and bless me with Thy benevolence.

***Swas swas tujh Naam sambharoun, tumhi bhaint mam man harsaie!!***

***Tumhu dayal kripal karunanidh tumhahi Dinbandh Raghurai!!1!!***

I meditate Thy Naam with veneration each moment. My mind is overjoyed to have Thy sight. O revered God! You are always very kind, benevolent, compassionate and saviour of the underprivileged.

***Tumhari saran rahon nisvasar, bharmat phiraun na haun Harraie!!***

***Tumhari anukamap maan mad shutae, Ram rasayin amrit paie!!2!!***

O God! I am always under Thy protection and I don't get disillusioned in this world. I worship only Thee with true devotion. Because of Your blessings, I am free of futile arrogance and pride and I have been blessed with the amrit (Nector) of Thy Naam.

***Aiso budh jachihun karunamaen tujh charan taj kithu na jaie!!***

***Charan-saran Ravidass rabri, apno Jani lehu ur laie!!3!!***

O revered God! I cherish only Thy lotus feet as I cannot go anywhere else leaving the same. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj prays that "O God! I am Thy staunch devotee. Kindly accept me as Your devout follower and hold me close to Your heart."

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### Shabad 130

***Chal man Har chatsalparhaoun!!Tek!!***

***Gur ki sati gian ka achhar bisarae ton sahaj samadh lagaoun!!1!!***

***Prem pati surti lekhni karihau rara mama likh aank dikhaoun!!2!!***

*Yeh bidh mukti bhaye Sankadik ridae bidar prakash dikhaoun!!3!!*

*Kagad kanval mat mas kar nirmal bin rasna nis din gun gaoun!!4!!*

*Kahae Ravidass Ram jap bhai sant sakh de bahur na aaoun!!5!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings vide this hymn to study in the school dedicated for worship of Hari Naam or devout meditation of God and attain eternal salvation through realization of God.

*Chal man Har chatsal parhaoun!!Tek!!*

O my mind! Let me educate you in the school devoted to worship of God.

*Gur ki sati gian ka achhar bisarae ton sahaj samadh lagaoun!!1!!*

That school holds the stick of revered Guru to prevent one from deviating from the virtuous path and teaches the script of knowledge leading to realization of God. Even if one loses awareness of learning, one can achieve the stage of eternal ecstasy in meditation of God with the blessings of the Lord.

*Prem pati surti lekhni karihau rara mama likh aank dikhaoun!!2!!*

This institution of God has board of love to write on with the pen of devout concentration to engrave the alphabets R and M representing all pervading Ram or God and write down the glory of God's Naam.

*Yeh bidh mukti bhaye Sankadik ridae bidar prakash dikhaoun!!3!!*

This is how Sanak and his three brothers attained eternal salvation through learning in God's school and one could see their souls enlightened with the brilliance of devout meditation of God.

*Kagad kanval mat mas kar nirmal bin rasna nis din gun gaoun!!4!!*

One needs to sing glory of God with one's heart as a pen and intellect as pure ink unaided by the tongue.

***Kahae Ravidass Ram jap bhai sant sakh de bahur na  
aaoun!!5!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that 'O dear brother! Saints are proof of the reality that human being achieves eternal salvation through devout meditation of God and gets rid of the cycle of repeated birth and death.'

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### **Shabad 131**

***Har simrae soie sant bicharo!  
Avar janam bekaam Ram bin,  
koti janam saun upar barau!!Tek!!  
Har pad vimukh kutil mayarat,  
Ram charan chitahu na sanae!  
Jin man maan houmaen basahi,  
tih jan sant kahau kim manae!!1!!  
Kapat dambh par ninda boorhau,  
sant janam bhau kilvish karie!  
Jioun baria rut boond udadh mahin aaie,  
milae soie jal kharau!!2!!  
Ta parsang seep Swati nachhatar,  
moti nipjat neer tae niarau!  
Kahi Ravidass moh mad tiago,  
Ram charan man sant bicharau!!3!!***

In this pious hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches sacred sermon to all human beings to seek blessings of the company of sages.

***Har simrae soie sant bicharo!  
Avar janam bekaam Ram bin,  
koti janam saun upar barau!!Tek!!***

Saints, who practice devout meditation of God, have enlightened thoughts because human life is fruitless in the absence of worship of God and His Naam.

***Har pad vimukh kutil mayarat,  
Ram charan chitahu na sanae!***

***Jin man maan houmaen basahi,  
tih jan sant kahau kim manae!!1!!***

Oblivious of the supreme eternal authority of God, human being becomes atheist, lustful and tyrant and he does not focus his mind at the lotus feet of God. Anyone, whose mind is preoccupied with arrogance and pride, will have no respect for the saints.

***Kapat dambh par ninda boorhau,  
sant janam bhau kilvish karie!***

Deception, cheating and unfounded criticism of others are very grave sins. Human being gets rid of his grave sins in the blessed company of learned sages.

***Jioun baria rut boond udadh mahin aaie,  
milae soie jal kharau!!2!!***

During the rainy season, most of the rain water gets flows into the saline ocean and becomes highly saline.

***Ta parsang seep Swati nachhatar,  
moti nipjat neer tae niarau!***

When a rain drop pours into a clam shell during the Swati Nakshatra, that drop of water gets transformed into a pearl.

***Kahi Ravidass moh mad tiago,  
Ram charan man sant bicharau!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O dear brother! Shun attachment and arrogance, keep sacred company of saints and focus your mind at the lotus feet of God under their guidance.”

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## **Raag Jaisri Shabad 132**

***Sab kush karat na kahaun kush kaise!  
Gun nidhi bahut rahat sam jaise!!Tek!!  
Darpan gagan aneel alep jas!  
Gang jaldhi pratibimb dekh tas!!1!!  
Sab aarambh akam anehea!  
Bidhi nikhedh kiyo aneheha!!2!!***

***The pad kahat sunat nahin aavae!  
Kahae Ravidass sukriti kae pavae!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings through this pious sermon to worship God with devotion.

***Sab kush karat na kahaun kush kaise!  
Gun nidhi bahut rahat sam jaise!!Tek!!***

O revered God! Everything happens in this universe as per Thy wishes. What can I say in Your glory? Just as the moon has many virtues and yet it is always calm, cool and dispassionate, same way You are manifest throughout the universe directing every event and yet You are always detached and composed.

***Darpan gagan aneel alep jas!  
Gang jaldhi pratibimb dekh tas!!1!!***

Just as the mirror, space, air and water are unbiased e.g. mirror reflects true image of human being, everyone lives in space and space does not discriminate against any one and air affects everyone uniformly; likewise, God is manifest in all living beings and every one has equal rights to worship the Lord. Just as the water in Ganges reflects everything candidly, same way the true believers and devout human beings visualize God to be manifest all over and everywhere.

***Sab aarambh akam aneha!  
Bidhi nikhedh kiyo anekeh!!2!!***

God, the creator of this universe is free of longing and attachment. God is perceived and described in many different ways but that Lord is truly the ultimate reality.

***The pad kahat sunat nahin aavae!  
Kahae Ravidass sukriti kae pavae!!3!!***

The stage of eternal salvation and unity with God can be realized only with His blessings. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human beings of this universe realize the supreme status of eternal ecstasy and stable tranquillity only through good deeds and devout meditation of supreme Naam of God.

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## Raag Kanrha (Dopaad) Shabad 133

*Ja kae Ram Ji dhani ta kae kahi ki kami hae!!  
Mansa ko nath manorath purbae sukh nidhan ki kaha gani  
hae!!1!!  
Kavan kaaj kirpan ki Maya karat firat apni apni hae!!  
Khaie na sakae kharach nahi javae jayon bhuyang sir rahat  
mani hae!!2!!  
Ja ki ras thavar nahi aavae raha ketaki mukat ani hae!!  
Rakhvare ko Chakar Sudarshan bighan na biapae rok shini  
hae!!3!!  
Siv Sankadik paar na pavae maen bapure ki kaun gini hae!!  
Ja ki preet nirantar Har so kahae Ravidass taki sada bani  
hae!!4!!*

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his virtuous sermon that one, who is blessed with the precious riches of God's Naam, never feels scarcity of anything. Extremely rich God is the treasure of all pleasures. He fulfils all desires of human beings and protects everyone all the time. Therefore, one should have devout love for God.

*Ja kae Ram Ji dhani ta kae kahi ki kami hae!!  
Mansa ko nath manorath purbae sukh nidhan ki kaha gani  
hae!!1!!*

One, who is bestowed with riches of Lord's Naam, never feels shortage of anything else. Lord fulfils all wishes of human beings and He has boundless treasures of comforts.

*Kavan kaaj kirpan ki Maya karat firat apni apni hae!!  
Khaie na sakae kharach nahi javae jayon bhuyang sir rahat  
mani hae!!2!!*

What is the use of wealth of a miser who feels happy day and night boasting of his riches? Just as a serpent guards his gemstone, likewise a miser protects his wealth. However that miser is neither able to spend his wealth nor enjoy fruits of his riches just as the gemstone of a serpent is of no use to the reptile. Likewise if one does not accumulate God's Naam through devout meditation then he does not benefit anyway.

***Ja ki ras thavar nahi aavae raha ketaki mukat ani hae!!  
Rakhvare ko Chakar Sudarshan bighan na biapae rok shini  
hae!!3!!***

One, who does not spend his wealth in God's name, loses his riches because of the evil effects of planets. However unfavourable position of planets cannot diminish in anyway the supreme treasure of God's Naam owned by sages. God protects devotees and no one can create hindrances in the path of saints.

***Siv Sankadik paar na pavae maen bapure ki kaun gini hae!!  
Ja ki preet nirantar Har so kahae Ravidass taki sada bani  
hae!!4!!***

Shiva and the four Sanak brothers cannot fathom the glory of God; then how a poor vulnerable person like me can comprehend greatness of the Lord? Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one who is a true devotee of God is always actively engrossed in staunch meditation of the Lord.

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### **Shabad 134**

***Bhagti na hoi re na hoie, jab lag tan sudh na hoi!!Tek!!  
Bhagti nahin nachae ar gavae, bhagti na bahu tap kinha!  
Bhagti nahin swami ar seba, jab lag param tatt nahin  
chinha!!1!!***

***Bhagti na gian jog baeragae, bhagti na kahae kahavaen!!  
Bhagti na sun mandal ghar sodhae, bhagti na kashu  
dikhavaen!!2!!***

***Jahan jahan jayi tahan tahan bandhan, trividh taap na jai!  
Kahae Ravidass tabae sach pavae, aapa ulat samaie!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys pious preaching to all human beings to shun futile rituals and devote themselves to true meditation of God.

***Bhagti na hoi re na hoie, jab lag tan sudh na hoi!!Tek!!***

One cannot practice devout meditation of God as long as his body is impure.

***Bhagti nahin nachae ar gavae, bhagti na bahu tap kinha!  
Bhagti nahin swami ar seba, jab lag param tatt nahin  
chinha!!1!!***

Until one comprehends the real eternal truth, he will not benefit from futile dancing, singing, ritualistic worship or servitude.

***Bhagti na gian jog baeragae, bhagti na kahae kahavaen!!  
Bhagti na sun mandal ghar sodhae, bhagti na kashu  
dikhavaen!!2!!***

Knowledge, yoga and detachment are not true worship sans devout love for God. Likewise showmanship and aspiration for achieving state of tranquillity without devotion are not true meditation of God.

***Jahan jahan jayi tahan tahan bandhan, trividh taap na jai!  
Kahae Ravidass tabae sach pavae, aapa ulat samaie!!3!!***

Whatever one does, sans true love for God, leads to attachment and one cannot get rid of three types of sufferings i.e. deprivation, illness and discord. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that when one shuns worldly distractions and concentrates on true worship of God, then he succeeds in realization of God.

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### Shabad 135

***Re paiyo re Ram aami ras!!Tek!!  
Ras jin magan hvae rahiya, rarankar rashe nit rasna!  
Ih ras peeb Ram ras boorhau, aap magan rahi hvae din  
raena!!1!!  
Lok ras lagi vishae vish dehi, bhanau Ram bhaujal nahin  
bahna!  
Abhi antar bhajau nij avigat, ih upay antir bhau tarna!!2!!  
Chintamani lal hathae jae charhiya, huvau ujam timir nahin  
rahna!  
Bhajae Ravidass Ram nit rasna, dulabh janam birath nahin  
gavna!!3!!***

In this pious hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his virtuous sermon to human beings to make their rare human lives truly fruitful through devout meditation of God and remaining soaked in His nectar like supreme Naam.

***Re paiyo re Ram aami ras!!Tek!!***



O dear brother! I have been blessed with the amrit (Nector) of all pervading God's Naam.

***Ras jin magan hvae rahiya, rarankar rashe nit rasna!  
Ih ras peeb Ram ras boorhau, aap magan rahi hvae din  
raena!!1!!***

One, who remains soaked in the supreme nectar of God's Naam, has his tongue as the eternal abode of God who is beyond colour and form. When one remains drenched in this nectar of Naam, the same keeps increasing. The human being remains immersed in that nectar day and night.

***Lok ras lagi vishae vish dehi, bhanau Ram bhaujal nahin  
bahna!  
Abhi antar bhajau nij avigat, ih upay antir bhau tarna!!2!!***

People of this world are oblivious of the nectar of God's Naam and they keep their body engaged in the useless pursuit of futile worldly pleasures and hence cannot cross over the vast ocean like mortal universe. Human beings should shun the chase of worldly pleasures and infuse devout worship of God in their hearts. In this way human being, having lit the lamp of devout worship of God within, is able to cross over the mortal oceanic cosmos.

***Chintamani lal hathae jae charhiya, huvau ujam timir nahin  
rahna!  
Bhajae Ravidass Ram nit rasna, dulabh janam birath nahin  
gavna!!3!!***

Anyone, who possesses the priceless Chintamani diamond of Gods Naam that fulfils all wishes, easily crosses over this mortal oceanic cosmos. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advises human beings to pursue devout meditation of God every day and night so that this rare human life does not get wasted.

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### Shabad 136

***Dekh moorakhta yah man ki!  
Ram Naam ko shadi adharau, gahi ot shud trin ki!!Tek!!  
Abhi antar Ram nahin janiyo, shanahun dhoor ban ban ki!!***

***Ja din ih hansa ur jayi hae, shor thathariya tan ki!!1!!***

***Dhan dara mahi rahahu laptano, aapahu nahin sudhi va shan ki!!***

***Jan Ravidass tiyagi jag aasa, lahahu ot Har charnan ki!!2!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings through this virtuous hymn to seek shelter of the Lord and cross over this mortal ocean like universe.

***Dekh moorakhta yah man ki!***

***Ram Naam ko shadi adharau, gahi ot shud trin ki!!Tek!!***

O brother! Look at the foolishness of the mind that shuns the protection of Almighty God and seeks petty shelters elsewhere.

***Abhi antar Ram nahin janiyo, shanahun dhoor ban ban ki!!***

***Ja din ih hansa ur jayi hae, shri thathariya tan ki!!1!!***

One does not comprehend the God within and keeps wandering from place to place in forests. One day this swan like soul will surely leave this utensil like human body and fly away.

***Dhan dara mahi rahahu laptano, aapahu nahin sudhi va shan ki!!***

***Jan Ravidass tiyagi jag aasa, lahahu ot Har charnan ki!!2!!***

Human being remains immersed in futile pleasures like wife, wealth and worldly delights. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "O human being! You should shun futile expectations from this world and make your life truly fruitful by seeking shelter at the lotus feet of God."

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## **Ath Aarti Shabad 137**

***Aarti kahan laen kar jovae!***

***Sevak dass achambho hovae!!Tek!!***

***Bavan kanchan deep dharavae!***

***Jarh baerag re dristi na aavae!!1!!***

***Koti bhanu jaki sobha romae!***

***Kaha aarti agni homae!!2!!***

***Panch tatt yah triguni Maya!  
Jo dekhae so sakal upaya!!3!!  
Kahae Ravidass dekha ham mahin!  
Sakal jot rom sam nahin!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj sings paeans of true worship of the Lord God that even the brilliance of millions of suns can not match the brightness of one ray of light of God.

***Aarti kahan laen kar jovae!  
Sevak dass achambho hovae!!Tek!!***

O revered God! I do not recognize any other true worship of God in this universe except Thy truthful and devoted meditation. Except Thy true Naam, all other rituals are very strange and futile for Thy devotee.

***Bavan kanchan deep dharvae!  
Jarh baerag re dristi na aavae!!!***

Even if one lights up many small lamps of gold for Thy worship, no one can realize God without true detachment.

***Koti bhanu jaki sobha romae!  
Kaha aarti agni homae!!2!!***

The brilliance of true worship of God far exceeds the brightness of millions of suns. Therefore, where is the need for fire and yajnas for such true worship? There is no such requirement.

***Panch tatt yah triguni Maya!  
Jo dekhae so sakal upaya!!3!!***

This universe is made of five elements- water, air, fire, earth and space and three types of principal human nature i.e. satvik, passionate and ignorant. God is manifest in everything that we can see.

***Kahae Ravidass dekha ham mahin!  
Sakal jot rom sam nahin!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “I have realized God from within myself. Total brightness of this entire universe can never equal the brilliance of even one ray of God.”

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## Shabad 138

### Aarti

***Sant utarae aarti dev siromaniye!***  
***Urr antar tahan paesi bin rasna bhaniye!!Tek!!***  
***Mansa mandir mahin dhoop dhoopaiye!!***  
***Prem preet ki maal Ram charhaiye!!!***  
***Chahun disi dibla baal jagmag hvae rahiyo re!!***  
***Jot jot sam jot jot mil rahiyo re!!2!!***  
***Tan man atam bar sada Har gaiye!!***  
***Bhanat jan Ravidass tum sarana aaiye!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches pious sermon to all human beings to worship God with true devotion. Sages sing paeans of God through devout meditation of His Naam.

***Sant utarae aarti dev siromaniye!***  
***Urr antar tahan paesi bin rasna bhaniye!!Tek!!***

O revered God-the greatest of all! Saints perform Thy true worship through devout meditation of Thy Naam. Without talking with the tongue, sages chant the Naam of God manifest within in their hearts continuously.

***Mansa mandir mahin dhoop dhoopaiye!!***  
***Prem preet ki maal Ram charhaiye!!!***

They burn only the incense of keen longing to meet God in the temple of their beautiful hearts. They offer the rosary of true abiding love to God.

***Chahun disi dibla baal jagmag hvae rahiyo re!!***  
***Joti jot sam jot jot mil rahiyo re!!2!!***

All the four directions or the entire universe is shining brilliantly because of lamp of God's Naam. By lighting the lamp of God's Naam within and through amalgamation with that light; the human soul, in the form of light that is part of the Almighty, becomes one with Him and indistinguishable from God.

***Tan man atam bar sada Har gaiye!!***  
***Bhanat jan Ravidass tum sarana aaiye!!3!!***

O dear human being! You must surrender your body and mind before God and always sing His paeans with devotion.

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O revered God! I, Thy devotee, have surrendered completely at Thy lotus feet.”

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## Shabad 139

### Aarti

*Gagan mandal me aarti kijae, naad bind ike mek karijae!  
Susman indu amrit kumbh dharavae, mansa mala phool  
charhavae!!!*

*Ghiv akhanda sohae bati, trikuti jot jalae din rati!  
Pavan sadhna thal sajijae, tamen chaumukh man dhar  
lijae!!2!!*

*Ravi sas hath gahaun tinh mahin, khin dahine khin bamaen  
lahin!*

*Sahas kanval sighasan rajae, anhad jhanjan nit hi bajae!!3!!  
Ih bidh aarti sanchi seva, param purikh alakh abheva!  
Kahae Ravidass Gurdev batavae, aisi aarti paar langhavae!!4!!*

Through this sacred hymn Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to perform true worship of God by following the path shown by revered Guru. Focus the concentration with devotion at the tenth aperture, listen to the eternal melodies and experience the brilliance of timeless illumination.

*Gagan mandal me aarti kijae, naad bind ike mek karijae!  
Susman indu amrit kumbh dharavae, mansa mala phool  
charhavae!!!*

O dear brother! Perform true worship of God through concentrating on space inside the tenth aperture where eternal melodies of God and soul of human being intermingle to become one and indistinguishable. Sukhmana artery has a vessel full of amrit (Nector) of God there inside the tenth aperture where the rosaries of flowers of union with God are offered in prayer.

*Ghiv akhanda sohae bati, trikuti jot jalae din rati!  
Pavan sadhna thal sajijae, tamen chaumukh man dhar  
lijae!!2!!*

Where the lamp is made of God's Naam, fat and wick also comprise of God's Naam and the eternal light of His Naam

keeps glowing brilliantly at the confluence of the three arteries on continuous basis. A plate full of devout meditation is decorated for concentrating the breathing at the tenth aperture where mind is totally focussed after shutting off all other detractions.

***Ravi sas hath gahaun tinh mahin, khin dahine khin bamaen lahin!***

***Sahas kanval sighasan rajae, anhad jhanjan nit hi bajae!!3!!***

There is intense brilliance inside that is infinite times brighter than light of sun and moon. Eternal ecstatic melodies can be heard there without presence of conch shell etc. Lord God has His throne in Sahansdal Kamal (the centre of thousand lotus flowers) where God's eternal melodies enthral all the time.

***Ih bidh aarti sanchi seva, param purikh alakh abheva!***

***Kahae Ravidass Gurdev batavae, aisi aarti paar langhavae!!4!!***

Devout worship of God in this manner is the true service of God. Sincere and devout worship of supreme invisible and impartial God is true service to Him. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that only perfect Guru can enlighten one about such true worship of God. Human being crosses over Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like universe through such devout worship.

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## Shabad 140

### Aarti

***Aarti karat harshae man mero, aavat chit tuv roop ghanero!! Tek!!***

***Ajar amar adol abhes, nirgun rahit roop nahin rekha!!***

***Chetan satt chit ghan ananda, nirvikar tej amit abheda!!1!!***

***Anubh ajanma sarbagya ananta, abhed adaesh abigat sushanda!***

***Naam ki bati ghiv akhanda, ik hi jot jalae Brahmanda!!2!!***

***Anat bar tohi dhian lagava, muni jan pae paar nahin pava!***

***Man bach kram Ravidass dhiava, ghanta jhalar manhi bajava!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all living beings

of the universe through this hymn to practice truly devoted worship of God through.

***Aarti karat harshae man mero, aavat chit tuv roop ghanero!!  
Tek!!***

O revered God! Because of Thy true worship through chanting of Thy Naam, my mind is becoming ecstatic with overwhelming joy. Because of that, I am experiencing Thy revelation in my heart in several manifestations.

***Ajar amar adol abhes, nirgun rahit roop nahin rekha!!***

God is beyond influence of age. He is eternal and never vacillating. God has no colour or complexion and He is beyond the influence of three qualities of human nature i.e. satvik, passionate or ignorant.

***Chetan satt chit ghan ananda, nirvikar tej amit abheda!!!***

O revered God! You are extremely vigilant, truly majestic, embodiment of joy & ecstasy, flawless, eternal and absolutely impartial.

***Anubh ajanama sarbagya ananta abhed adaesh avigat  
sushanda!***

O venerated God! You are unique, beyond birth, omnipotent, boundless, impartial, invisible, eternal and most pious.

***Naam ki bati ghiv akhanda, ik hi jot jalae Brahmanda!!2!!***

O respected God! I have lighted the lamp of thy Naam containing fat and wick of Thy Naam for performing Thy truly devout worship. That is brightening the entire universe with profound brilliance.

***Anat bar tohi dhian lagava muni jan pae paar nahin pava!***

Sages can not fathom Thy beginning or end despite trying infinite times with deep concentration.

***Manbach kram Ravidass dhiava ghanta jhalar manhi  
bajava!13!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O revered God! I perform Thy true worship with utmost devotion of mind, language and deeds having totally focussed concentration. I hear eternal melodies within myself because of that.”

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## Padai

1.

*Sohang Oankar nirvikar anadi, akhand dhian saroop!!  
Ajar amar aadi karna, purash atal anoop!!  
Kripa karte dayal ji, kate bandhan karoop!!  
Sahib bakhshish satt sun, dass kar nij roop!!  
Sach Naam ko simar kar, jeev bhaye tatt roop!!  
Ravidass kahe bhaj Naam ko, pave shudh swaroop!!1!!*

God is one. He is beyond any vice. He is eternal since the beginning of the universe and absolutely perfect. One should practice devout meditation of His benevolent icon. God is eternal, ceaseless and unique reality. He is extremely kind who banishes all futile bonds of human beings. O dear! Please listen. When God showers one with His blessings, God transforms that individual into His own self. Human being becomes one with God through His devout meditation. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that those who worship God with devout love ultimately realise God's pious divinity to become one with Him.

2.

*Gur ki moorat man vikhe, dharo so haar dam dhian!!  
Naam daan ishnan kar, dware pave maan!!  
Mantar jap Gur hriday me, mile so nihchal gian!!  
Bhookh piyas na uttare, Naam bina Bhagwan!!  
Satgur so nahin pavaie, jo dil manhe suan!!  
Man sacha kit bidh bhayo, kar hae kia bian!!  
Jhootha palan palte, kaho kaise kaliyan!!  
Aagya Gur ki chitt dhar, kahe Ravidass bikhan!!2!!*

One should always adorn his mind with the divine image of Guru. One, who regularly practices devout meditation of God's Naam in his mind, gives alms and takes bath; is honoured in the abode of God. Anyone, who chants Guru Mantra in his mind with devotion, is blessed with eternal enlightenment. No one can be free of hunger and thirst sans God's Naam. One, who does not have blessings of Guru, harbours intense greed, akin to a dog, in his mind. How can one's mind be truthful sans God's Naam?



How does one explain this? How can one seek deliverance while concealing falsehood in mind? This cannot happen. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “One, who always adorns his mind with the directions of Guru and practices devout meditation of God's Naam, is certainly blessed.”

3.

***Kar ekagar brit ko, simare nit Kartar!!  
Sahib ki sab riti ka, kaun kathe bisthar!!  
Tis ki kudrat ati barhi, janae kaun vichar!!  
Sadgun nit hirde base, milsi thaur aapar!!  
Gur ki lakho dialat, Satgur kiyo pasar!!  
Kahe Ravidass Bhagwan ne, dass diye jag tar!!3!!***

O dear brother! You must enlighten your Atmann and pursue devout meditation of God regularly day and night. Who can fathom and describe the glory of God? None can accomplish that. Who can comprehend the nature of God that is vast and immeasurable? One, who adorns his mind with the noble quality of dedicated meditation of God's Naam, secures an eternal place in the durbar of God. When anyone secures the blessings of Guru, then he is able to realize God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that God enables His devotees to cross over the Bhavsagar or unfathomable ocean of the universe and attain eternal salvation.

4.

***Prathme satt swaroop tha, vah avinashi aap!!  
Madya viyapak ho raha, tis ko toon man jaap!!  
Antt samay bhi rahoge, Nirankar pratap!!  
Man bani karke bhaje, munchit kil vish paap!!  
Daata karta aap hae, dhart aakash viyap!!  
Mahima bahut beant hae, Satgur te hoye thap!!  
Sohang Naam ki dhun lagi, dil ke andar aap!!  
Kahe Ravidass vichar ke, jano Gur pratap!!4!!***

God, the true eternal divinity beyond any ending, existed even before anything else came into reality. God is omnipresent everywhere all over the universe. O dear! You must worship Him with devotion in your mind. The brilliance of divine God

shall always be all over eternally. All of the distorted thoughts and sins of those, who always sing paeans of God's glory in their mind, vanish completely. Supreme God is manifest in every particle throughout the universe and provides everything to one and all Himself. God's glory is beyond description and one can realize God only with the blessings of Satguru. When any one develops extremely strong longing for God in one's mind; then God appears in His devotee's mind of His own accord. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one realizes God with the glory and blessings of his revered Guru.

5.

***Jaap japo tum Naam ka, kar Satgur ki sev!!***  
***Gavat hirde Naam ke, boojhat nij Gurdev!!***  
***Naam satya sansar me, padarath jhooth sa nev!!***  
***Dubdha antar ki taje, nit satsang karev!!***  
***Aachar dharo Gur reet ke, mangal nitya badhev!!***  
***Kahe Ravidass vichar ke, sahib devan dev!!***

O human being! You must worship God with devotion. This is the real service to Satguru. You should always eulogise glory of God's Naam in your mind with devotion and then you will surely experience Gurdev in your mind all the time. Only God's Naam is true and real in this universe and everything else is illusionary. The sins of anyone, who sings paeans of God, surely vanish. One, who adorns his mind with dignified traditions respecting directions of revered Guru, will experience ever growing ecstasy in his mind. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that God blesses us with everything we need.

6.

***Antar kar gave sada, hriday kar bharpoor!!***  
***Khote karam tiagsi, paap bhaye sabh door!!***  
***Kag roop taj hans ho, vikar na karho bhoor!!***  
***Dev deh tujh ko dayie, pratakhash jaan jaroor!!***  
***Kathna kathe na Har mile, pave khojan noor!!***  
***Kahe Ravidass vichar ke, raho Bhagwan hajoor!!6!!***

O dear! You must keep your mind always ecstatic

eulogizing glory of God. That will banish all of your futile misdeeds and your sins will vanish. You should shun the cunning nature of a crow and adopt the dignified nature of a swan of Mansarovar lake. That will put an end to your felony. God has blessed you with the rare human life and therefore you must experience God within your body. One cannot realize God just through talking but one can experience the true divinity of God through devout meditation and dedicated search within. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “O dear brother! You should always feel presence of God close to you.”

7.

***Devan wala det hae, tis ki kar man aas!!***

***Sarv yugi pratipaliya, teri miti na khahas!!***

***Antaryami janata, lekhe sas gras!!***

***Agya Gur ki chit dhar, sadhan ko rakh pas!!***

***Bakhshanhara bakhshasi, Prabhu ka hoye dass!!***

***Bhashan kar Gur Naam ko, antar rakh pias!!***

***Amrit vela Naam satt, char yugon me bhas!!***

***Satt santosh dharan dharo, kahat bhaye Ravidass!!7!!***

God alone provides everything to one and all. Therefore human being should cultivate an intense longing for benevolent God only. God nourishes every one throughout all the astronomical times but human beings remain ignorant of God and keep themselves busy in pursuit of futile worldly pleasures. There is no end to one's desires. Omniscient God knows everything. One should remember Him all the time even while breathing and eating. Abide by Guru's preaching and adorn your mind with fruitful option of God's Naam. God is ever merciful and therefore one must always be His profound devotee. O dear friend! Worship God with profound devotion and cultivate an intense desire in your mind to have His glimpse. Throughout the four mythological yugas or celestial times, human beings must have passionate anticipation of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O dear friend! You must always bear absolute truth and total satisfaction in your mind.”

8.

*Tan man dhan arpan karo, bani jap Har meet!!  
Satsangat kar sant ki, dushat tiago reet!!  
Swas swas simran karo, janam amolak jeet!!  
Sohang Naam ke bhajan se, door hoye bhram bheet!!  
Toonhi toonhi ratata rahe, aur na lave cheet!!  
Man paye jin sewiya, Prabh so paye preet!!  
Naam nishan prapte, jo gavat Har ke geet!!  
Ravidass kahe satsang me, avay pad Satgur deet!!8!!*

O dear friend! You should dedicate your body, mind and riches to your revered Guru and devote yourself to devout meditation of benevolent God. Sacred company of sages helps one to get rid of ignoble behaviour. Rare human life becomes fruitful through devout worship of God every moment. All illusions vanish from one's inner self with profound meditation of God. Human being should treat Almighty God alone as supreme and keep chanting of God's sacred Naam in his mind with devotion. He should not divert his attention elsewhere. One commands respect with devout meditation of God. Those who sing paeans of God and chant His Naam with dedication will be honoured in the durbar of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that those who keep sacred company of saints are blessed by revered Guru with the supreme eternal status.

9.

*Gurmukh seti preet rakh, kukarm se man band!!  
Satt Govind Gopal Gur, aur aavan jan sanbandh!!  
Andher machiyo sarb jagat me, parkash na bin Gur chand!!  
Nitya parhan gurmukh satt, janat bhaye sarb sand!!  
Gur hi dhare roop sab, khele khel aanand!!  
Jan Ravidass pukarte, japo oang kar band!!9!!*

Love for Guru's devotees helps one to get rid of misdeeds and ignoble thoughts from his mind. Eternal God alone provides sustenance to the entire universe. God frees human beings from the repeated cycle of birth and death because of Guru's blessings. The entire universe is engulfed with the darkness of ignorance and there cannot be any enlightenment

sans a moon like Guru. Devotees eulogise God everyday regularly and comprehend manifestation of God all over. Guru adopts myriad forms to bless his devotees with profound eternal ecstasy. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advocates strongly that “You must stop wavering in all directions and just concentrate on devout meditation of God.”

10.

*Sarb hi sahib ek hae, doosar kaun kahaye!!*  
*Mukti na pavae bhajan bin, jo uttam aap sadaye!!*  
*Thakar nadar na aavahi, kabhoon na lekhae laye!!*  
*Jo chahe kaliyan ko, Satgur laye manaye!!*  
*Gun-vantian sang gun base, jo toon dhian lagaye!!*  
*Ravidass kahe sansar me, bahur na janme dhaye!!10!!*

None else but only one God is manifest all over in all directions. Howsoever dignified one may consider him; none can attain salvation without devout meditation of God. Until one dedicates his life to the Almighty, he cannot experience God. If one longs for salvation, he must secure blessings of his Guru. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Human being becomes enlightened by keeping sacred company of his Guru and devout meditation of God and gets rid of the cycle of birth and death.”

11.

*Naam dhiave dev muni, karta purash agamm!!*  
*Sis daan kar Har mile, toon na Jan sahamm!!*  
*Thakar sada sameep hae, tis bin nihfal aur!!*  
*Gur Gopal dhiyay toon, man aapna man kar bhaur!!*  
*Bandhan kaun shudavasi, kiye bina man dharm!!*  
*Kate Gobind janam maran, door hoye sabh bharam!!*  
*Sahib deen diyal sada, soi mano pukar!!*  
*Kahe Ravidass preet Har, man me rakh vichar!!11!!*

All deities, goddesses, sages and saints chant God's Naam with devotion. God is the creator of the universe and He never suffers from any grief. Dedication of one's head to Almighty is fruitful for realization of God but human being never appreciates the importance of that. God is manifest close to

everyone at all times. Everything is futile sans God's Naam. O dear friend! You must concentrate at the lotus feet of God as per directions of revered Guru just as a bhanvara or bumble bee hovers around flowers. One cannot get rid of worldly bonds without firm devotion to God in his mind. Without religion no one can lead to liberation from all ignorance and pangs of repeated cycle of birth and death. Lord God is always extremely kind. O dear! You must adorn your mind with His devout meditation. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that "O dear human being! You must adorn your mind with dignified thoughts and have truly devout love for God."

12.

***Tis jevad daata nanhi ko, Gur aprampar soye!!  
Gur bin surat na satya hae, bhram thakke sab loye!!  
Dev nath aur sidh sarb, Gur mane te hoye!!  
Dharti viyom vichariya, tis te bhinn na koye!!  
Patalpuri jaykar dhun, kash machh bhi joye!!  
Dana daata sheelvant, upkari jag hoye!!  
Indar Brahma Mahesh gan, pavan basantar toye!!  
Yah sabh bapure keet sam, lakhe na sahib joye!!  
Kahe Ravidass pukar kar, bharam bhit man khoye!!12!!***

There is no other philanthropist comparable to God. One can realize the supreme God with the blessings of his Guru. One cannot concentrate and establish firm communion with God and everyone gets tired entangled in the web of ignorance sans Guru's blessings. Angels, Naths and Sidhas or individuals with supernatural powers became superlative because of their faith in Guru. God is manifest all over this earth and throughout the entire universe. There is no place without God and He is evident everywhere in nature, under the sea and throughout the universe. Crocodiles, fish and everyone else is under His control. Meditation of God leads one to be extremely knowledgeable, dignified and well wisher of all others in the world. All of the deities like Indra, Brahma, Shiva, Vayu and Agni or Fire etc. are under complete command of God. All living beings are very humble like ants sans God's Naam and no one can comprehend the magnitude of glory of God. Satguru

Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that everyone can get rid of all the illusions of one's mind through devout meditation of God.

13.

*Ath sath tirath punn phal, hovat jo sach jaag!!  
Dhiyandharo Prabhu bhajan me, to hovae bad bhag!!  
Man ka manka fer laye, virti ka kar taag!!  
Sharvan karke hi bhayo, ae jag sagro baag!!  
Sahib ke satsang me, raho man sad hi laag!!  
Jan Ravidass Sohangun, bhaj manmat apni tiag!!13!!*

Anyone, who wakes up shedding the slumber of ignorance and abides by truth, is blessed with the fruits of pilgrimage to the sixty-eight holy places of pilgrimage. Only the fortunate and blessed human beings worship God and practice meditation of God's Naam with devotion. Human being rotates the rosary of devout meditation of God and the thread of his focused concentration for bonding with the Lord. One, who listens carefully to the glory of God, finds this entire world like a beautiful garden. Human being must always concentrate his mind at the lotus feet of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that "O dear brother! You must shun your own perceptions and arrogance and practice dedicated meditation of God's sacred Naam."

14.

*Guno ka hove sagra, dhiay Niranjan Naam!!  
Naam Gur ka vohitha, tere aavae kaam!!  
Karta chitt na avahi, bhool gaya toon Naam!!  
Prabhu ka simran shod ke, khote karta kaam!!  
Augun tere door ho, par toon Gur ki sham!!  
Aath pahir Bhagvan bhaj, nikat na aave jam!!  
Swas swas man bhajn karo, simro shri Gur Naam!!  
Ravidass kahe Gur sharan me, pave sukh vishram!!14!!*

O dear! If you like to be an ocean of noble virtues, you must concentrate on meditation of God who is beyond Maya. Guru's sacred Naam is the ship that helps one to sail across the Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like universe. O dear brother! You do not adorn your mind with divine God and you

remain busy in pursuit of misdeeds having forgotten God's Naam. However, all of your sins and shortcomings will vanish when you seek shelter at the lotus feet of Guru with devotion. Messengers of death do not venture anywhere near anyone who worships God day and night all the time. Secure blessings of Naam from Guru and practice devout meditation every moment. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that "Anyone, who seeks shelter at the lotus feet of perfect Guru, experiences supreme eternal pleasure and jubilation."

15.

***Gurdev do vare tera maan ho, nidhyasan kare nihah!!  
Jahan baethe tahan sobh ho, kabhoon na hoye bihal!!  
Gurmukh ki reeti dharo, gurmukh ki chalo chal!!  
Ek dhyana ek me, kar toon yah sambhal!!  
Kaaran karte ant na, tis ki preet nihah!!  
Poora Satgur milat hae, prapt hove ghal!!  
Vastu Naam prapte, hriday kar lae thal!!  
Shobha pave deh me, kahe Ravidass vishal!!15!!***

One feels truly honoured while visiting Guru's abode and he feels intense pleasure with the blessings of Guru. Thereafter wherever one may sit, he becomes more dignified and never suffers any set back. O dear friend! You must adorn your mind with noble virtues of true devotees of Guru who always chant God's Naam with profound devotion. O human being! You must worship God with utmost concentration of mind and fully secure God's Naam. No one can fathom the divinity of God who is the creator and who also feeds the entire universe. Anyone with devout love for God experiences eternal ecstasy. With the realization of a perfect Guru, devout meditation of the disciple becomes absolute & fruitful. O dear friend! Adorn your mind, akin to a plate, with the wealth of God's Naam. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that "One should realize God from within one's own body and feel dignified and ecstatic."

16.

***Kudrat kaun vichar hae, koi na jane bheth!!  
Sarv hi shaktiman Gur, bhoole man laye cheth!!***



***Gur bin aadi viaydi me, tino tap jaret!!  
Guru Gobind pratap se, hot jaat sarv set!!  
Naam liye agh jayenge, paapan mool haret!!  
Jan Ravidass adhin ho, karo swami het!!16!!***

Who can deliberate about secret of nature ? No one can unveil His mysteries. Guru is all powerful and even wavering individuals worship God. Human beings, sans Guru, suffer from many ills like poverty, sickness and discord. All shackles of human beings vanish with the blessings of Guru and God. Grave sins and the very root cause of felony disappear with dedicated chanting of God's Naam. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "Human beings should love God with devout dedication."

17.

***This bin doosar avar na, Nirankar ko dekh!!  
Amar ajar bharpoor Gur, ghat ghat manhi sulekh!!  
Nirankar sad sadiv soye, sahib sarv vishesh!!  
Shardha se Pritam mile, pavat sarv hi bhekh!!  
Taap tape man mar ke, hot jaat hae sheev!!  
Udas rahe sansar me, bahu biant hi jeev!!  
Aatam der basaya, hriday me kar vas!!  
Jag me aaya sufal hae, kahat bhayo Ravidass!!17!!***

O dear friend! Nothing except invisible formless God is real. Practice devout meditation of that God. God is eternal, ageless and manifest in every particle all over the universe. Invisible God is eternal, supreme and unique. All kinds of distinctions from the Lord God disappear through devout love. Human being benefits immensely through devout meditation exercising complete control over his mind. One, who remains detached from the world and worships God with devotion, is certainly blessed with realisation of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that "Anyone, who succeeds in comprehending God within himself, makes his rare human birth in this world really fruitful."

18.

***Naam dhani ka satt sada, Gurdev rakh man tek!!  
Antar dharin dhian toon, briti ko kar ek!!***

***Ant karan sudhar ke, Sohng man karo path!!  
 Satgur ki dargah me, sundar hove thath!!  
 Gur ki kiya upma katho, adbhut lila reet!!  
 Prem bishora na jare, meen samaan hae preet!!  
 Oang oam dhian dhar, Sohng bhed vichar!!  
 Tatt roop hove janmana, kahe Ravidass aachar!!18!!***

O human being! You must always practice devout meditation of supreme God the Lord of all treasures and bear revered Guru in your mind for ever. Focus your concentration and visualise presence of God within yourself. One who worships God with profound devotion commands respect in the durbar of God and his mind gets purified. How can a human being fathom the glory of Guru? His splendour is unique. A true devotee of God cannot bear with separation from God. Human being should have devout love for God just like a fish cannot live without water. O dear! You must focus your entire concentration on Oankar or God and strive for amalgamation with Him. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that “One should endeavour to connect himself with the element of God and make his life truly fruitful.”

19.

***Durmata ka tyagan karo, leho gurmat khoj!!  
 Khotan ki sangat tajo, kiun sir par uthao boj!!  
 Gur sharan me man lage, shoote Maya bandh!!  
 Aage mushkil na bane, hove Naam sanbandh!!  
 Jhooth bol jhootha bane, jhooth tiago gael!!  
 Jan Ravidass vichariya gali gali kar sael!!19!!***

O dear! You must abandon cunningness and abide by noble counsel of Guru. Get yourself rid of the burden of company of bad people. All shackles of Maya vanish when one focuses his mind at the lotus feet of Guru with devotion. When God's Naam becomes the saviour, then human being will not face any difficulty. One who tells a lie becomes a liar. Therefore, one must shun telling lies. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji states that “Those who worship God with devotion walk the lanes of “Begampura” or God's abode where there cannot be any sadness.”

20.

*Bhagwan atam dev ka, karo man apne jaap!!  
Naam badai manan kar, sabh tapan sir tap!!  
Gati riti na kah sako, jo mane Gur vak!!  
Kagaz mile na prem ko, kalam likhe nahin sakh!!  
Baith vicharo man vikhe, Satgur dhian lagaye!!  
Sangat ka phal pav hae, paap na ranchak laye!!  
Bani rato Gur, Gur sada, antar laiye sukh bhas!!  
Marang pavat labh ho, kahat satya Ravidass!!20!!*

O human being! You must practice devout meditation of God manifest within yourself. All vices vanish when one eulogises glory of God's Naam. Glory of anyone, who abides by the directions of Guru, is beyond description. Love cannot be expressed just by writing that word on paper. One should sit in a posture of meditation and focus his mind on Satguru with devotion. One, who keeps sacred company of Satguru, is blessed with fulfilment of all desires and condoning of sins. One, who abides by the path shown by revered Guru, is blessed with all comforts. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “One, who is able to find the path that leads to realization of God, will be blessed with everlasting bliss.”

21.

*Jibha kanti man karo, saan charhavo tej!!  
Sach khand me ja mile, Satgur deve bhej!!  
Dharam sath sambhandh jo, kul taran ki chal!!  
Prat kamai apni, paye mushakkat ghal!!  
Mukti dvara pav hae, chintan Naam hamesh!!  
Gur sewak ki riti lakh, Satgur Jani naresh!!  
Jon, jon bharmat nahin, manan ke sang sath!!  
Jan Ravidass pukarte, sahib kini daat!!21!!*

One should chant God's Naam with his tongue just like a scissor works fast. Dignity and glory of human being grow when he focuses his mind on God with devotion. Satguru leads his devotee to Sachkhand or realm of God very kindly. One, who abides by dharma (religious), follows the tradition of emancipation of his ancestors and future generations and makes his endeavours fruitful. Devout meditation of God's Naam

always leads one to the door of eternal salvation. A true devotee of Guru follows the tradition of revering his Satguru as the supreme emperor or God. One who adorns his mind with God's Naam does not suffer the pangs of repeated cycle of birth and death. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares forcefully that "God is the supreme benevolent Lord who blesses human being with eternal tranquillity."

22.

***Verag vivek tatikhsha, sam dam aadi le khoj!!  
 Momokash ban satsang me, leh Parmatam mauj!!  
 Tatt tavan sadhan bhane, munivar mati sudhir!!  
 Kathne matar na mile, sodhan karo sarir!!  
 Man indriya malkar bhare, tatav masi kahe aap!!  
 Antashkaran bhi shudh nahin, lagat sarv hi paap!!  
 Papi karam kmavana, so satsang me nas!!  
 Kali ko dosh sabh door ho, kathan kare Ravidass!!22!!***

Keen search of God within, supported by detachment, analytical mind, intense longing for a glimpse of God and keeping sacred company of saints, leads one to eternal salvation and experience of profound bliss of realization of God. Sages direct their intellect towards noble pursuits and search for God within. One cannot realize God just by saying or longing but one must control his body and purify the mind. Because one's mind is fully preoccupied with lust for worldly pleasures, he feels himself to be supreme. That is why human mind becomes impure and one suffers for his sins. Sacred company of sages prevents one from committing sins. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that "Devout meditation of God gets one rid of all evils."

23.

***Aapna beej toon aap hi, khavat hae bahu bar!!  
 Tera hi tujhe saumpta, vah daata Kartar!!  
 Jo Gur sharni parat hae, til bhar bhi beant!!  
 Shobha pave lok me, kahit muni jan sant!!  
 Narkan ke adhikar ko, sheeghar man de tiag!!  
 Bhajan karo Bhagwan ka, mile Ravidass berag!!23!!***

Human being reaps the fruit of his deeds time and again

i.e. one reaps only what he sows. God awards human being fruit according to one's deeds. However if any one seeks shelter at the lotus feet of Guru and God is little kind to him then he commands respect in the world. This is the conclusion of sages and saints. O dear human being! You must banish the thought about hell from your mind quickly. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that "One who is detached from the world and worships God with devotion is sure to realize God."

24.

*Gun aave gun uchare, gun me rahe samaye!!*  
*Govind Guru, Gopal Guru, Karta Purash basaye!!*  
*Bhagwan bhajan me sukh sada, hor hae sukh na kaye!!*  
*Kar vishwas man aapne, Satgur charni dhaye!!*  
*Satt sundar ati, agamm apara!! Khel sahib ka, sabh se niyara!!*  
*Nirmal atam swaroop, lakh sarir hoye paveet!!*  
*Sachkhand me ja base, Kahe Ravidass toon meet!!24!!*

When God blesses any human being with the understanding of His divine qualities, he eulogises glory of the Lord and ultimately gets amalgamated with God. Govind is the Guru, Gopal is the Guru i.e. God Himself is the Guru and the creator is manifest in everything all over the universe. One always experiences peace and harmony through devout meditation of God. There is no solace in anything else anywhere. O dear friend! You must devote yourself to the lotus feet of Guru with firm belief and dedication. God is most beautiful of all, free of any grief and His splendour is beyond description. God is unique, supreme and beyond any comparison. God is pure and infinite number of living beings, who experienced the sparkling divine form of God, have been purified and blessed with an eternal place in Sachkhand or abode of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that "Those, who adorn their minds with memory of God every moment all the time with devotion, are my real friends."

25.

*Narayan rang kare jag, dhare roop ajaeb!!*  
*Deen diyal kripal Prabhu, dhan Sirjanhar susahib!!*  
*Sun sun ke upma bhane, kavi granth Kuran!!*

***Kaji mulla kahit hae, ap apni sabh man!!  
 Bhesh, panth, yogi, yati, lakhe na so anajan!!  
 Aap ho utpat prapanch kar, aap karat bhay han!!  
 Ghari mahoorat jante, vah aprampar dev!!  
 Dev, danuj, manush sabhi, lage tis ki sev!!  
 Amar pahichane Guru ka, so dass jane nij bhev!!  
 Jan Ravidass vichariya, sukh pavat nit sev!!25!!***

Nirankar – the omnipresent formless God has created this universe of many hues and adopted myriad forms. God, the creator of the universe who is merciful and blesses all living beings, is the Lord of entire universe. God's glory is eulogised in religious scriptures and Quran after listening from learned sages. Muezzins and mullahs (Muslim priests) eulogise God's glory in their own ways. Yogis, who wear symbolic dresses sans devout love for God, are ignorant of His glory. God Himself is the creator and ultimate destroyer of every living being. The supreme infinite God Himself alone knows the real time & period of His creation. Deities, demons and human beings, who practice devout meditation of God; achieve eternal salvation. Anyone, who is able to recognise the eternal Guru and understand his own mystery, crosses over the Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like universe. He is respected in the durbar of God even while he is living in this perishable world. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Human beings, who worship God regularly with devotion, enjoy eternal tranquility and peace.”

26.

***Naam dhiave sidh bhaye, japn japo bahu bar!!  
 Satgur ke sang lag kar, loha hove paar!!  
 Guru Gopal jahaj jug, Gur mansa pooran haar!!  
 Sahib ki upma bhano, mukh se lakh lakh var!!  
 Mittar tera aur nahi ko, toon dekhi nadar pasar!!  
 Nadri nadar sudhar man, kahe Ravidass vichar!!26!!***

Devout meditation of God leads to eternal salvation. Sacred company of Satguru transforms an iron like human being into gold like devotee leading to eternal salvation. Guru has been helping his devotees since times immemorial to sail

across the Bhavsagar or vast ocean-like universe in the ship of Naam and fulfilling their noble desires. One should chant God's glory infinite times. O dear brother! Look around carefully in all directions but you will not find a true friend other than your revered Guru. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that "Human mind gets purified with the blessings of God and one is able to realize Him."

27.

*Varnan kar ke ko kahe, jag palak parshans!!*  
*Antar karo milap Guru, subh gun ki base bans!!*  
*Satgur ke updeshe kar, nirmal hove hans!!*  
*Satgur daata ati barha, Brahm Janiye ans!!*  
*Aisa Naam NiranJani, antar laiye basaye!!*  
*Hath jorh ustati karo, Gur rakhe satt bhaye!!*  
*Brahm vakta, Brahm sotri, Brahm nista Guru asans!!*  
*Satgur sang piar kar, kahe Ravidass badhans!!27!!*

O human being! Who can describe the glory of God who provides sustenance to the entire universe? Revered Guru helps his devotee to become one with God and his descendent are blessed with all noble virtues. Listening to the teachings of revered Satguru with devotion leads to purification of human soul. Satguru is the greatest philanthropist and he enables one to experience the divine God with his blessings. One should adorn his mind with the sacred Naam of God. Revered Guru connects his devotee with God and hence one should eulogise glory of Guru with folded hands and devotion. Guru himself is the one who contemplates about Brahm or God, creates from Brahm and helps his devotees to realize Brahm. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that "Devout love with God transforms human being into a supreme noble soul who is blessed with eternal ecstasy and tranquillity of Brahm."

28.

*Daata sabh gun barha hae, kirat na mete koi!!*  
*Samundar sagar se ji tare, kirpa karta soi!!*  
*Ved kathe, shastar kathe, tis bin avar na koi!!*  
*Na hua na hoyega, janat hae jag loi!!*  
*Naam japo tis dhani ka, maat garbh nahi pohi!!*

***Satgur ki kar bandgi, sanshay sakal mitoye!!  
Gir, prithvi, chand, soor, sabh, dhaarat hae Bhagwant!!  
Ravidass kahe alpag yah, janat hae kia ant!!28!!***

God is supreme and endowed with unique divine virtues. No one can undo anything done by God or created by God against His will. Anyone who is blessed with God's benevolence surely crosses over the Bhavsagar or fathomless ocean like universe. Even if one learns any number of Vedas and scriptures by heart, he cannot attain eternal salvation without devout meditation of God's Naam. The entire world knows this reality well that salvation is not possible in the absence of God's Naam or devout meditation of God. One, who practices devout worship of supreme owner of all treasures the Almighty God, does not have to suffer the pangs of birth again. Devout worship of revered Satguru banishes all illusions. The mountains, the earth, the moon, the sun and the entire universe are creations of inimitable God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that "Unwise human being cannot fathom the supreme glory of God."

29.

***Gurmukh dwara nad sun, hriday manh le boojh!!  
Surat dharo mat oupjae, netrin hovae soojh!!  
Mile na Satguru shabad tohi, antar bhari hae doojh!!  
Amar hove satsang me, man apne se joojh!!  
Shreshat purush ka sang kar, maan karo sabh choor!!  
Man hasti sakal jaro, papan ko jo moor!!  
Sahib seti prem kar, rasatal se ja bach!!  
Gur Gur man me rattan kar, mukh se bol toon sach!!  
Santan ke dware paro, hove param aanand!!  
Kahe Ravidass Bhagwan ke gavo man me shand!!29!!***

Gurmukh - a devotee who abides by Guru's teachings - listens to the eternal sound of Naam and always thinks of God in his mind. One's intellect becomes noble and superior with devout love for God and one gets enlightened after having a glimpse of God with the divine eyes. One does not hear the Shabad or mantra of Guru as long as he suffers from duality. Arrogance vanishes with the company of noble persons. One,



who banishes false pride of his mind that is the root cause of all evil and cultivates devout love for God, surely escapes the hell of sins. O dear! You must chant Guru's Naam with devout mind all the time and always tell the truth. One can achieve eternal ecstasy through profound devotion to the lotus feet of saints. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to sing paeans of God's glory in their minds.

30.

*Pataal rasatal aanant hae, khojan hare lok!!*  
*Prabhu Maya ko ant na, dhoondat karte shok!!*  
*Jeev vital hae jeev me, jeev sutal so jeev!!*  
*Jeev talatal, mahatal, sahib lakh lae seev!!*  
*Atal satt patal yah, jeev Ish lakh lev!!*  
*Is vidhi ant na aave hae, khae patala bhev!!*  
*Budhi kitne bal dhare, lagat na koie tan!!*  
*Gurmukh man basaiye, manak Naam nishan!!*  
*Cheenti ke sam bal nahin, chale tera jor!!*  
*Naam bina Bhagwan ke, lakh machave shor!!*  
*Utre avarn dile ka, man aapan le sadh!!*  
*Kahe Ravidass pukar ke, door karo sabh vyadh!!30!!*

There are infinite number of habitats beneath oceans and myriad planets like earth. Human beings have given up unravelling the mysteries of God. God's Maya is infinite. Creatures inhabit deep seas and ocean floors. Any living being, irrespective of his living habitat like land, water, air or ocean floor; can achieve eternal salvation only through constant devotion to God. No one can fathom glory of God irrespective of his abode. Howsoever intellectual one may be all of his wisdom is futile sans God's Naam. Gurmukh devotees who abide by Guru's advice adorn their mind with Naam or devout meditation and ultimately they are blessed with supreme treasure of God's Naam. A living being does not have the might of even an ant whereas God's infinite divine powers are manifest all around everywhere. Any amount of struggle by an individual is futile sans God's Naam. All vices vanish when one concentrates his mind on meditation of God's Naam. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that "All of one's sins vanish with devout worship of God."

31.

*Nadian lahirin bas raha, sagar ati gambhir!!  
Chaudah rattan upaya Satguru guni gahir!!  
Oothat baethat Naam bhaj, so pavat satt dhir!!  
Man apne Guru Guru rato, kabhi na hove bhir!!  
Mukh pavittar hot hae, gun gavat deen diyal!!  
Sarbh ghata bharpoor hae, antaryami pal!!  
Tujhe bharosa na parhe, is karan kangal!!  
Ravidass kahe sansar me, ab bhi kar toon bhal!!31!!*

The roaring rivers and the ocean, that gave rise to fourteen jewels, may be extremely deep but Satguru is the supreme treasure of all virtues. One is blessed with real amrit (Nector) when he chants God's Naam with devotion all the time. One who chants Guru's Naam regularly is free of any misfortune. One's mouth becomes dignified while chanting Naam of God who is extremely kind to all living beings. God, who provides sustenance to everyone, is manifest in one and all. One, who does not have faith in God, is a pauper. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "O dear! You must search for God within yourself while living in this world."

32.

*Ek gharhi simran karo, nahin lage kalu kalesh!!  
Prabhu ke darbar me, hove ujjwal bhash!!  
Patit oudhran Parbrahm, Guru avinashi aap!!  
Shresht purash ka sang karo, shubh gun man me thap!!  
Athah Prabhu Har dhani hae, Gur ka Naam atol!!  
Swas amolak sufal kar, jis ka na koie mol!!  
Ravidass kahe ashcharya vah, Har milne ki reet!!  
Swasa birtha na tajo, man kar karo preet!!*

The vices and discords of Kaliyug- the fourth and the current cosmic era, never affect anyone who worships God with devotion even for a moment and he is respected in the realm of God. God is eternal and vanquisher of all sins. The company of dignified persons helps one to enrich his mind with noble qualities. Infinite God is richest of all and Guru's Naam is beyond any price tag. The precious breaths of rare human life are beyond evaluation and same will be fruitful only with

devout meditation of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Once anyone finds the way for communion with God, he attains a unique stage of eternal ecstasy. One should never waste any moment of time or even a breath but cultivate true & devoted love for God with single minded concentration.”

33.

***Nihal, nihal, nihal hae, vah Kartar nihal!!  
Kalyan tera kaliyan ho, charni paro visal!!  
Aesi mano preet kar, jaisi chakvi soor!!  
Jan Ravidass Brahm rang rata, augun ho sabh door!!33!!***

Devout meditation of ecstatic God leads one to eternal ecstasy. When one surrenders himself at the lotus feet of God then he is surely emancipated. O dear! You must have such a profound love for God as the Chakvi bird has for the sun. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “All of the sins of anyone, who gets soaked in the permanent maroon dye of God's Naam, vanish away.”

34.

***Sahib sach a beant hae, ant na pare aakar!!  
Sahib sach a beant hae, ant na sift shumar!!  
Sahib sach a beant hae, ant na kahe uchar!!  
Sahib sach a beant hae, ant na kare vichar!!  
Sahib sach a beant hae, ant nahin kashu les!!  
Sahib sach a beant hae, ant nahin kashu bhes!!  
Sahib sach a beant hae, ant nahin Kartar!!  
Sahib sach a beant hae, ant na paravar!!  
Sahib sach a beant hae, ant na Satgur dham!!  
Kahe Ravidass pukar ke, sidh bhaye sabh kaam !!34!!***

Sahib God is eternal, true & infinite and no one can ever fathom His magnitude. Sahib God is eternal, true & infinite and no one can contemplate about His dimensions. Sahib God is eternal true and infinite and there is no end to His divinity. Sahib God is eternal, true and infinite & benevolence of God is beyond description. Sahib God is eternal, true and infinite & no one can understand the limits of His dispersion. Sahib God is eternal, true and infinite & none can comprehend the glory of Satguru's own abode. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that

“All of one's endeavours become successful with devout meditation of God.”

35.

*Satgur ooncha at barha, satt ooncha vad nao!!  
Naam Niranjan Gur sada, man mana phal pao!!  
Kitne hi yodhe bhaye, shoor hue aapar!!  
Sohang Naam ka mel ho, nauka bane aadhar!!  
Kaam, krodh, thag thagat hae, rakho chit sambhal!!  
Satt parmatam vedhiya, sabhi kare pritipal!!  
Kitne Prabhu ke bhagti bhaye, kitne hue avtar!!  
Kitne pundit, jyotishi, vedan kare vichar!!  
Kitne he brahimand haen, karta Guru samrath!!  
Kitne hi ustati kare, deen dayal akath!!  
Kitne moorakh jagat me, roop bhaye vikral!!  
Kitne devi, devate, kitne kaal, karal!!  
Yah sabh khel Govind ke, ant na aave koye!!  
Kahe Ravidass vichar ke, Prabhu me raho samoye!!35!!*

Satguru or true master is supreme and greatest of all. His Naam shall always remain above all. Guru always unites his devotee with God's Naam sans Maya and blesses him with fulfilment of his noble desires. There are infinite number of warriors and brave individuals in the world. Human being crosses over the Bhavsagar sailing in the boat of devout Naam of God. Lust, arrogance and greed cheat human beings and one must guard himself against these enemies. God is manifest throughout the universe and He provides sustenance and succour to everyone. God has infinite number of devotees and many incarnations. There have been innumerable numbers of pundits, astrologers and scholars of Vedas. There are infinite numbers of galaxies. Human being must practice devout meditation of the creator God like perfect Guru. There are any numbers of foolish and disguised cheats in this world and there are innumerable deities, goddesses and messengers of death. All of these are the mysteries of God that no one can ever unravel. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advises uman beings to strive for amalgamation with God through His devout meditation.

36.

*Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, Satgur sang nivas!!  
Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, Gur ka Naam piyas!!  
Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, Guru Niranjan lal!!  
Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, likhat lekh so bhal!!  
Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, sadhu mat vichar!!  
Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, ant kar lae sar!!  
Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, lobh vikar tiag!!  
Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, kartavya neech vihag!!  
Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, garbh na aavae mool!!  
Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, vishya ras ja bhool!!  
Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, keval hove mukat!!  
Kahe Ravidass vivhariya, eho saar hae yukat!!36!!*

One can stay close to Satguru through devout concentration on Satguru. Dedicated concentration on Satguru generates a profound longing for Guru's Naam in disciple's mind. Devout focus on Satguru leads one to the supreme treasure of Guru's Naam. One should search for God's Naam with focussed attention on Satguru in accordance with predetermined fate. One can become dignified intellectual through devout concentration on Satguru and sacred company of saints. With devout concentration on Satguru, one should comprehend divine God within. One is able to get rid of greed and vices through devout love for Satguru. Human being abandons all misdeeds with staunch dedication to Satguru and he is spared from the pangs of rebirth. One, who has dedicated concentration on Satguru, does not get entangled in the web of futile worldly pleasures. One achieves eternal salvation only through devoted concentration on Satguru. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that such approach alone is the noble endeavour.

37.

*Sohang Sohng uchariye, shreshth purash sang piar!!  
Sohang Sohng uchariye, kabhoon na aave haar!!  
Sohang Sohng uchariye, Gur ka Naam gahir!!  
Sohang Sohng uchariye, khoje mat sudhir!!  
Sohang Sohng uchariye, bhajan karo Gurdev!!  
Sohang Sohng uchariye, ta jane nij bhev!!*

***Sohang Sohng uchariye, sandhya samay dhian!!***  
***Sohang Sohng uchariye, amrit vela gian!!***  
***Sohang Sohng uchariye, sakat sang na hoi!!***  
***Sohang Sohng uchariye, nirmal hove soi!!***  
***Sohang Sohng uchariye, karan kaaran alekh!!***  
***Kahe Ravidass pukar ke, man neevan kar dekh!!37!!***

Dedicated chanting of Sohng (God's Naam) leads one to close friendship with dignified people. One who recites Sohng with devotion never suffers any defeat. One is blessed with the treasure of Guru's Naam through devout chanting of Sohng. Recitation of Sohng leads one to successful search within and dignified intellectual wisdom. One should worship Gurdev with utmost devotion chanting Sohng Naam. Human being is able to understand the divinity of God through devout recitation of Sohng. One should concentrate on devout meditation of God reciting Sohng Naam every moment day and night. Recitation of Sohng Naam with devotion early in the morning leads to eternal enlightenment. Anyone chanting Sohng Naam with dedication will never be in company of rascals. Anyone reciting Sohng Naam with dedication is blessed with the supreme eternal ecstasy of understanding glory of God that is beyond description. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains explicitly that "Human being should adorn his mind with humility and strive to experience God within himself."

**38.**

***Satgur sahib ati barha, pavat na koie paar!!***  
***Satgur sahib ati barha, janat virla sar!!***  
***Satgur sahib ati barha, andhiyare me deep!!***  
***Satgur sahib ati barha, sundar moti seep!!***  
***Satgur sahib ati barha, avar na jane bhet!!***  
***Satgur sahib ati barha, bhoole man toon chet!!***  
***Satgur sahib ati barha, Naam japo man manhe!!***  
***Satgur sahib ati barha, dass udhare tanhe!!***  
***Satgur sahib ati barha, rom rom me vas!!***  
***Satgur sahib ati barha, nische kahe Ravidass!!38!!***

Satguru sahib (revered spiritual master and guide) is the greatest of all and no one can ever visualize his glory. Satguru sahib is supreme and a rare individual only can understand his

splendour. Satguru Lord is unique who banishes ignorance just as darkness disappears with lighting of a lamp. Satguru sahib is the greatest of all and the pearl of knowledge about His glory grows only in the pious human soul like a pearl in the clam shell. Satguru sahib is supreme and no one can unravel His mysteries. Satguru sahib is beyond comparison and one must concentrate his mind on meditation of God. O forgetful human being! The supreme Satguru sahib is greatest of all and you must always remember him with devout respect. Satguru sahib is unique and one must chant His Naam with devout mind. Supreme Satguru sahib is saviour of His devotees and He is manifest in every particle. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that "O human being! Satguru sahib is beyond comparison and you must worship God with firm mind and utmost devotion."

39.

*Niranjan Nirankar pratap, man kar jape Guru, Guru aap!!*

*Niranjan Nirankar sabh daat, guni vicharo man sabh bhat!!*

*Niranjan Nirankar Bhagwan, aath pahir dhar tanka dhian!!*

*Niranjan Nirankar avinasi, janam maran ki kate fansi!!*

*Niranjan Nirankar Kartar, sarv dukhonka uttré bhar!!*

*Niranjan Nirankar Bhavjyoti, durmat duvidha antar na hoti!!*

*Niranjan Nirankar Narayan bhaj , sarv sukhon ka hoe aayan!!*

*Niranjan Nirankar Gopal, jeev jant ki kare pratipal!!*

*Niranjan Nirankar Narnath, sarv padarath tis ke hath!!*

*Niranjan Nirankar prakash, bhaj hriday kaho Ravidass!!39!!*

God is Almighty and beyond Maya. O dear human being! You must abide by Guru's teachings and practice devout meditation of God. God is the greatest philanthropist and supreme treasure of noble virtues. O dear! You should contemplate God's Naam with a devout mind. Worship Infinite God beyond Maya with devotion every moment day and night. Infinite & eternal God controls Maya and banishes the noose of repeated cycle of birth and death. Almighty perpetual God ends all miseries. Eternal, Almighty radiant God banishes evil thoughts and all discord. Devout worship of Narayan or

Almighty God blesses one with access to all the comforts. Almighty infinite God- Gopal provides sustenance to all living beings of the universe. Those, who practice devout worship of infinite eternal God controlling everything material in the universe, are blessed with all they want. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that one must always practice devout meditation of infinite and eternal God with devout mind.

40.

*Oang, Oang, oanneet, man dhar sach Bhagwan preet!!  
Oang, oang, oang dhyan, sach sach sabh sach hi man!!  
Oang, oang, oang pooja, devi deva tis bin dooja!!  
Oang, oang, oang satsang, Naam dhiyae man ka rang!!  
Oang, oang, oang jap lije, mugadh pathar bhav nar tarije!!  
Oang, oang, amar kalyan, antar hriday charhe Har bhan!!  
Oang, oang, gun vikhiyan, pavittar gunon ki hove kan!!  
Oang, oang, tera adhikar, paap rog sabh outré bhar!!  
Oang, oang, oang din raen, Sohng bhaj man hove chaen!!  
Kahe Ravidass lakh Gur ki karni, swas, swas par Har ki  
charni!!40!!*

O human being! You should chant Oankar or God's Naam all the time and have truly devout love for God in your mind. Recitation of Oankar with dedication banishes ignorance and you experience Oankar all around. All deities and goddesses worship Oankar and there is no one without Him. Recitation of Oankar with devotion soaks one's mind with the permanent dye of eternal God's understanding. Even the stupid individuals attain eternal salvation through devout chanting of Oankar Naam. Dedicated recitation of Oankar is capable of leading people to immortality and eternal tranquillity. One's mind is adorned with sacred enlightenment of Naam through devout worship of Oankar Prabhu. Anyone who chants Oankar with dedication every moment day and night experiences eternal thrill. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that "Human being should abide by the teachings of revered Guru, practice devout meditation of God every moment and dedicate himself at the lotus feet of God."

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## **Painti Akkhari** (Thirty five Alphabets)

- O-** *Oustat karo ik Oankara! Teen lok jin kia pasara!*  
Sing the glory of only that one God who is manifest in every particle over all continents, the three worlds and all over the universe.
- A-** *Alakh ko lakhae jo bhai! Dehen dhandora sant sipahi!*  
O dear brother! Saint soldiers say aloud and clear that one should practice devout meditation of invisible God whose virtues are beyond description.
- I-** *Ishvar kaya ghat me! Aakash ramio jaise sab mat me!*  
God is manifest in the body of each living being as one can see the sky in water contained inside a pitcher.
- Sa-** *Sish mahal me swami darse! Jahan prem amin ras barse!*  
One can witness God inside the glass palace within the tenth aperture where one can savour the Brahm amrit (Nectar) that rains blissfully.
- Ha-** *Har ka simran kijae! Kahe Ravidass ami ras pijae!*  
Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj proclaims that living beings savour the Brahm amrit (Nectar) through devout meditation of Hari or God.
- Ka-** *Kaya koti me ram rahio piara! Sis mahal me de didara!*  
Loving God is manifest in millions or infinite bodies and one can see Him in the glass palace inside the tenth aperture.
- Kha-** *Khial se karo vichara! Sarav viyapi sab se niara!*  
*When human being contemplates about God with deep concentration, then he finds all pervading God to be absolutely unique and different from everyone else.*
- Ga-** *Gobind aese giani! Na kush bhoole na kush jani!*

Having realized the true knowledge of God, human being has no need to forget anything or know anything more thereafter.

**Gha- *Ghan nahin ahran sahe chotan!  
Satguru shabad gharia hae anotha!***

Human being attains a unique stage of eternal ecstasy after having endured hammering at the anvil i.e. devout meditation of Shabad or Naam given by the revered Satguru.

**Gna- *Gyanat soi sar! Rahe Ravidass baat vichar!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says after careful deliberation that human beings should abandon ignorance and practice devout meditation of God.

**Cha- *Cham ka chola bhai! Naam bina kush kaam na aai!***

O dear brother! This human body wrapped in skin will be of no use sans God's Naam.

**Sha- *Shin me bhaiya mamola! Ami sarovar dia jhakola!***

O human being! You will vanish in a second. Therefore soak yourself in the pool of nectar of God's Naam.

**Ja- *Jeev hae, janeou jaat ka! Daya ki dhoti tilak satya ka!***

Dear human being! You should adorn yourself with sacred thread of worthy nature, long cloth of mercy and decorate your forehead with truth.

**Jha- *Jhilmil jot jagaie! Alakh purush tahan pahunche aaie!***

O dear! You should enlighten your heart with the celestial brilliance of God so that you can visualize eternal God within.

**Yna- *Ynyanat soi dhiani!  
Dass Ravidass kahe Brahm giani!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one, who is able to comprehend God, is the true worshipper and Brahmgyani (theologian) enlightened with true knowledge of the eternal God.

**Ta- Taeka ter ka ek rakho! Ek bina dooja mat aakho!**

O dear human being! Look up to only one God! Never have any hope from anyone other than God.

**Tha- Thakur shila tar gaye bhai! Pundit baethe man murjhai!**

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “With the blessings of God, my Thakur of stone remained afloat. However the pundits are extremely sad as their fake deities sank in Ganges.”

**Da- Dar nahin Har sang preet! Bhagat jan baethe man ko jeet!**

One, who has true affection and love for God, has nothing to fear. Devotees of God have subjugated their minds keeping the lust for worldly pleasures at bay.

**Dha- Dha dini burji papan! Simran kina ajapa japan!**

The edifice of sins vanishes from within with silent and truly devout meditation of God.

**Na- Nam ki lai dori! Kahe Ravidass lagi liv mori!**

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “I am bonded with God with the strong thread of devout love and I am engrossed in true affection of God.”

**Ta- Trigun Maya rachdi bhai! Rishi muni line bharmai!!**

God has created three types of human nature or personality traits i.e. Satogun, Rajogun and Tamogun or satvik (Truth, Beauty and Goodness), passionate and ignorant qualities which have even mesmerized sages and saints.

**Tha- Thir nahin yah sansara! Rav rank sabh kaal nagara!!**

***This universe is fragile and not permanent forever. Kings and common men leave this world when death sounds its siren.***

**Da- Do ik din yahan mandir sara! Fir thath shorh lad jae banjara!!**

God has created this human body for a definite time

span. Thereafter this trader or soul has to leave the body like temple and disappear.

**Dha- *Dhani jin dhyan lagayo! Kaal fans ke bich na aayo!!***

O brother! The really rich person is one who has devoted himself to devout meditation of God and he is beyond the noose of messengers of death.

**Na- *Naam ki naav banaie! Kahe Ravidass charho re bhai!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says "O dear brother! God has created the boat of Naam and any human being that rides this boat crosses over to eternal ecstasy."

**Pa- *Paar Brahm Parmeshvar swami! Sab ghat ghat ke antaryami!***

Eternal Brahm God is every one's Lord and He is omniscient.

**Fa- *Fikar kar shod jagsansa!  
Ja mil baethe Avinahsi pasa!***

O human being! Stop worrying about futile worldly affairs and care about devout meditation of God and realize eternal God manifest within you.

**Ba- *Brahm so Brahm ka veta!  
Gagan mandal me rakho cheta!***

One who has fully understood God is Brahmgyani (Theologian)- a learned and knowledgeable person who understands God. He visualizes God in all the galaxies of space.

**Bha- *Bhram mite jo pancham sije! Jai triveni majan kije!***

One, who has overpowered the five vices, overcomes his ignorance. Thereafter he is able to reach the Triveni the confluence of three streams Irha, Pingula and Sukhmana and get soaked in God's Naam.

**Ma- *Man ko gagan samao! Kahe Ravidass param pad pao!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one, who is able to stabilize his mind in the space of knowledge, is able to realize the supreme eternal status.

**Ya- *Yad karo wah ke gun gao! Par - Brahm ke darshan pao!***

O brother! Always remember God, eulogize His glory and secure glimpse of the Brahm God.

**Ra- *Ram ramai so Ram piara! Fir na dekhia Jam ka dwara!***

One, who has devout love for God, gets absorbed in Almighty by singing His paeans. Such a liberated soul has nothing to fear from messengers of death.

**La- *Liv laga le bhai! Jam ka tras nikat na aaie!***

O brother! You should concentrate on devout meditation of God. Thereafter you will have no fear of messengers of death.

**Va- *Vidhibadh simran kijae! Sohng Naam ami ras pijae!***

Any living being, who worships God as per guidelines given by Guru Ji, savours the supreme nectar of God's Naam.

**Rha- *Rharh miti jab hua naberha!  
Kahe Ravidass kia amar ghar dera!***

Human being gets rid of all shackles by savouring the supreme nectar of God's Naam. Then, he gets eternal place in the abode of God.

***Sohng Shabad man keea basera! Mait diya chaurasi ka fera!***

Any human being, whose heart becomes abode of God's Naam, gets rid of cycle of birth and death through 8.4 million species of living beings.

***Oankar bavan ka paentis me japiyo hae sar!  
Sarv dev santan ko karen haen namaskar!***

Glory of all pervading God has been described in thirty five alphabets. All deities pay their obeisance at the lotus feet of sages.

***Paentis matra prem se simren haen nij dass!  
Jin simriyo so mukat haen kahe sad Ravidass!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one, who chants these thirty five verses with devotion and meditates as a profound devotee of God, attains eternal salvation.

***Oankar paentis matra prem se nisvasar kar jaap!  
Ravidass kahe jo simrate, mit gaye tino taap!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “With the recital of thirty five stanzas eulogizing glory of God, one attains a stage of detachment and he is endowed with supreme blessings.”

***Oankar paenti matra prem se simran kiyo man vaerag!  
Ravidass kahe jo simrate, tin ke pooran bhag!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “Anyone, who feels detached after devout chanting of thirty-five verses eulogising glory of God, is dignified and blessed.”

***Paentis matra prem se simrate Ravi prakash!  
Ravidass kahe jo simrate, mit gaye jam ke tras!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that chanting of thirty five verses with devotion enlightens one's mind and he gets free of shackles of messengers of death.

***Ravidass simrat ramte Ram me satt shabad prateet!  
Amar lok jaye basiyo, kaal kashat ko jeet!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human being becomes a citizen of the eternal celestial abode of God through meditation of God and chanting of true Shabad (God's name) with understanding. He overpowers all the sufferings caused by pangs of death.

***Oankar sapat saloki matra, satt kiyo Jagdish!  
Amar lok vasa keea, kaal namaven shish!***

Anyone, who becomes resident of the eternal celestial abode of God through real understanding of God and chanting of true verses with devotion, commands deep respect of messenger of death.

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## **!!Bani Haftavar!!**

### **Sermons for Weekdays Sohang Satnam Dhiao!!**

***Aetwar amrit da bharia bolae amrit baen!!***

***Guru ka Shabad japo din raat ta aavae sukh chaen!!***

***Aetwar vi safal hae Har ka simran sar!!***

***Ravidass jo Naam uchariye paya mokh duar!!1!!Tek!!***

Recite the Naam of God. Meditate God's true Naam with devotion. With devout meditation of God, one finds Sunday to be a day full of Amrit (Nector) and one speaks extremely soothing words. With the chanting of Guru's Shabad (God's Name) day and night, one secures peace and truly eternal pleasure. Sunday is really fulfilling day for those who adore God's Naam in their hearts. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that those human beings, who practice devout meditation of God, secure entry to the door leading to eternal ecstasy and salvation.

***Somwar sabh thaur me jale thale Bhagwan!!***

***Mahima Prabhu gaieye tab hove kaliyan!!***

***Gobind Gobind jaap se aavae sada anand!!***

***Somwar sukh da japo japo Ravidass Mukand!!2!!Tek!!***

With devout worship of God on Monday, one experiences manifestation of God all over on earth, in water and deep seas i.e. everywhere throughout the universe. One, who worships God with true devotion, is indeed blessed. One secures eternal ecstasy through devoted meditation of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that everyone, who performs devout meditation of God every Monday, enjoys true happiness.

***Mangalwar avae sada hove mangalchar!!***

***Ralmil sakhian simarlo Har Har Naam adhar!!***

***Pritam charni lagian kabhi na aavae haar!!***

***Mangalwar sulakhana kahi Ravidass bichar!!3!!Tek!!***

When one worships God on Tuesday, his mind is always adorned with pleasure. O dear companions! God's Hari Naam is the basis of life. Let us always practice devout meditation of

God. Human being, who worships God with devotion, never gets subjugated. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says after careful deliberation that the day of Tuesday is blessed when one concentrates on true worship of God.

***Budhwar bodh sada hovae gian prakash!!***

***Guru prem poore jo milae toote jam ki fas!!***

***Ant sahaie Prabhu bhaye karam kamai soyie!!***

***Budhwar budh safal hae Ravidass jo bhagti hoyie!!4!!Tek!!***

Meditation of God on Wednesday always enlightens one's inner self. Noose of messengers of death vanishes with true love for a perfect Guru. God blesses human beings at their last moments. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human life becomes fruitful with the devout meditation of God.

***Virwar vidiya barhae punn puna abhiyas!!***

***Satgur poore milan se hove atam prakash!!***

***Gur gian ka mool hae dharm mool ka hitkar!!***

***Virwar bichariae nasae paap hajar!!5!!Tek!!***

Through repeated practice of meditation of God on Thursday, one is endowed with greater knowledge. One's inner self gets enlightened when he meets and secures the blessings of a perfect Guru. Satguru is the foundation of enlightenment. Kindness is the base of dharma (Religion). Meditation of God's Naam on Thursday banishes thousands of sins.

***Shukarwar suhavana shin shin bhajae Kartar!!***

***Vishae bashna jhoothiyan devae narkan dar!!***

***Gati karman anusar hae jaisa jaisa hovae!!***

***Shukarwar suhavana Ravidass Naam japevae!!6!!Tek!!***

Praying to God with every breath on a Friday is extremely pleasant. Pursuit of futile worldly pleasures, sans God's Naam, thrusts a human being into hell. One can attain eternal salvation only through devout meditation of God and superior deeds. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that each Friday becomes pious and enjoyable with devout meditation of God.

***Shaniwar bhajan shrishat satt satt sabh var!!***

***Shubh karman se safal hae aavan janisansar!!***

***Bin bhajan birtha sabh jante jo jo avatvar!!***



***Barambar Har simriye kahi Ravidass bichar!!7!!Tek!!***

With true meditation of God on Saturday, every day looks blessed. This human life becomes fruitful with noble and pious deeds. Every day should be considered as a sheer waste in the absence of devout meditation of God's Naam. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says after careful deliberations that one's human life becomes fruitful through continuous and regular devout meditation of God.

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## **!! Bani Pandra Tithi!!**

**(Hymns for 15 Days of Lunar Month)**

**Sohang Satnam Dhiao!!**

***Amavas jo hae bhakhia jano meet!!***

***Shrist muni sabh gavde geet!!***

***Amavas hae shoot sada basae hae jag jeet!!***

***Birlae birlae pivage Sohang ras surjit!!***

***Bhagtan seti goshti jai sabhi bihai!!***

***Aouna uska safal hae jo jate labh uthai!!***

***Amavas hae jo aoundian aavan javan reet!!***

***Kahi Ravidass vicharke rakho Har se preet!!2!!1!!Tek!!***

Chant God's true Naam always. O dear friend! One should follow the preaching of Guru Ji and practice devout meditation of God on "Amavas" or no moon's day. All sages of this universe eulogize glory of one God. One conquers the whole world through realization of eternal God within himself on no moon's day. Extremely rare individuals are blessed to achieve eternal salvation through savouring of God's Naam. Lives of those human beings are fruitful who benefit from learned discourses in the sacred company of sages always dedicated to meditation of God with devotion. The tradition of recurring celebration of Amavas (no moon day) continues. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one should always have true love and abiding devotion for God.

***Ekam ek Parmatma sansarae hae prakash!!***

***Swas swas toon simar lae torhe jam ke fas!!1!!***

***Deen bandhu diyal jo soi hae simran sar!!***

***Jagat sada jo sukh deve antar hoi aadhar!!2!!  
Hasti cheenti aadi lae jivan hukam anusar!!  
Bhajan karo jan palka hona jekar paar!!3!!  
Ekam ek Parmatma rakhni uski aas!!  
Satt satt Prabhu simrate sach kahae Ravidass!!4!!2!!Tek!!***

One can comprehend brilliance of God all over the universe when one worships God with devotion on the first day after Amavas - no moon's day. One can escape the noose of messengers of death through devout meditation of God with every breath. Meditation of savior of the poor and extremely kind God is very virtuous. God is always kind to provide all comforts and eternal salvation to human beings of this universe. All living beings from an elephant to an ant live under His command. If a human being wants to cross over Bhavsagar the unfathomable ocean like universe, then he must pray to God with devotion on the first day after no moon's day and have full confidence in Him. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj commends the truth that one should always worship the eternal God with devotion.

***Dooji durmat door kar rakhna Guru se neoo!!  
Safal karam tab honge gat pavae ih dehoo!!1!!  
Dooji durmat door kar daya dharm kirpal!!  
Satt se kar goshati hirdiya basae Gopal!!2!!  
Subh karma phal subh hae karma sandna khet!!  
Paap karam de keetik sada haar nahi jeet!!3!!  
Dooji durmat tiag kar lila ajab pahichan!!  
Kahi Ravidass bicharke bhagti bhajan kaliyan!!4!!3!!Tek!!***

On the second day after Amavas (no moon day), human being should shed his arrogance and have abiding and devout affection for his Guru. That will ensure success of all of his efforts and realization of eternal salvation. One should shun evil towards others and be merciful, virtuous and kind to all. One can comprehend God within one's heart through spiritual discourses for seeking truth in the sacred company of sages of God. Good deeds beget superior fruit. This world is the stage for noble human deeds. One never wins but always loses through sinful deeds. O human being! Shun ill will and try to

comprehend the unique endeavours of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says after thoughtful deliberations that devout meditation of God is always harbinger of divine blessings.

***Sansari trishna tiag ke tan man dhan Gurdev!!***

***Mithia sabh ko janke rakh Naam saneh!!1!!***

***Karmi bhagti karan se hovae jagat adhar!!***

***Vahi sobha ati ghani age milae bhandar!!2!!***

***Tirath phal na barat phal nahi jag koie pai!!***

***Man mahi houmae ahankar joi birtha sabh hi jai!!3!!***

***Tritiae tiagiye maan ko khote karam hankar!!***

***Har Har Naam uchariye kahi Ravidass pukar!!4!!4!!Tek!!***

O human being! Abandon longing for worldly pleasures and dedicate your body, mind and riches to revered Guru. Understand that this world is illusionary. Devout meditation of God benefits the entire universe and brings glory to the devoted human being. Devotee also secures the supreme treasure of God's Naam. One does not benefit from fruits of pilgrimage to holy places and fasting because of his arrogance. Every effort goes waste because of false pride. During the third day after Amavas (no moon day), one should shun arrogance, misdeeds and futile pride.

***Chauth charo taraf mahi daso disa chaugird!!***

***Jalae thalae Prabhu aap hae rakho Naam ki virad!!1!!***

***Chaman jo tujhae dikh raha rahina nahin hamesh!!***

***Shan bhangur sharir hae badan rahit na kes!!2!!***

***Sahayta koie na kar sake jin so laya het!!***

***Ant samen shad jaige mukh sevan prêt!!3!!***

***Chauth chori na karo tiago vishae bikar!!***

***Gobind simran sar hae kahi Ravidass vichar!!4!!5!!Tek!!***

God is omnipresent all over in all the ten directions even on fourth day after Amavas (no moon day) i.e. no moon's night and He is saviour of all living beings. This universe, that we see, is not permanent and everlasting. Human body vanishes in no time. This human body cannot live forever. One, who has affection for any living beings sans God, does not get their help at the last moment and all of them abandon him. They call him a ghost after his death. Human beings are advised through fourth

day after Amavas (no moon day) that one should not delay abandoning pursuit of worldly pleasures. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says after careful deliberations that only devout meditation of God is supreme.

***Panchami Pritam jan lou sabhna hae Bhagwant!!***

***Brahman aadik simarte koie na paiya ant!!1!!***

***Panch tatav ki rachna hae jo dikhae aakar!!***

***Tisme hovae leen sabh lila Prabh apar!!2!!***

***Vishae vashna jhooth hae raah bhala beech neet!!***

***Bina bhajan sangi nahin sarb sukhan ka meet!!3!!***

***Panchame pati Parmatma sarb srishti Jan!!***

***Gur ki saran dhiyavate hovae Ravidass gian!!4!!6!!Tek***

Through fifth day after Amavas (no moon day), we should know God as all pervading. No one, including learned Brahmins, can fathom God's glory through His ritualistic worship. Universe has been created with five elements and ultimately everyone will get absorbed in God. This Maya of God is beyond comprehension. Pursuit of worldly pleasures is futile and one must shun these. There is no true companion except devout meditation of God. God is the true friend and provider of all pleasures. During fifth day after Amavas (no moon day) human bride should comprehend manifestation of husband God all over the universe. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human being can realize eternal knowledge through complete surrender to Guru & devout meditation of God under his Guru's guidance.

***Shishtami thit vikhiyaniae shat ras bhojan aadi!!***

***Jisne sabh paeda kiye kar toon uski yaad!!1!!***

***Jo dekhath sabh binsata bapar shahi aadi!!***

***Simran kar toon Prabhu ka jo hae aadi jugadi!!2!!***

***Oulte nijma kitia aavat tujhko haar!!***

***Subh karam ke karan se pavae satt darbar!!3!!***

***Shishtami shudh karam karavae jovae!!***

***Guru mil jivan mukat hae sakha Ravidassi hovae!!4!!7!!Tek!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains through sixth day after Amavas (no moon day) that God has created six varieties

of elixirs and cuisine. O human being! You must always remember God. You are witness to the reality that even greatest of kings will vanish ultimately. Only God is eternal since times immemorial. O dear! You should worship God with devotion. O human being! You will only face defeat if you ignore God and indulge in misdeeds. Good deeds will beget you a place in true eternal kingdom of God. Sixth day after Amavas (no moon day) is fruitful only if human being pursues good deeds. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that Guru is the real saviour whose company ensures eternal tranquillity for the human soul.

***Satmi sare ram raha aap Har Sirjanhar!!***

***Toon na bhoolae praniyan simran barambar!!!!***

***Har pooran Parmatma nirdhan adhar!!***

***Sarb viyapi Prabhu hae toon na kabhi bisar!!2!!***

***Dukhian ke dukh door kar kashat nivaro aap!!***

***Sada sahai Prabhu hae kare jo uska jaap!!3!!***

***Nind ka hankari path ka bhagti hae taas!!***

***Har bhajan sang mukti pavae jan Ravidass!!4!!8!!Tek!!***

During the seventh day after Amavas (no moon day), one should remember all pervading Hari or God the creator. O living beings! Never forget God and always worship Him with utmost devotion. Hari the perfect God is the saviour of the poor. Never forget the all pervading God. God, Himself banishes the pain and miseries of the victims. God is saviour of every living being who worships Him. Devotees of God always teach human beings to shun criticism and arrogance. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that devotees of God achieve eternal salvation through devout mediation of God.

***Athmi aatho aam jo simran kar Har Naam!!***

***Sudh tera parlok jo hovae ant kaliyan!!1!!***

***Hovae gian ki roshani Guru gian ka mool!!***

***Guru seva bahi sant ki karam kamay asloo!!2!!***

***Bhoolan andar sabh ko abhul Prabhu hae aap!!***

***Bhulla rahae jo paap se mitat sakal santap!!3!!***

***Athmi atak na hovasi jis ka rida sufai!!***

***Ravidass atak hae ousko paap potari uthai!!4!!9!!Tek!!***

Through the eighth day after Amavas (no moon day),

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji advises that “O living being! You must practice devout meditation of God that will secure eternal salvation and tranquillity for you after death.” When one is blessed with brilliance of knowledge imparted by Guru Ji within himself then he is attached with the prime God. While serving one's Guru Ji, a human being learns about regular meditation of God. God is the only one who never makes a mistake and all the living beings are bound to err. One, who shuns misdeeds, is able to get rid of all miseries. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that anyone with pious heart will have no obstacles in his way to realization of God. However a living being, loaded with a heavy load of sins on his head, will find many impediments.

***Naumi naudh bhagti jo hae bhagta manzoor!!***

***Purash bhala jo karege sabhna pooran poor!!1!!***

***Pad sevan kirtan jas chauthe arpan Jani!!***

***Dass sakha ne archana aatho bandna maan!!2!!***

***Naumi dandaout kahi jo kahe karaae jai!!***

***Ravidass bhajan amol hae birla paae koi!!4!!10!! Tek!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “There are nine types of meditation acceptable to devotees of God.” Only one who perceives God to be perfect in every manner is a pious person. Service at the lotus feet of God, singing God's glory, eulogising God with admiration and the fourth is devout meditation of God. These are followed by devotion to God similar to that of a slave to his master, worship as a friend and worship of God. Eighth is devout meditation and ninth respect for God with complete prostration like a stick. Human beings worship God through such varied styles.” Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that devout meditation of God is beyond any price tag and only rare human beings are blessed with same.

***Dasmi darad nivar lae sache Satgur sang!!***

***Sama viarth jaiga hankari dushat bhujang!!1!!***

***Maen meri noon mar lae man mah shant hovae!!***

***Krodh bura hae kaal se isko leo samavae!!2!!***

***Shrisht muni sabh samjhte karde Naam adhar!!***

***Sarb thor me bas raha sachha Sirjanhar!!3!!***

***Dasmi disho dihs bas raha sare hae Kartar!!***

***Har Har tul na pranian kahi Ravidass bichar!!4!!11!!Tek!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings through tenth day after Amavas (no moon day) that they should take shelter at the lotus feet of a true master or perfect Guru Ji and secure an end to their sufferings. Those, who are arrogant & cruel or cheat others, waste their time in futility. Human mind gets peace after shunning arrogance. Anger is worse than death and you must control it. Revered saints reckon God's Naam as the foundation. God, the real creator, is all pervading. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says, after careful consideration through tenth day past Amavas, that God is omnipresent and all pervading all over in the ten directions. One should practice devout meditation of that Hari or God and Hari Naam or Prabhu bhakti (Devotion of God) is beyond comparison with anything else.

***Ekadasi ek da dass rahu furne tajo anek!!***

***Bhagat hot tar javge sada maniye tek!!1!!***

***Amba guvahi ninda baas ih jan!!***

***Ih sabh johar suman hae shado inka dhian!!2!!***

***Jooa maas madhar beshia hinsa chori kaar!!***

***Jih khote karam hae doban narak majhar !!3!!***

***Manukh joon sulakhani gat karman anusar!!***

***Bina bhajan birtha janam jaye kahi Ravidass bichar!!4!!12!!Tek!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains through eleventh day after Amavas (no moon day) that human beings must have utmost devotion to the only one God leaving all other thoughts aside. Human beings attain eternal salvation through devout meditation of God. Therefore, one must always have abiding faith in Him. Leading false evidence, unfounded criticism and longing for worldly pleasures are all futile and one should consider these like poison and shun same. Gambling, eating meat, drinking liquor, visiting prostitutes, violence and theft are evil deeds that lead to sinking of human being. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares after careful deliberations that human birth is immensely supreme that is earned after many

good deeds. However this rare and precious human life is waste and futile sans God's Naam.

***Duradasi de darbar ditha ajab andh!!  
Barhe krodh se paap hae baas khima Mukand!!1!!  
Sat sangat mahi dharm hae barhe Naam ka rang!!  
Baekunth bhi ouse aakhde jaha hote sant sang!!2!!  
Dhan ke bhagi char hae dharm chor narap aag!!  
Dharam het jo laega tin kahe badbhag!!3!!  
Dharam het na lamde laede tino nayi!!  
Chor narap or aag jo kahi Ravidass batayi!!4!!13!! Tek!!***

Satguru Ji explains through 12th day after Amavas (no moon day) that human being experiences incredible ecstasy after reaching the true realm of God through devout meditation. Anger boosts misdeeds and forgiveness leads to realization of God. True religion is in company of saints where one gets soaked in permanent dye of Naam or devout meditation of God. A place blessed with company of sages is called Paradise. There are four aspirants to claim one's riches – religion, thief, king and fire. A human being who spends his riches on religion is indeed blessed. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that those human beings, who do not allocate their resources for religion, lose their wealth to thieves, king or fire.

***Traedsi taran haar hae sada sada toon dhiaye!!  
Lakh churasi joon se uttam diya banaye!!1!!  
Bande buraj bana diya aisa ajab banay!!  
Aisa bane na or se man tan sis lagaye!!2!!  
Usko na toon bhoolna piya pat ke bhaye!!  
Tujahae aahar pahunchavta udar maat ke jaey!!!3!!  
Teras tera kalpana jhootha dikhta bhas!!  
Jhootha sache pet ka sach kahe Ravidass!!4!!14!!Tek!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings, through thirteenth day after Amavas (no moon day), to always worship God the saviour through devout meditation. This human life is supreme amongst the 8.4 million living species. God has created a unique human body with mind and brain. None other than God can create such an inimitable body. Never forget such God and do not squander away your precious life.



God feeds you even inside your mother's womb. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that, all of your imaginations are futile when you are oblivious of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains reality regarding falsehood and truth about human body as explained.

***Chand chauda bhaye jab dikhta sarb akar!!  
Sarb biyapi Prabhu hae sooraj chand ate tar!!1!!  
Har se preet karo man mere jaise chand chakor!!  
Balak preeti kheer se badal ghata se mor!!2!!  
Shish bin sooni raen jo hirdae gian bin maan!!  
Guru gian amul hae uttam bhagti Har Jan!!3!!  
Chauda chauda rattan sam ichha pooran hovae!!  
Ravidass sansae sabh mitae Prabhu prem bas  
hovae!!4!!15!!Tek!!***

Just as the full moon is visible all around on the fourteenth night after Amavas (no moon day), same way all pervading God, sun and stars are manifest all over. O human being! Have such an abiding love with God as a partridge has with the moon, a child with milk and a peacock with dense clouds. Just as night is incomplete without moon, likewise mind is empty without enlightenment. Knowledge imparted by Guru is beyond any price tag. Only an enlightened devotee of God knows this. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says "One can win over God through devout love. All illusions vanish and human desires like securing fourteen jewels are fulfilled."

***Punnia pooran chandrma sare hae parkas!!  
Lochan giani taraege hirdae Naam parkash!!1!!  
Guru sukh amrit peevge manmukh andh gavar!!  
Prem laie larh farhaege milat padarth char!!2!!  
Ravidass jih granth hae parhae sunae man laye!!  
Sabhhi padarath milege isse sabh bar paye!!3!!  
Pandra tithi sampooran hae pooran path karaye!!  
Sarb ichhia sampooran hae sabhna Ravidass  
sahaye!!4!!16!!Tek!!***

Through Poornima or the full moon's day, Satguru Ji preaches that just as one can see the brightness of full moon on the night of Poornima, likewise decorating one's eyes with the

true divine knowledge will reveal divine brilliance of God's Naam within self leading to eternal salvation. Human being secures blessed amrit (Nector) of God's Naam from his revered Guru and gets into eternal ecstasy on savouring that amrit (Nector). However an arrogant rustic, follower of his own mind, remains perpetually lost in the darkness of ignorance. One, who follows his Guru Ji with utmost devotion, is blessed with all the four assets i.e. good desires, riches, dharma (Religion) and eternal salvation. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that any human being, who studies these "Granth" Holy scriptures or listens to same with devotion, will be blessed with all the boons. The spiritual narration of fifteen stages of lunar cycle is complete and one, who chants same fully with devotion, is blessed with fulfilment of his noble wishes.

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## **“Baran Mas Updesh”**

**(Sermons Regarding Twelve Months)**

**“Chet” (March- April)**

***Charhia Chet sulakhna, kar santan sang preet!!***

***Gur charnan chit laye kar, Ram Naam jap neet!!***

O human being! The first month of Chet (First Month of Vikram Samvat Calendar) or this human life is blessed only when one truly loves saints and practices devout meditation of God. O dear! Therefore devote yourself at the lotus feet of Guru and practice dedicated meditation of God.

***Gur Gobind jahi gaiye, kar sarvan nit neet!!***

***Gur ke charnan prem kar, hirde dharo Gur meet!!***

Whenever someone eulogizes glory of Guru and God, we should listen to same with utmost devotion every day. O dear friend! Be devoted at Guru's lotus feet and have abiding love for Guru Ji.

***Bachan Guru ke sunat hi, mitat bharam sabh bheet!!***

***Man mukh sang na kijiye, gurmukh sangat yahr!!***

Human being gets rid of all illusions from within after listening to the sermons of Guru Ji. Human being should shun

the company of atheists and keep company of devout followers of Guru.

***Manmukh sangat bighan hae, gurmukh sangat sar!!***

***Manmukh sangat doobano, gurmukh sangat paar!!***

The company of agnostics is an obstacle in the path leading to Guru Ji and the company of devotees of Guru Ji is helpful in realization of God. One sinks in the company of non believers and the company of sages ensures safe passage across Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like the universe.

***Gurmukh ridae pragas hae, manmukh andh guvar!!***

***Gur ke amrit vachan sun, shardha hirde dhar!!***

Company of devoted followers of Guru enlightens one's mind with eternal knowledge and companionship with atheists embroils one in the darkness of ignorance. O dear human being! You should carefully listen to amrit (Nector) like sermons of Guru Ji and adore same in your heart.

***Ravidass bhagti ehi hae, hirde khoob vichar!!***

***Chet suhana tinha nou, jinha Sohng Naam piar!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that this is the true Bhakti or meditation of God and every one must carefully deliberate in one's mind. The month of Chet or this precious human life is blessed for those who have abiding love with and devotion for Guru Ji's Naam.

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**“Vaisakh” (April-May)**

***Vaisakh suhava sarv sukh, Gur ke vachan vichar!!***

***Antar dhian lagaiae kar, samjho sar aasar!!***

The month of “Vaisakh” or this precious human life is blessed with all pleasures for those who abide by the preaching of Guru Ji with affection. Comprehend the glory of that limitless God through deep concentration within yourself and devout meditation of God.

***Gurdev ko grahan kar, taj sabh jhooth bikar!!***

***Hirde Har, Har Hari ko, simro varamwar!!***

Accept and abide by all preaching of Gurdev or perfect

master and shun all vices. Devote yourself to meditation of Hari or God's Naam within your heart.

***Dushta sang tiag kar, santan sang piar!!***

***Drirh kar Ram dhiaye toon, bhav nidhi uttre paar!!***

O human being! You should shun company of wicked and have abiding love for saints. O dear! You should practice devout meditation of God's Naam and cross over the limitless ocean of universe.

***Har, Har Naam japandian, kadi na aavae haar!!***

***Bhagai bina Gurdev ki, hovat nahi kalyan!!***

You will never be a loser while you practice devout meditation of Hari God's Naam. Human being cannot attain salvation without devout worship of Guru Ji.

***Gur bina janam biarth ih, javat sachi maan!!***

***Gur Har bhagti kahandian, nihchal mil hae gian!!***

This human life is futile sans devout worship of Guru. You should accept this fact as a truth. Human being attains eternal enlightenment only through dedicated worship of God.

***Kahe Ravidass lag charan Gur, man ka haar abhiman!!***

***Vaisakh suhava tinhan hae, Har, Har japesujan!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that devotion to Guru's lotus feet banishes arrogance. The month of Vaisakh is blessed for those who attain enlightenment through meditation of Hari or God's Naam.

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**“Jaith” (May-June)**

***Jaith tapat bahu gham kar, shant na hovat meet!!***

***Krodh agni kar tapat man, lobhi lobh preet!!***

The month of Jeth or this human life is prone to extreme sufferings like heatstroke sans God's Naam. O dear friend! Peace and calm are elusive. Human soul experiences extreme heat because of fire like anger and greedy mind hankers after greed.

***Sohang Naam mukh japat, jan kirat karae neet!!***

***Santan sang nivas kar, shant bhayo nit cheet!!***

Devotees of God always sing paeans of God. Human mind remains calm in the company of saints.

***Utpat kare aap sabhi, kare palna neet!!  
Prabhu bin dooja nahi ko, kar nihche parteet!!***

God Himself is the creator of this universe and God is the sole provider for everyone. There is none other like God. Have complete faith in this philosophy and eulogise His glory.

***Tis Prabhu ko toon jap sada, hokar mano nacheet!!  
Prabhu simran Gur daya te, nasht hot jam bheet!!***

***O human being! Abandon all worries from your mind and always practice devout meditation of God. Dedicated worship of God and kindness of Guru banish the fear of messengers of death.***

***Satgur ke pratap te, gavahu Prabhu gun vaad!!  
So kirpa netar rasna Naam ka, karan diye suni naad!!***

Human being eulogises glory of God with the blessings of Satguru Ji. With the blessings of God, one's eyes see revered Guru, tongue sings glory of Naam and the ears listen to the divine melodies.

***Sundar sajiya jahi Prabh, rakh sada tis yaad!!  
Jo jan bhagti bihin hae, janam jaye tis baad!!***

God has created this beautiful human body. O human being! Always remember God with devotion. Lives of human beings devoid of Bhakti (Devotion) of God are futile.

***Gur charni lag bhagti kar, mitah paap agad!!  
Kirtan bhagti tisri, rakho inko yaad!!***

All sins of living beings vanish through profound attachment with the lotus feet of Guru Ji and devout meditation of God. O human being! Always remember the third Bhakti (Devotion)- singing glory of God.

***Jan Ravidass Guru simriya, jo jan sada aanaad!!  
Jeth tapanda na lage, jin chakhia Naam suaad!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that those, who meditate Naam given by Guru Ji, always remain in ecstatic

happiness. The month of Jeth is not hot or tortuous for those who have savoured the amrit (Nector) of God's Naam.

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### **“Harh” (June- July)**

***Harh avadh hae gham ki, shant avadh sukh Jani!!***

***Lobh avadh hae paap ki, kar bhagti milae Har dham!!***

The month of Haarh is extremely hot but true pleasure is in God's Naam. Greed is a sin. One realizes eternal abode of God through devout meditation.

***Gur ke charan su kanval ki, karhi sev sujan!!***

***Sagal srishat jaise malat, charan kanval Bhagwan!!***

Noble people worship the lotus feet of Guru. All living beings of this universe have utmost longing for the lotus feet of God.

***Aath pahir Gur charan mal, drirh kar nihche dhian!!***

***Antash karan kar shudh, tab hot paap ki haan!!***

Focussed concentration at the lotus feet of Guru Ji all the time purifies one's heart and banishes the sins.

***Paap nashat Gur bhagti te, darshan karho neet!!***

***Kaaran bhagti hae mukat ka, kar nihche parteet!!***

Guru's bhakti or devout worship banishes one's sins. Therefore, one should see his Guru Ji all the time and practice devout meditation of God that will lead to eternal salvation.

***Charan bhagti kar lashmi, shakti bhayie su meet!!***

***Jagat charan ki shakat tis, bhayie su jano meet!!***

Maya (illusion) becomes extraordinarily powerful through devout meditation of lotus feet of God. Maya (illusion) acquires the supreme strength of entire universe because of such dedicated worship of God.

***Bhगत su Gur ke charan ki, kar nihche dhar cheet!!***

***Gur bin aur na dhian dhar, Ih Ravidass ki reet!!***

***Harh shant sukh tin jana, jin Gur bhagti preet!!***

Therefore O human being! You must devote yourself to Bhakti (Devotion) of God's lotus feet with utmost focus and

concentration. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that single minded devotion to none other than one's Guru Ji is the tradition of bhakti (Devotion). The month of Harh (June-July) or this scarce human life is fruitful for those who have devout love for Guru's bhakti (Devotion).

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### **“Sawan” (July-August)**

***Sawan shant bhayie jagat me, barish hoi bashes!!  
Ghar, ghar manglachar hae, nase sabhi kalesh!!***

The entire world becomes peaceful during the month of Sawan because of excellent rainfall. Thus there is a shower of joy in human being. Delightful songs are sung in every house and all sufferings vanish.

***Ann dhann bahuta upjia, gaouan ghas hamesh!!  
Suhagan sada aanand hae, duhagan maela bhes!!***

There are bumper crops and plenty of grass for cows. A virtuous housewife always enjoys great happiness but a un virtuous lady soils her mind with evil thoughts like a dirty cloth.

***Kar poojan Gur charan ki, shardha sath hamesh!!  
Paan, supari, pushapkar, poojan karo hamesh!!***

O dear! Always worship the lotus feet of Guru with devotion. Dedicated service at Guru's feet is in itself like offering of paan or beetle vine leaf, areca nut and flowers etc.

***Archana bhagti panchmi, Gur pooja me dhian!!  
Bina isht Gurdev te, poojo dev na aan!!***

Archana is the fifth type of meditation of God in which, mind is focused on worship of Guru Ji. One should not worship anyone other than one's learned Guru.

***Guru Har me na bhed kujh, kahyo aap sujan!!  
Nihche kar Gur charan bhaj, hovat hae kaliyan!!***

There is no difference between Guru and Hari or God. Noble people say that dedicated devotion to Guru's lotus feet is always very fruitful.

***Gur samaan nahin aur jag, janat sant sujan!!  
Kahi Ravidass Gur charan ko, karat sada hi dhian!!***

Learned sages know that here is none like one's Guru in this world. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human beings should always focus their concentration at the lotus feet of one's Guru Ji.

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### **“Bhadron” (August-September)**

***Bhadron bharam bhulaia, Maya sang piar!!  
Gur bin shant na pai hae, janam maran me barambar!!***

During the month of Bhadron i.e. during this scarce human life, one tends to forget God because of ignorance and instead he adores Maya (illusion). Human being does not get peace in the absence of his Guru and he goes through the endless cycle of birth and death.

***Jinhan visaria Ram Naam, Gur charni nahin piar!!  
Dhri tina ka jivana, kahoon aaye sansar!!***

The lives of those human beings are condemnable who have forgotten God's Naam (Devotion of God) and do not love the lotus feet of God. Why do they take birth in this world?

***Bhavi jal mahin bhavandian, na urvar na paar!!  
Gur charnan ka aasra, jin man lina dhaar!!***

One cannot find any shore swimming in Bhavsagar or the ocean like universe meaning that one does not find any comfort during present life in this world or the life thereafter in the other world. Those human beings, who adore lotus feet of Guru in their mind, pay their obeisance at the feet of Guru Ji and cross over this ocean like universe or attain eternal salvation.

***Kar dandot Gur charan me, bhavnidh uttre paar!!  
Gurdev Guru smajh ke, karin shukar vichar!!***

Human being crosses over this ocean like universe with devout prostration at the lotus feet of Guru. Treat your Gurdev as the supreme master and be always grateful to him.

***Bandna bhagti shathi eih, kare shish vadbhag!!  
Avar karam sabh tiag kar, Gur ki charni laag!!***

Sixth worship is meditation which is performed by exceptionally blessed follower. O human being! You should



abandon all futile rituals and devote yourself at the lotus feet of Guru.

***Gur ke charan bahu prem kar, Maya moh tiag!!  
Bin Gur bhagti na thir kashu, jagat pasara baag!!***

Shun attachment as well as Maya (illusion) and dedicate yourself at the lotus feet of Guru. Nothing is permanent except Guru's Bhakti (Devotion of God). This universe is a fake garden.

***Pooran punn pratap te jagiyo iso baerag!!  
Soiyo moh ki neend me, Gur kirpa bhayo sujag!!***

As a result of past good deeds, detachment surfaces from within. Human being is under the spell of slumber of attachment, but he can wake up with the blessings of Guru Ji.

***Ravidass Guru charan ko, toon kabhi nahin tiag!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advises that "O dear human being! Never abandon the lotus feet of your Guru Ji"

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**"Assu" (September- October)**

***Assu aasan pooriyan, jab Gur bhaye diyal!!  
Charni lavo dass ko, karo prabhu pratipal!!***

All noble wishes of human beings get fulfilled during the month of Assu. O God the saviour of all living beings of the universe! Kindly provide shelter to this devotee also at Thy lotus feet.

***Prem taar gurnam man, gal pavo maal!!  
Darshan kar gurcharn ko, tab hi bhaye nihal!!***

Grace your neck with a rosary of Guru's Naam with thread of abiding devotion. One gets overjoyed with the glimpse of lotus feet of Guru.

***Gur charni lag bhagti kar, tiag moh ka jaal!!  
Gur bhagti tab paiae, je hove likhiya bhag!!***

O human being! Be a true devotee of lotus feet of Guru and get rid of the bonds of attachment. One is blessed with the Bhakti (Devotion of God) of Guru Ji only if same is preordained by God.

***Dasa bhagti ihi hae, saptam jano lal!!  
Karo abhi pashtaoge, fir hath na aavae kal!!***

This is the seventh Dasa Bhakti (Devotion) of God. Try to comprehend same. Worship God with devotion, otherwise you will repent as you will not get this rare human life again.

***Ih dasa bhagti kini, virle vir!!  
Swas, swas aagiya rakhio dhir!!***

Only extremely rare human being performs this Dasa Bhakti (Devotion) and he meditates every moment and always abides by God's will.

***Rahe sada vich aagia, iho bhagti mahan!!  
Dasa bhagti ihi hae, dasan dass bikhan!!***

Leading a life as per God's will is great Bhakti. This is the Dasa Bhakti (Devotion) when one gets recognition as a follower of true devotees of God.

***Budh, sudh tab hoye hae, pavae nirmal gian!!  
Assu pooran aas sabh, Gurudev vikhian!!***

Human being is blessed with enlightenment, awakening and wisdom when he secures the pure eternal knowledge. Gurudev Ji says that during the month of Assu, (September-October) all noble wishes of human beings are fulfilled through devout meditation of God.

***Ravidass Guru charnan ka, sada karat hae dhian!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human being should always adore the lotus feet of Guru Ji in his mind.

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**“Kattak” (October-November)**

***Kattak karam tiag kar, bhagti karo Gurdev!!  
Sohang, Sohng japandiyan, kar santan ki sev!!***

One should shun sinful deeds and practice dedicated meditation of Gurdev during the month of Kattak or this scarce human life. While chanting the mantra of Sohng, Sohng; one should be at the service of saints.

***Maat, taat aur bhrat te, pirayjan Gurdev!!***

***Aur sakha na jagat maen, jaise hae Gurdev!!***

One should treat Gurdev to be the most beloved compared to mother, father and brother. There is none else like Gurdev in this universe.

***Sakha bhagti ih ashtami kiti Arjan dev!!***

***Sakha jaan Gur bhagti kar, tiag karo ahamev!!***

Eighth meditation is Sakha Bhakti (Devotion) which Arjun of fame practiced. Treating Guru as the closest friend, one should practice devout Guru Bhakti (Devotion) and abandon all arrogance.

***Kaam krodh hankar taj, tab kashu pavae bhev!!***

***Sakha bhagti subhav yah, jim jal dudh malev!!***

Human being comprehends the glory of God through devout meditation after abandoning false desires, anger and arrogance. In Sakha Bhakti, human being should amalgamate with God just as water and milk mingle to be absolutely one.

***Sarb karam ko tiag kar, Har Gur jap din raen!!***

***Bajh neer jim meen ko, avat nanhi chaen!!***

O human being! You must shun all rituals and worship God with devotion day and night. Just as fish cannot survive without water, similarly devotees of God cannot live without God.

***Chakvi kare vilam jim, kab ih jave raen!!***

***Chand chakor ki preet jim, mor mugadh ghan baen!!***

Just as Chakvi bird waits in agony for the night to be over so that he can see his beloved sun at sunrise, likewise partridge has intense friendship with the moon and peacocks love dense dark clouds. Human being should have similar intense affection for God.

***Swas, swas nahi bisre, jion bachhre ko thaen!!***

***Jim kamani prasann ati, pati ko dekhat naen!!***

Human being should never forget God even for a moment as the calf never forgets about milk. Just as a woman is thrilled to meet her husband; likewise the human bride or soul feels overjoyed on having a glimpse of her husband God.

***Kattak saver kaam sabh, jab Gur karna aen!!  
Ravidass Gurdev charan ko, dhoye dhoye kar paen!!***

When Guru Ji showers a human being with divine blessings during the month of

Kattak, all of his good deeds become fruitful. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human being should wash the lotus feet of Guru Ji and savour that nectar i.e. one should have complete dedication at the lotus feet of Guru.

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**“Maghar” (November- December)**

***Charhia Maghar he sakhi, gavo Prabh ke geet!!  
Santan sangat pai kar, Gurdev simro neet!!***

O dear friend! This is the beginning of the month of Maghar. Let us eulogise glory of God and practice profound meditation of Gurdev everyday in the sacred company of sages.

***Tan, man, dhan sabh arap kar, aisi karo preet!!  
Tiag lobh, moh ahankar sabh, Gurdev ki karo preet!!***

Have abiding true love for God after complete surrender of your body, mind and wealth. Have true devotion for Gurdev and shun greed, attachment and arrogance.

***Gaun vak sabh tiag kar, sant vacahan dhar cheet!!  
Tan, man, dhann ih hankar, apne kashahu na maan!!***

Ignore futile talks and concentrate on the teachings of saints. Abandon arrogance of your mind and never treat anything as your own.

***Garbh karat jo inse, so nar hae anjan!!  
Aap kashahu na hot hae, devanhar Har dham!!***

A human being, who is proud of his mind and riches, is really ignorant. Human being cannot achieve anything of his own. Everything is provided by God Himself.

***Maen kiya maen karat hoon, koorha karhi maan!!  
Har ka diya so Gur diya, taen ki diya aan!!***

Human being takes pride in declaring that he has achieved this and he is doing that. Whatever God has granted

anyone, Guru Ji also bestows same blessings. O human being!  
What can you offer to God?

***Tera ik hankar hae, arpan tis ko maan!!  
Nav prakar di bhagti ih, satt Gurdev bikhan!!***

O human being! You suffer from this arrogance. What can you give to God as offering? That means that you cannot offer anything. These are the nine types of meditation of God or Bhakti (Devotion) that Gurdev has explained.

***Jan Ravidass kare bhagti jo, shudh bhayo tis maan!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that anyone who performs devout Bhakti (Devotion) of God is great and pious.

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**“Poh” (December-January)**

***Maghar poora bhaya jab, tab charhia Poh maas!!  
Sohang Naam toon simar nit, jag te hoe udas!!***

The month of Poh commences at the end of the month of Maghar. Human being becomes detached from this world through daily prayers with chanting of Sohang mantra.

***Avar kamna sarv taj, Satguru ki kar aas!!  
Satgur sharni lagiyan, paap hot sabh nas!!***

All sins vanish if one takes shelter at the lotus feet of Satguru leaving aside all worldly desires except for profound longing for Satguru.

***Sarvan karat Guran te, sadhan gian bilas!!  
Vachan dhar Gurdev ur, sabh sanse hovan nas!!***

Careful listening to Guru's preaching leads one to enlightenment. All illusions are dispelled with the adornment of sermons of Guru Ji in one's heart.

***Satnam updesch Gur, kar toon drirh abhiyas!!  
Vachan Guru parkash kar, hot bharam sabh nas!!***

Listen carefully to the preaching of true Naam from Guru and practice meditation of same with dedicated mind. Following the preaching of Guru and an enlightened path, all illusions vanish because of brilliance of eternal knowledge of Brahm or God.

***Sarwan is ka Naam hae, sun satnam vichar!!  
Satt saroop Parmatma, mithiya jagat aasar!!***

O human being! Please listen to the true Naam of God and think carefully about the same which will help you experience reality of God. You will realize that this entire universe is an illusion and false but not real.

***Tis Prabh ko toon simar man, jo hae sarb aadhar!!  
Satgur sharni lag kar, samjho sar aasar!!***

O human being! You should worship God, who is the basis of entire universe, with devotion. Seek shelter at the lotus feet of Guru Ji and comprehend truth about this universe and the realm beyond the world.

***Prabh bin avar na jan kashhoo, sabh ik Brahm pasar!!  
Asthar jagam aadi sabh, jia jant nirdhar!!***

Nothing is real in this universe except God. Almighty God is manifest all over and omnipresent. Hills, trees, and all living beings are under the command of God.

***Jan Ravidass Poh bitia, ab sun Magh vichar!!  
Jan Gurdev Har bhetia, bhavjal uttre paar!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that when the month of Poh ends, then one should think of the month of Magh. Any human being, who is able to establish communion with Gurdev, crosses over Bhavsagar the fathomless ocean of this universe successfully.

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**“Magh” (January- February)**

***Magh mahina dharam ka, drirh kar toon satsang!!  
Santan sang preet kar, kadi na hove bhang!!***

The month of Magh is dedicated to abiding by dharma (Religion). Therefore, human being should seek pious company of sages and cultivate true and dedicated love with saints as that is everlasting.

***Dhoor sant ke charan ki, soie shreshat hae gang!!  
Papan ki mal uttare, charhe Naam ka rang!!***

Sacred dust of lotus feet of saints that removes the dirt of

one's sins and soaks him in the permanent eternal dye of Naam is superior to water of Ganges.

***Manmukh sang na kijiye, parat bhajan me bhang!!  
Dukh binse sukh labh hove, gurmukh jin ke sang!!***

The company of atheists creates hindrance in meditation. Therefore, one should never keep company of non believers. Company of devotees of Guru (Saint) banishes all miseries and secures many comforts.

***Naam japo mil gurmukhan, jo hae sada aasang!!  
Toon bhi Prabh te bhin nahin, jioun jal manhi tarang!!***

God is always extremely close to those who practice meditation of God in the company of devout followers of Guru (Saint). O human being! You are not separate from God just as the waves are not different from water.

***Sohang Naam rag rag rache, Naam ka charhe jab rang!!  
Pancho vaeri tiag kar, tab hoae nisang!!***

With devout meditation of God, human being experiences God to be manifest within and he is soaked in fast dye of Naam. Then one is able to shun the enemies in the form of five human vices because of positive influence of God's Naam.

***Guru premi Gur ki sharan gahi, karat khoob vichar!!  
Gurdev ke pratap bin, smjhe na sar asar!!***

Devotees of Guru (Saint) seek shelter of Guru (Saint) Ji and contemplate about Brahmgyan (Understanding about eternal God). Human being cannot understand the secrets of this universe and the life hereafter without the blessings of Guru (Saint).

***Karke drirh updesh Gur, bhavnidhi uttare paar!!  
Mand bhag bin Satguran, dubban bhav nidh dhaar!!***

Anyone who follows the preaching of Guru (Saint) Ji with dedication crosses over the unfathomable ocean of the universe. Human being is cursed sans the sacred company of Satguru and such an individual cannot cross over the ocean of universe - meaning that he will never be able to realize God.

***Satgur ke prasad ham, Janiya atam Ram!!  
Jaanan jog so Jania, jo atam nij dham!!***

I have been able to realize God within myself with the blessings of true Guru (Satguru). Having comprehended God within myself, I have learnt about His celestial abode.

***Mitia guman Gur daya te, paya ab visram!!  
Punne sagal manorthan, rahio na baki kaam!!***

One's arrogance vanishes if he concentrates on devout meditation with the blessings of God. All of his noble wishes are fulfilled and he does not have any further longing and eternal bliss is obtained.

***Anek janam dukh pai kar, aaye Gur ki sam!!  
Jihre vichhare tih mile, bhaye abh atam Ram!!***

Human being finds shelter at the lotus feet of Guru (Saint) after immense suffering through cycle of many births. Human soul gets amalgamated with the eternal brilliance from which it got separated.

***Satgur ke bhajan bin, nahin avar kush kaam!!  
Iko Sohng satnam jiyo, simro aatho jam!!***

All other preoccupations are futile sans devout meditation of Satguru. One should always practice devout meditation of true Sohng Naam of God every moment.

***Sarvan kar Gur vachan ko, nische kar updesh!!  
Nisvasar abhiyas kar, taj kar sakal kalesh!!***

All suffering and miseries vanish when one listens carefully to preaching of Guru (Saint) Ji, abides by his sermons and devotes himself to devout meditation day and night.

***Budbuda fen tarang ka, jal te bhin na les!!  
Sabh bhookhan jinn kanak ke, kanchan bin na shesh!!***

Just as bubble of water is not anything else but water. Ornaments made of gold are not anything else but gold.

***Ghat mit mati roop sabh, aur na kashahoo vishesh!!  
Anik bhanti pat jo bhaye, sootar tis ka ves!!***

God has created every one equal from the five elements



and no one has any separate special element just as many different varieties of cloth are woven from same thread. Likewise, God is manifest uniformly in all living beings of the universe.

***Ravidass Guru charan ke, karhoon sada aadesh!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human beings should always pay obeisance at the lotus feet of Guru (Saint).

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**“Phaggan” (February- March)**

***Charhia Phaggan mas jab, phooli sabh guljar!!***

***Dharti sabh hariavli, sundar bag bahar!!***

With the advent of the month of Phaggan, all vegetation blooms. Entire earth turns green and gardens in bloom look very pretty and in this way human being enlighten with God's grace and he feels bliss everywhere.

***Bulbul masat bahar par, bhanvra bhaiie guljar!!***

***Nival phal bahu bag me, galgal, aam, aanar!!***

Bulbul is mesmerized by floral bloom. Beetles hum all around flowers. Gardens are laden with fruits of lime, mango and pomegranate.

***Gurmukh Gur ki sharan gahi, karte khoob vichar!!***

***Satgur ke pratap kar, samjhe sar aasar!!***

Devout followers of Guru (Saint) take shelter at the lotus feet of Guru (Saint) and contemplate about God's Naam. They get enlightened about realities of this world and life hereafter with the blessings of Satguru.

***Kar ke drirh updesch Gur, bhav nidh uttare paar!!***

***Mand bhag bin Satguran, dubban bhav nidh dhar!!***

Human being crosses over the unfathomable ocean of universe by treading the path shown by Guru (Saint) with dedication. Unfortunate persons drown in the ocean of this universe sans a true master or Satguru.

***Satgur ke prasadi ham, jania atam Ram!!***

***Janan yog so Janiya, jo atam nij dham!!***

I have been able to realize God within myself with the blessings of true Guru (Satguru). Having comprehended God within self, I have learnt about His celestial abode.

***Mitiya gaman Gur daya te, paya ab bisram!!  
Anek janam dukh pai kar, aae Gur ki sham!!***

The cycle of repeated birth and death ends with the blessings of Guru (Saint) and firm focus on God's Naam. Having endured extreme sufferings throughout many births, human being finds eternal solace on securing shelter at the lotus feet of Guru (Saint).

***Jihre visharhe tih mile, bhaye so atam Ram!!  
Jan Ravidass Gur bhajan bin, nahin avar kashhu kaam!!***

One realizes God from whom he had been separated. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human beings should shun every other preoccupation and concentrate on devout meditation of God as per guidance of Guru (Saint).

***Guru charno ka dhian kar, sun baranh masak updes!!  
Parhe sune jo prem kar, hove kaliyan hamesh!!***

Human beings should listen to the preaching of sermons for the twelve months with devout attention at the lotus feet of Guru (Saint). One who will study or listen to the sermons of twelve months with dedication will always have divine blessings.

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“Dohra”

***Dharat aakash ko thapiya, raen divas nit paal!!  
Sarvjeev ke karam jo sahib kare khial!!***

God has created this earth and space and He feeds the entire universe day and night. God looks after every one with divine benevolence.

***Aap apna sabh pavate, kirat dhur parvan!!  
Pavan pani svantar ke, rakhshak bhaye Bhagwan!!***

All living beings reap what they sow as per their deeds. Offerings from honest earnings of human beings find acceptance in the divine abode of God. Almighty God protects living beings in air, water and fire i.e. all over and every where.

***Ravidass kahe bhaj Naam ko, nirbhae pavae vas!!  
Tera phal tujh ko milae, hove band khalas!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O human being! You will realize the position of fearlessness and eternal ecstasy through devout meditation of God. You will harvest the fruit of your deeds. You will be free of all bonds through dedicated Bhakti (Devotion) of God.”

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## **“Saand Bani”**

***Sohang saand solakhia, sarb ghatt!!  
Mil Gur Naam lagaiyo ratt!!***

Chanting of blessed mantra Sohang with devotion leads human beings to comprehension of God all around everywhere. However, achievement of such a stage of devout concentration on Naam is possible only with the blessings of Guru (Saint).

***Chaunk chatar jagg jaan mahan!!  
Pooran haar jagat so pran!!***

Manifestation of God all over is itself decoration of place for worship and God Himself is the saviour of entire universe.

***Nanke, mape, saak sohele!!  
Kar kirpa Satgur Prabh mele!!***

When Satguru blesses someone with realization of God, then maternal grand parents, parents and all relatives become his close friends and well wishers.

***Hath gana, ganiyo so maal!!  
Kiya punn, daan rachan aakal!!***

Sacred thread of God's Naam around the wrist is the supreme treasure with human being. Thereafter having realized God, human being does not need to offer any other valuables in alms.

***Kumbh kamaal janam, jan paiyo!!  
Surat shabad aanaj milaiyo!!***

Immortal soul has been blessed with rare precious human birth. One must focus on confluence of soul and Shabad or

celestial sound to get connected with the supreme treasure inside within self.

***Bhar jal, kumbh karaj me dhariyo!!  
Tiv karaj sopooran kariyo!!***

Human body, akin to a pitcher, is full of amrit (Nector) of God's Naam. It is this supreme effort or meditation of God that helps human being to complete all of his tasks successfully.

***Deepak dil, Hung Tel bithai!!  
Surat mila, outte jot jagaie!!***

I have filled God's Naam as oil in my lamp like mind. My mind is now fully focused and bonded with God and the light of the name kindled.

***Gur bharyase so sandhoor!!  
Naun dar ton naun grih sabh door!!***

Having full trust and faith in Guru is akin to application of vermilion which shuts off the nine bodily apertures and wards off the evil effects of nine planets.

***Gurmukh saand, samajh sach soie!!  
Sabh karaj, Prabh ot lae hoie!!***

O devout follower! This is indeed the true saand or meditation of God. All tasks get completed with the blessings of God.

***Khopa kaaraj, smaggri ghiyo!!  
Ik dar khatam sogandhi bhayo!!***

God's Naam itself is the coconut and butter oil for offering. The only incense in God's abode is that of Naam or meditation.

***Ab amb, patt jagan jag jaag!!  
Surat shabad mil mangal raag!!***

Singing paeans of God with the confluence of soul and Shabad or celestial sound is itself mango leaves and all the offerings for yajnas.

***Sabh mil pran praan bithao!!  
Sang Gur satt vishvas jamao!!***

Let us all resolve together in our minds that we must seek shelter at the lotus feet of Guru and have complete faith in him.

***Kahe Ravidass bhaj Har Naam!!  
Prabh so dhian, safal sabh kaam!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O human being! You must focus on devout meditation of God and all of your noble objectives will be fulfilled.”

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**“Anmol Vachan”  
(Milni de Samain)  
“Precious Sermon”**

(At the time of ceremonial meeting between the relatives of bride and bridegroom)

***Mel milaya Daate, miliya milne ke yog!!  
Dil je milave Daata, jande vishorhe wale rog!!***

God has very kindly bestowed His blessings for this companionship and both the parties have come together. When God binds hearts together, then all ills of separation vanish.

***Khushian Satgur bakhshhe, umran de jande ne viyog!!  
Tan, man vaaria jave, milni aadar sang hog!!***

When one is bestowed with kind blessings of perfect Guru (Saint), then lifelong separation comes to an end. With the surrender of body and mind to Guru (Saint) Ji, ceremony of first meeting and greetings is performed with great mutual respect.

***Kirpa pagg mastak rakho, Satgur sabar sir yog!!  
Prabh ton mil ke maango, pave na vishore wala bhog!!***

With the blessings of God adorned on head as turban, two heads meet together with great satisfaction and patience. Let us together pray at the lotus feet of God that we should never have any separation again.

***Kahi Ravidass pukarae, janman de jande sare sog!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj addresses human beings to explain that miseries and sufferings of many births vanish with the devout meditation of God.

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## **“Shadi Updesh”**

**!! Ek Oankar Sohng Satnam Jiyo!!**

**!!Dvaeya Shand!!**

## **“Pahilrhi Laanv”**

**“Sermons for Wedding Ceremony”**

**There is only One God and His Naam is the Eternal Truth**

**!!Dvaeya Shand!!**

**“First Sermon”**

***Pahilrhi laanv Har darshan Guran da, jave door bulaie!!***

***Diya mel Har daya dhar ke, gujhi ramaj chalaie!!***

During the course of first laanv or sermon, all sufferings vanish with the visual glimpse of Hari God in the form of Guru (Saint). When God bestows His kind blessings for the meeting of soul, one is able to comprehend the secret hints that time or one is blessed with divine enlightenment.

***Anhad shabad sune man thir kar, mit gaye sarb andhese!!***

***Kirpa sindh Gur miliya poora, liv lagi Har bhese!!***

One can listen to the celestial sound or eternal melodies while focussing with devout concentration on God's Naam. That banishes all the doubts of mind. One meets the perfect Guru (Saint) with the divine blessings of God and he is able to achieve ecstatic composure and profound concentration in meditation.

***Poore Gur te shabd sach paya, ratan amolak meeta!***

***Sundian hi man masat deevana, shabad guaran ne keeta!!***

Having been blessed with holy mantra or Naam by Guru (Saint), human being is able to have a communion with God and secure the priceless gem in the form of Naam. Immediately on listening to Guru's (Saint) Naam, human mind becomes ecstatic and overwhelmed in communion with God.

***Mahanvak sun, sun ke Gur de, shardha preet man aavae!!***

***Kahi Ravidass ih hae laanv pahilrhi, chausath tirath nhavae!!***

Human mind is blessed with devotion and affection for

God on hearing the holy sermon of Guru. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that this is the first laanv or sermon. Careful listening to this is akin to bathing in sixty-four holy places of pilgrimage.

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## **“Doojrhi Laanv”** **“Second Sermon”**

***Doojrhi laanv prem preeti, surat shabad milaie!!***  
***Satgur kiti param preeti, dargah me sukh paie!!***

During the second laanv or sermon, one's devout love for God enables communion of soul and Shabad or Naam. Devotion to Satguru Ji helps human soul to enjoy all comforts at the abode of God.

***Sarb manorath tis dar te pao, sharan parae kotarae!!***  
***Hukam andar hae char padarath, tan man jekar varae!!***

All noble wishes are fulfilled when one seeks shelter at the door of God. Human being attains eternal peace and salvation when he seeks shelter at the lotus feet of God. All the four blessings (like good desires, riches, dharma (Religion) and salvation) are at the command of God that can be secured with complete surrender of body and mind before God.

***Satgur sharan rahi vadbhagi, sahinse sagal guaye!!***  
***Satgur daata Prabh sang rata, nis din Har liv laye!!***

Having secured shelter at the lotus feet of Satguru, a richly blessed human being vanquishes all of his illusions. Satguru, who is fully amalgamated with God, is the source of all blessings and he enables human beings every day to have communion with God through devout meditation.

***Bharam bhulava, mitia dava, chaal Guran di chali!!***  
***Kahi Ravidass ih laanv doojarhi, bachan Guran de pali!!***

Human being can vanquish all illusions and claims by following the path shown by Guru (Saint) with devotion. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that this is the second laanv or sermon which is respected by treading the path shown by one's Guru (Saint).

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## **“Teejrhi Laanv”** **“Third Sermon”**

*Teejrhi laanv avarn dosh te , rahit bhaiya man mera!!  
Har ghat de vich ek samana, so ghar paiya dera!!*

During third laanv or sermon, my mind was cleared of the illusionary curtain. Hari or God is manifest everywhere all over the universe. I have seen His abode within myself.

*Param Prabhu Parmeshvar jana, tan sukh mile uparae!!  
Man me sach mangal sukh hoye , jo locha man dharae!!*

One is blessed with limitless comforts through the kindness of God. One enjoys real pleasure if he sings paeans of truly benevolent God in his mind. The human being, whose mind longs for having a glimpse of God with devout concentration, is ultimately blessed with His divine benevolence.

*Mangal de mangal nit gavaan, iho amrit dhara!!  
Har, Har sang liv jurhi jurhandi sachha ih sansara!!*

I always sing paeans with sweetest melodies in glory of God. This is the flowing stream of amrit (Nector) within me. One secures the real and true support after establishment of communion with Hari—the Almighty God.

*Sundar shabad amolak darshan, jo Satgur dar aavae!!  
Kahi Ravidass so laanv teesari, surat gagan charh javae!!*

Human being is able to listen to the celestial melodious hymn when he seeks shelter at the door of Satguru. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that it is the third laanv or sermon in which human soul joins the celestial sound and traverses in space inside the tenth aperture with the blessings of God.

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## **“Chouthrhi Laanv”** **“Fourth Sermon”**

*Chouthrhi laanv ratan Har jana, sukh sampat ghar aaye!!  
Aasa mansa Satgur poore, jae, jae shabad alayi!!*

During fourth laanv or sermon, human being is able to comprehend the priceless jewel in God's Naam. Then all the



treasures and comforts through his house. All of one's noble wishes and objectives are fulfilled with kind blessings of Satguru and he eulogises glory of God practicing devout meditation with deep concentration on Guru's (Saint) mantra or Shabad.

***Dhire, dhire gayie pahunch hun, ho Satgur di dasi!!  
Na aave na jave kit val, milia purakh avinashi!!***

Slowly and steadily, the human bride becomes true devotee of Satguru and she secures eternal salvation at the lotus feet of God through devout meditation of God. Thereafter the soul neither takes birth nor dies as the soul realizes eternal God.

***Satt santokh bhaiya man mere, Satguru vachan sunavae!!  
Aaiya bairag, miliya avinashi jorhi jurhi suhavae!!***

Human mind realizes truth and satisfaction with adherence to preaching of Satguru. Thereafter human mind gets detachment and ultimately realization of eternal God. Then this human bride or soul secures her husband God to be a blessed wife.

***Man mandir manhae chao oupjia, preet Prabhu sang laie!!  
Kahi Ravidass satt laanv chouthrhi, purkhe purakh milai!!***

Human being deeply loves God manifest within the temple of his mind. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that this is the true fourth laanv or sermon that enables human soul to get amalgamated with eternal God.

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## **“Suhag Ustat”**

**!! Ek Oankar Sohag Satnam Jiyo!!**

**Praise for the Married There is only one God and His  
Naam is the cv Eternal Truth**

***Surat suhagan Guru dev piari, Sohag Naam sang kheli!!  
Bahuti janam de vichhrhian noon, aan Guran ne meli!!***

With devout love for Satguru, the soul combines with Shabad or hymn to be a blessed wife and she enjoys immense pleasure through dedicated concentration on God's Naam. This human bride had been separated from God for many births and perfect Guru (Saint) has blessed her to be reunited with God.

***Jhoothi khed bisar gayie tan te, bajigar sion meli!!  
Sacha purakh milaiya Parmeshvar, tis sang lad ladeli!!***

The illusive show of this universe came to an end all over the world when perfect Guru (Saint) blessed the soul with establishment of communion with God the ultimate showman.

***Aap samaan aapne kiti, agiyan neend te jagi!!  
Bhulli chukki raste pae gayie, atam sion liv lagi!!***

Human bride was awakened from slumber of ignorance by God and given equal status. I had lost my way but now God has very kindly guided me on the right path and blessed me with supreme concentration on meditation within.

***Sarb viyapi Satgur mera, sabh da kare sudhar!!  
Kahe Ravidass man bhaya diwana, miliya amrit dhar!!***

My true Guru (Satguru) is omnipresent and he reforms all living beings. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “When mind of a human being develops deep abiding love for God, then he finds a stream of amrit (Nector) flowing within self.”

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## **“Manglachar”**

**“Manglachar Pehla”  
(First Invocatory Hymn)**

***Har, Har Naam dhiayo, sada man prem kar!!  
Lobh, moh, hankar, doot, jamm door har!!***

Human being should always chant Hari, Hari or God's Naam in his mind. Greed, attachment, arrogance and fear of messengers of earth vanish with the blessings of Hari or God.

***Sach, sheel, santokh, sada drirh kijiye!!  
Amrit Har ka Naam, prem kar pijiye!!***

Human being must adorn his mind with truth, excellent character and satisfaction all the time with determination. Human being should savour the amrit (Nector) of Hari's Naam with devout love.

***Santan sang nivas, sada chit lorhiye!!  
Manmukh dushta sangat, ton man morhiye!!***

Human being should have strong longing for seeking pious company of saints. One should prohibit one's mind from keeping company of atheists and wicked people.

***Manmukh chit kathor, pathar sam Janiye!!  
Bhijat nahan kabi, rahe vich paniye!!***

Mind of an atheist should be reckoned as hard like a stone. Just as a stone remains unaffected even when same is submerged under water, the same way an atheist does not change in the company of sages.

***Taji kathor ka sang, sada Gur sharan gahu!!  
Gur charnan me dhian, sada mukh Ram kahu!!***

Human beings should shun the company of arrogant and always seek shelter at the lotus feet of Guru (Saint). One should always focus one's mind at the lotus feet of Guru (Saint) and chant God's Naam with devotion.

***Nat pati sath preet, sada man kijiae!!  
Tan, man arpe tanh, sada sukh lijiae!!***

One should have abiding devout love with the husband God all the time. One is blessed with all comforts when he surrenders his body and mind before God.

***Nij pati sath preet, sai sohagani!!  
Pati bin aan na here, sa badi bhagni!!***

Human bride becomes blessed if she has deep affection for her husband God. No human bride can be fortunate sans blessings of her husband God.

***Jin dhan pati Parmeshvar, Janiyo hae sahi!!  
Sada suhagan naar, paiye dukh na kahi!!***

The human bride, who has the supreme treasure of God with her, is always blessed and she never suffers from any agony.

***Kahi Ravidass pukare, japiyo Naam doye!!  
Har kaaraj so ek, sada sukh mano doye!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says aloud that both husband and wife should practice devout meditation of God. Dedicated worship of God is a blessed deed and both the

husband and wife always enjoy all the comforts through devout chanting of God's Naam.

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**“Manglachar Dooja”  
(Second Invocatory Hymn)**

***Dooja bhao mitao, mangla doosra!!  
Ban, trin parbat, poor rahiyo, Prabh hoonsra!!***

Vanquishing duality from one's mind is the second Manglachar or invocation. God is manifest in all vegetation, holy places of pilgrimage, mountains and every where all over the universe.

***Ghat, ghat eko alakh, psara pasriya!!  
Gurmukh jane gian, na jane asria!!***

God is manifest in every one and all over the universe. A devout follower understands only the Brahmgyan or knowledge of the supreme God and nothing else.

***Sabh ghati pooran Brahm, Jani Gur payeke!!  
Rahe sada aanand, tas gun gayeke!!***

Human being learns after finding a perfect Guru (Saint) that God is manifest in every heart and all over the universe. One is always cheerful and ecstatic with singing of His paeans with devotion.

***Jo Har te be-mukh, sada dukh payi hae!!  
Manas janam aamol, biarth guayi hae!!***

Those, who have forgotten God, always suffer and waste their precious lives in futile endeavours.

***Gur bin lahe na dhir, pir bahu payi hae!!  
Lahe anadar sarb, thaour jaha jayi hae!!***

Human being cannot have peace and tranquillity sans Guru (Saint) and he has to endure immense suffering. Where ever one may go, he will not get respect if he ignores God.

***Jab Gur bhaiiae diyal, so charni laya!!  
Satgur kate bandhan, Naam japaya!!***

When Guru (Saint) is kind, he provides his devotee

extremely secure shelter and blessings at his lotus feet. Satguru very kindly relieves the devotee from all attachments and guides him on the path of devout meditation of God.

***Sadh sang pratap, sada sukh paiae!!  
Santan ke pratap, Naam Har dhiaiae!!***

Human being always enjoys all comforts because of blessings of sacred company of saints. One is able to practice devout meditation of God also with the blessings of saints.

***Santan ke pratap, pati Prabh paiye!!  
Milia attal suhag, viyog gavaiye!!***

Human bride or soul realizes her husband God with the blessings of saints and that ends her separation after uniting with eternal husband God permanently.

***Sangat ton aashirvad, is jorhiye!!  
Kahi Ravidass in sang, sada sukh lorhiye!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that any one, who seeks blessings of sacred congregation and practices devout meditation of God, is always blessed with all comforts.

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### **“Manglachar Tisra” (Third Invocatory Hymn)**

***Ral mil sakhian, mangal gaya teesra!!  
Sada japo Har Naam, na kabhoon beesra!!***

All the friendly girls chanted the third manglachar together. A human being, who always worships God with devotion, never forgets God.

***Satgur ke lag charan, sada Har gaiye!!  
Ridh, Sidh, nau nidh, sabhi kashhoo paiye!!***

Having secured the shelter at the lotus feet of Guru (Saint), one always sings paeans of God and he is blessed with all supernatural powers and nine types of precious treasures.

***Satgur ke prasad, attal suhag hae!!  
Satgur bhaiye diyal, tan jagio bhag hae!!***

One's soul secures eternal husband God with the

blessings of Satguru or true master. All of one's sins vanish after meeting the Satguru.

***Satgur darshan payi, mite agh sarb hi!!  
Paiyo sheel nidhan, mitaye garab hi!!***

All sins vanish after one meets Satguru. Arrogance comes to an end with the realization of supreme treasure of God's Naam.

***Rahiya na sansa mool, jinhi Gur paya!!  
Hirde bhaiya prakash agiyan mitaya!!***

Illusions of those who have realized Guru (Saint) also vanish from the roots. With the enlightenment of brilliance of God's Naam within, the darkness of ignorance disappears immediately.

***Bin Har Naam na saar, kashhoo sansar hae!!  
Har ka Naam dhiavae, bhav nidh paar hae!!***

No one takes care of human being in this world except God's Naam. Human soul crosses over Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like universe through devout meditation of God.

***Mangal mahan so mangal, Har Har Naam hae!!  
Aath pahir mukh japo, ihi shubh kaam hae!!***

Out of all manglachars, the greatest manglachar is Hari or God's Naam. The most sacred task is to chant Hari or God's Naam throughout the day or every moment.

***Sach Ravidass batave, Naam na shodiye!!  
Gur charnan me dhian, sada man jorhiye!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says the truth that "One should never abandon chanting of God's Naam and he should always concentrate complete attention of his mind at the lotus feet of Guru (Saint)."

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**“Manglachar Choutha”  
(Fourth Invocatory Hymn)**

***Mangal char aanand, sakhi mukh gaya!!  
Kaaraj bhaiya suhela Har, Har dhiaya!!***

One gets immense pleasure on singing of fourth manglachar. Human being is successful in accomplishing the real task i.e. realization of God with devout meditation of Hari or God's Naam.

***Dhan aur pir ki preet, bani ik saar hae!!  
Ghata, shata sam mili, meen jim vaar hae!!***

Human bride or soul develops such an abiding devotion and love with husband God as a fish loves water. A fish dies without water. Human being comprehends God everywhere after His devout meditation.

***Pir sang paye aanand, na dukh ki les hae!!  
Pati ki aagya me, jo rahe hamesh hae!!***

The human bride, who always abides by God's will, secures immense pleasure in her husband God's sacred company and all of her sufferings vanish.

***Pati Parmeshvar karke, jin dhann Janiya!!  
Sada sukhi bahu naar, sarb sukh maniya!!***

When human bride treats her husband God as supreme, then she enjoys every comfort and always remains happy and satisfied.

***Jin par Satgur dayal, sukhi bahu gaiye!!  
Mahima apar apaar, na kimat paiye!!***

The human being, who has blessings of Satguru, always sings paeans of glory of God with great pleasure. God's glory is beyond description and any price tag.

***Satgur ke sang, tere avar vi ketrhe!!  
Kar ke drirh preet, prem karo jetrhe!!***

When you have sacred company of Satguru, then everyone becomes your friend and well wisher. You must have deep abiding love and devotion for Satguru and also affection for all others.

***Kaaraj sabh hi poore, Satguru kar diye!!  
Poorab punn anek phal tis ab liye!!***

Satguru has very kindly blessed you with successful

completion of all of your tasks and you have been provided with fruits of your past good deeds.

***Jan Ravidass pias, sada Gur Naam ki!!  
Har sang rahe preet, ot ikk Naam ki!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that Human mind should always have strong longing for Satguru's Naam. One should always have devout love for God and seek shelter of His holy Naam.

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## **“Anmol Vachan”**

### **Precious Sermon**

***Pranvante pran gharhi, sohaie jiyo!!  
Prabh kirpa te aan, milaie jiyo!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O human being!! This is the blessed moment for making solemn promises. Coming together is the result of God's blessings”.

***Pran pranvante pran, dharan kijiyo!!  
Pran me ek Naam, so lijiyo!!***

O dear human being! Make such a solemn promise in your mind that you would practice devout meditation of God every moment with every breath.

***Pati ghar patni, ek rasayn jiyo!!  
Maat barhi, shoti sam bhaen jiyo!!***

The house of a husband looks bright and elegant with the presence of a learned wife. One should respect an elder lady like one's mother and have affection with younger ones like sisters.

***Pati Parmeshvar, sam nahin dev jiyo!!  
Poojan sevan sam, nahin mev jiyo!!***

Husband should be respected like God. There is no other deity greater than Him. One gets great blessings through His devout service.

***Pavan, agan, jal, jann hamraie jiyo!!  
Suraj, dhart, sangat, chann agvaie jiyo!!***

The air, fire and water are extremely helpful to human



beings. The companionship of the sun, earth and moon guides the human beings.

***Bahut janam vishrhat, viyog jiyo!!  
Surat shabad viyog, sanjog jiyo!!***

Human being has been suffering the pangs of separation from God for cycle of many births. This suffering, because of separation, ends only with the union of soul and Shabad or Naam through devout meditation of God.

***Pran karte, pran torh nibhao jiyo!!  
Lok kusang fark, nahi pao jiyo!!***

O friends with solemn promises! You must fulfil your promises with devout meditation of God. You should not create hindrances to fulfilment of your promises by seeking company of cunning people.

***Jan Ravidass nibhou sang, soie jiyo!!  
Gur kirpa te, prapat hoye jiyo!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that only God is the eternal benefactor of human being for ever. One can realize God only with the kind blessings of his revered Guru (Saint).

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## **Shalok**

***Har so hira shad ke karhi aan ki aas!!  
Te nar dojak jahinge satt bhakhae Ravidass!!***

Anyone, who hopes to attain eternal salvation through any means other than diamond like Naam or total devotion and devout meditation of God, will surely go to hell. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares this fact as an absolute & eternal truth.

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## **Sarv-Viapak Ram All Pervading God**

***Ravidass hamare Ram Ji Dashrath kari sut nanhi!  
Ram hami mahi rami rahiyo bisab kutambah manhi!!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "Ram, who's Naam I worship, is not the legendary Ram son of king Dashrath.

My Ram is omnipresent and all pervading. Such Ram is manifest in my mind as well as the entire fraternity all over the universe.”

***Ravidass hamaro Ram to sakal rahiyo bharpoor!  
Rom rom me rami rahiyo Ram masook na door!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “My God is manifest in each and every particle all over the universe. The husband or God is never away from his bride the devotee or dedicated soul.”

***Sarv viapak Ram hae nanh kou ik tham!!  
Satguru sahib sakha bhayo Ravidass hamaro Ram!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that God is omnipresent. He does not have any single fixed abode. With the blessings of Satguru, God becomes the true benefactor of human beings.

***Sarv nivasi Ram joo sabh ghat rahiyo samay!  
'Ravidass' Naam chakmak bina hak noor adristay!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that God is omnipresent and manifest in every heart all over the universe. However the brilliance of His true light cannot be seen or experienced until one purifies and brightens one's mind with the magnet of God's devout Naam. Human being cannot appreciate the brilliance of God's true Naam sans devout meditation of God.

***Sab ghat mera sanyian jalva rahiyo dikhaye!  
Ravidass nagar manhi ram rahiyo kabhu na it out jaye!!5!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “My lord God is omnipresent and evident in each heart and one can experience God's eternal divine manifestations every where. My Almighty God resides every where all over the entire universe and He cannot be alone to wander here and there.”

***Sab ghat mahin ram rahio Ravidass hamaro Ram!  
Soie boojhae Ram koon jo hoi Ram gulam!!6!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “My omnipresent God is manifest in all living beings of the universe. However only someone, who becomes a devout servant of Almighty, can

really understand the all pervading God.”

***Ghat ghat viapak Ram hae Ramahi boojhae koye!  
Ravidass boojhae soi Ram koon jou Ram sanehi hoye!!7!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “Even though God is all pervading, only some rare blessed human being can comprehend Him. Only very rare individuals, who have true love and devotion for God, really understand Him.”

***Ravidass haun Khalik dekhia sakal rahiyo bharpoor!  
Sabh disi dekhoun viapia Khalik ka hi noor!!8!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “I comprehend God to be manifest all over the universe and I see the brilliance of God spreading in all the directions.”

***Mukur manh parshai jion puhup madhe jion bas!!  
Teasou hi Srihar basae hirdae madhe Ravidass!!9!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that just as one can see own reflection in the mirror and flowers have fragrance, same way God is always manifest within the temple of everyone's mind.

***Ravidass peev ik sakal ghat bahar bhitar soi!  
Sabh dis dekhaou peev peev doosar nanhi koi!!10!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “Only my revered God is evident in every particle all over the universe. God is manifest within and all around every one. I visualize only God in all directions and there is none like God”.

***Ekae Brahm hae sakal mahi ar sakal Brahmah manhi!  
Ravidass Brahm sab besh mahi, Brahm bina kashoo  
nanhi!!11!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Only one God is manifest all over the universe and the entire universe is obvious in God. Whatever exists in this world is nothing but God. There is nothing except one God.”

***Gagan mandal pia roop son kot bhan ujiyar!  
Ravidass magan manua bhaiya pia nihar nihar!!12!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “The entire

universe is illuminated with the cosmic brilliance of God. The brightness of God far exceeds the light of millions of suns. I am ecstatic having seen the glimpse of God and my mind is focussed on His meditation”.

***'Ravidass' pia bin jagat manh sooni sej na koi!  
Jit dekhon tit pia kar pragat mojra hoi!!13!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that there is no space in the universe sans God and that God is manifesting every where all over the universe. Wherever I look, I see only God.

***Sabh nooran kar noor jou sabh tejan manh tej!  
'Ravidass' hamare peev kar sabh son adbhud sej!!14!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “My God is the brilliance of all sources of light. He brightens all illuminations and His brilliance is supreme. The place of my union with God, i.e. the temple of my soul bedecked with devout love for the Almighty, is the most luminous, unique, extremely comfortable and best of all bedsteads”.

***'Ravidass' jagat manh Ram sam, kou nanhi udar!  
Gani garib navaj Prabh deenan ke rakhvar!!15!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “There is none like my God who is always extremely generous and well wisher of one and all. God is exceptionally merciful, most affluent, as well as liberator and saviour of the poor.”

**Man Mandir Me Prabhu Vasda Hae  
(Every One's Mind is God's Abode)**

***Kabe ar Kailas manhi jih koon dhoondan janh!  
Ravidass piara Ram tou baeth raha man manh!!16!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys sacred preaching that “O human being! The benevolent God, in search of whom you visit Kaba and Kailas Mountain, is manifest in the temple of your mind. You must search for Him within yourself instead of roaming everywhere outside.”

***Bahar khojat ka firye ghat hi bhitar khoj!  
Ravidass unman sadhikar dekhahu pia koon oj!!17!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “O dear! Why do you keep searching for God outside? God is manifest within the temple of your mind. Therefore, you must look for God within yourself. When you sit in devout meditation and search for God within, then you will be able to visualize the brilliance of God after reaching the stage of turia avastha or eternal ecstasy”

***Ban khojai Pia na milahin, ban manh Pritam nanh!  
'Ravidass' Pia hae bas rahiyo, manav premanhi manh!!18!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that one cannot realize God while searching for Him in the wild because no one can find Him in the forests. God is manifest in every living being and hence one can realize Him through deep affection for His living beings.

***Ban khojan ka jaye re, Ram alopa nanh!  
Sarv Biapi Ram to, Ravidass sabhan kae manh!!19!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “O human being! Why should you search for God in the forests? God is not concealed in the woods. He is omnipresent and manifest in every one's mind.”

***Ragho Krisan Kareem Har Ram Rahim Khudaye!  
Ravidass more man bashin ka khojahoon ban jaye!!20!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “God is remembered by many names as Raghava, Krishna, Kareem, Hari, Ram, Rahim and Khuda etc. However all pervading God is manifest within my mind. There is no need to roam the forests in search of God. One should look for God within himself.”

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**Oankar Satnam**  
(God's Naam is the Eternal Truth)

***Oankar hae Satnam, aadi jugadi sabh satt!  
'Ravidass satt kahi samunhe, tikvae nanhi asatt!!21!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys through this pious sermon that there is only one God and Satnam is the Naam of God that is eternal and true from the very beginning and throughout times immemorial. Falsehood cannot hold ground

in front of the true God and illusory Maya has no effect in presence of Naam or devout meditation of God.

***Jau laun ghat manhi pran haen tau laun japou satnam!  
Ravidass parampad payehin jinh ghat basiyu Ram!!22!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “O human being! Worship God with devotion chanting Satnam as long as you are alive. By chanting Satnam, you will be able to realize God manifest within yourself and achieve the status of supreme eternal salvation.”

***Satt Ish kahun roop hae ta sakti ati apaar!  
Ravidass satt koon dharna daiehin paap nibar!!23!!***

Truth is one form of God and the truth has infinite power. All the one's sins vanish if he always adheres to the truth.

***Satt sakati son hot hae sabh papan ka nas!  
Badhira satt son bodh leyi satt bhakhae Ravidass!! 24!!***

Truth is a supreme power that banishes all sins. O deaf atheist! You should comprehend the truth and be always devoted to God for realization of enlightenment. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj emphasizes that what he states is the true fact.

***Ravidass satt ik Naam hae, aadi annt sach Naam!  
Hanan kareyie sabh paap tap, satt sukhan kar khan!!25!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that truth is only God's Naam. This is true Satnam since beginning to end. Truth banishes all vices and the three types of sufferings of human beings and the truth is a great treasure of comforts.

***Jinh nar satt tiagyia tinh jivan mirat samaan!  
Ravidass soie jivan bhala jahan sabh satt pardhan!!26!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “Whosoever abandons the truth is as good as dead while still living. Life of only such human being is fruitful who visualizes truth to be supreme all over and practices devout meditation of God.”

***Ravidass satt mat tiagiye jaun laun ghat manhi pran!  
Satt bhrisht kar jagat mahi sada hot apman!!27!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O dear! Never abandon truth as long as you are alive. One, who ditches the truth, always begets only insult in this world.

***Kaiym daiym Ram ik doyim satt iman!***

***Ravidass Ram ar satt bin birtha sabh kashu jaan!!28!!***

Only God is eternal forever and the only other permanent entities are truth and dharma. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that everything else should be treated as futile except God and truth.

***Ravidass satt kar aasre sada satt sukh paye !***

***Satt iman kahin shandiae jag jaye to jaye!!29!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that human being always enjoys true peace and tranquillity with the blessings of God. One should never abandon true dharma even if all living beings of the world get annoyed meaning that one should never abandon the path of truth.

***Ravidass satt mat shadiyae jaun laun ghat me praan!***

***Doosar kou dharm nanhi jag manhi satt samaan!! 30!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one should never abandon truth as long as he is alive. There is no other dharma (Religion) in the universe that is equal to truth.

***Antahkran anhou karhi tou manhu sabh satt!***

***Ravidass nij anhou manhi satt manhi janahin satt!!31!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that when one realizes God within his mind, then he gets enlightened about the supreme eternal truth. Thereafter, one secures that ultimate power manifest in truth with the self realization of God.

***Jahn andh vihsvas hae satt purakh tanh nanhi!***

***Ravidass satt soie Janihae jau anhou hoi man manhi!!32!!***

Whosoever suffers from blind faith, (superstitions) they cannot meet with God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that the real test of genuineness is the realization of the truth in one's mind.

***Jo nar satt na bhakhhin ar karahin vishvasghat!***

***Tinhahoon so kabhun bhulihin Ravidass na kijahi baat!!33!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that no one should be on talking terms with those who do not adhere to truth and cheat others.

***Jou nahin tha srist manhi sou hoyhi nanh!***

***Ravidass ist sarvat hae rahaie sristihin manh!! 34!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “If anyone assumes that God was non-existent at the time of beginning of this universe, then God cannot be present even now. However the revered God has been always there since the beginning. God is omnipresent even now and shall always be there eternally for ever.”

***Ravidass Madura ka pijiyae jo charhae charhae utraye!***

***Naam maharas pijiyae jau charhae nanhiutraye!!35!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to shun the futile intoxicants saying that “O dear! What is the use of drinking wine? Intoxicating effect of wine is short lived despite drinking repeatedly. We should savour the unique supreme amrit (Nector) of God's Naam that will lead us to eternal ecstasy for ever that never fades away.”

***Antarmukhi bhayi jou karhin satnam kar jaap!***

***Ravidass tinah saun bhajhuhin bhagahi tinhahu taap!!36!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “If one concentrates within and practices chanting of Satnam with devotion, he will be relieved of the three ills like deprivation, sickness and discord.”

***Irha Pingla Sukhmana bidh chakar pranayam!***

***Ravidass haun sabhahi shandiyon jabahi paihu satnam!!37!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that whosoever shuns the rituals involving Irha, Pingla & Sukhmana arteries as well as pranayam or rhythmic breathing and devotes himself to devout meditation chanting Satnam, he will surely realize God.

***Ik chinta satnam ki darsihu parm tatt!***

***Sahaj param bhagti bhayie Ravidass payihi Brahm satt!!38!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “I am



concerned with only devout meditation of Satnam that helps in uniting me with supreme God. Having reached such a stage of stable mind and devout concentration in meditation, I have been able to understand Parbrahm or eternal God.”

***Ravidass aradhahu dev koon ik man hoi dhar dhian!  
Aajapa jaap japat rahahu satnam satnam!!39!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O dear! Concentrate with focussed attention only on dedicated meditation of God. You will attain a stage of comprehension of voluntary and perpetual meditation of Satnam within through devout chanting of God's Satnam.”

***Ja dekhiya ghin upjae narak kund manhi baas!  
Prabhu bhagti son udhrae pragat jan Ravidass. !!40!!***

If mere sight of one's misdeeds provokes disdain, then such person is bound to go to hell. However devoted meditation of God banishes one's misdeeds and fetches divine blessings. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that such a devotee of God becomes well known throughout the universe.

***Har so hira shandi kae karae aan ki aas!  
Te nar jampuri janhige satt bhakhae Ravidass!!41!***

Whosoever abandons God's Naam, that is superior to the most precious diamond in the universe, and looks to someone else will go to hell. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj confirms that “What I say is absolutely true.”

***Ravidass manukh janam manh haun chintou Guru ek!  
Aadi ant jo satguru rakhae sabhan ki tek!!42!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “I worship only one God (Guru) throughout my human life. The eternal God omnipresent right from beginning till eternity is my Satguru and He is the savior of one and all.”

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## **Brahm Boond** **(Drop of God's Nector)**

***Ravidass lorae jis boond koon so boond samund samaan!  
Antar khoji koon milayi Brahm boond ko gian!!43!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys pious preaching to human beings that “O dear! The single drop of amrit (Nector) of God's Naam, you have been searching for , is equivalent to the vast and limitless ocean that is unfathomable. One can comprehend the knowledge about the drop of such amrit of eternal ecstasy only through dedicated search of God within.”

***Ik boond saun bujh gayie janam janam ki piyas!  
Janam maran bandhan tootayie bhaye Ravidass khlas!!44!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “Just one drop of Nector of God's Naam banishes thirst of human being since many cycles of birth and death, ends the bonds of repeated birth & death and leads to achievement of eternal salvation.”

***Amrit ras ik boond koon talfat haun din raen!  
'Ravidass' amiras bin piyae jiyra na pavae chaen!!45!!***

My mind has intense longing all the time day and night for a drop of Nector of eternal divine ecstasy. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Until I am blessed with a drop of that Nector, I can have no peace of mind and my mind will always be restless.”

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## **Ekae Mati Ke Sabh Bhande (God Created Everyone Equal)**

***Ekae mati ke sabh bhande ekau Sirjanhara!  
Ravidass viaypae ekau ghat bhitar ekae gharhae  
kumhara!!46!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Just as a potter makes pots of infinite shapes from same clay, same way God has created all living beings of the universe as equal with same five elements i.e. air, water, earth, fire and space. God is manifest in all living beings. Only one God has created every living being. Therefore all living creatures of the universe are equal like all humanity.”

***Ravidass upjayie ek boond te ka brahman ka sood!  
Moorakh jan na janayie sabh manhi Ram majood!! 47!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “All living beings

of the universe have their origin in one God even though some ignorant people distinguish them as Brahmins and Shoodra or downtrodden people. However such stupid persons do not understand that the Atman or soul representing the essence of God is manifest equally in each and every one. Therefore all living beings are absolutely equal.”

***Ravidass ek hi boond son sabh hi bhayo visthar!  
Moorakh haen jo karat haen baran abaran vichar!!48!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “The entire universe has been created out of one single drop as the entire universe is expansion of same God. Therefore all creatures are truly equal. However those, who differentiate between human beings as superior or inferior on the basis of castes like Brahmin, Kshatria, Vaesh, Shoodra, outcaste and ruffians etc; are indeed foolish”

***Ik jot te jou sabh upjaen tou ooch neech kis maan!  
Ravidass nam kat dharaen kahun ko naad bind hae samaan!!49!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “As all living beings have their origin in the same brilliance of God. Therefore why some of them should be treated as superior or inferior? Again, why are the human beings discriminated based on alleged superior or inferior race? All creatures are equal having originated from same sound and drop of nectar or God.”

***Ravidass ekae Brahm ka hoye rahiyo sagal pasar!  
Ekae mati sabh ghat srijae ekae sabh noon Sirjanhar!!50!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that only one God is manifest all over the universe. All pots are made of same clay meaning that all living beings of the universe are made of same five elements. The creator of all living beings is also one and the same God.

***Ravidass ek hi noor te jimi upjiyo sansar!  
Ouch-neeck kih bidh bhaye bahman ar chamar!!51!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that the origin of the entire universe is the brilliance of one God and same God is manifest in all living beings. Then how can one differentiate

between Brahmins and so called lower castes? In reality, all living beings of the universe are equal.

***Ravidass ek Brahm boond son sagal pasara jaan!  
Sabh oujjiyo ik boond son sabh hi ek samaan!!52!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O dear! You must understand that the origin of the entire universe is from the one particle of God. All living beings have their origin in the same light of God and therefore all creatures are absolutely equal.”

***Brahman ar chandal manhi Ravidass nahin antar jaan!  
Sabh manhi ek hi joti hae sabh ghat ek bhagwan!!53!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that no one should think of any difference between a Brahmin and an outcaste. One and the same brilliance of God is manifest in all living beings and God is manifest in every one.

***Ik najir son sabh koon dekhe srisit ka Sirjanhara!  
Sabh ghat viapak alakh Niranjan kahi Ravidass  
chamara!!54!!***

God, the creator of the universe, never favours anyone or discriminates against anyone. Glory of God is beyond description and God is never affected by the influence of Maya. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “Though I hail from so called chamar low caste, yet the equality of all human beings is the eternal truth that I have stated”

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**Sabh Mein Noor Hae Ek Prabhu Ka  
(Only One God is Manifest in Everyone)**

***Sabh mahi Ramahi jot ekahi Sarjanhara!  
Ravidass Ramahi sbahan me brahman hui ki chamara!!55!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that only one God is manifest in all living beings and same God has created all living beings. God is evident in all living beings irrespective of high caste like Brahmin or low caste like Shoodra and thus all human beings are absolutely equal

***Ravidass jo karta srisit ka vah to karta ek!***

***Sabh manhi jot saroop ik kahe kahoon anek!!56!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that there is only one God – the creator of entire universe and He is manifest in everyone. Therefore, how can there be many different divinities. Same one God is manifest in myriad forms throughout the universe.

***Ravidass haun dekhiya sodh kar Sahib bhekh anant!  
Ik atam ghat-ghat ramae sabh dis ekou Bhagwant!!57!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “I have come to the conclusion after serious deliberations that God has numerous forms and same one God is manifest in every individual. God is omnipresent all over everywhere in all the ten directions.”

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## **Ik Prabhu De Nam Anek (Only One God is known by Myriad Names)**

***Aadi ant jih kar nahin jih kar nam anant!  
Sabh kar palanhar hae Ravidass abigat Bhagwant!!58!!***

No one can ever know about the beginning and end of eternal God and He is known by many names. Same God feeds everyone and His glory is beyond description.

***Ravidass ek Jagdis kar dharae anantah nam!  
ore man me bas rahiyo adhiman paavan Ram!!59!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “People remember same one God with many names. My mind is the abode of Naam of such God who redeems me of all sins.”

***Ravidass hamaro sayian Raghav Ram Rahim!  
Sabh hi Ram ko roop hae Keso Krisan Karim!!60!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that God is our Lord who is also known as Raghava, Ram and Rahim. Same God is also remembered as Keso, Krishna and Karim etc.

***Ravidass kou Allah kahayi kou pukarai Ram!  
Keshav Krishan Karim sabh Madhou Mukandahu  
nam!!61!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that some people

address God as Allah and some others as Ram. God is also remembered as Krishna, Karim, Madho and Mukand etc.

***Sami Sirjanhar hae Ram Rahim Khudai!***

***Ravidass hamaro Mohana paavan Keso Rai!!62!!***

God alone is the creator of entire universe. People know Him by different names like Ram, Rahim and Khuda etc. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that our virtuous God banishes sins of sinners to make them pious with His blessings.

***Alakh Allah Khalik Khuda Krisan Karim Kartar!***

***Ramah nam anek haen kahi Ravidass bichar!!63!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “I have learnt after careful deliberations that God is known to people by many names like Alakh, Allah, Krishna, Karim, Kartar and Ram etc. Same one God has myriad names.”

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## **Sankat Me Sahara Prabhu**

**(Saviour God in Difficult Times)**

***Jab jab faelayie jagat manhi koor paap andhiyar!***

***Tab tab rakhae hath deylie Ravidass ik Ram hamar!!64!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “Whenever this world is threatened by evils like falsehood and sins and the dark clouds of such evils threaten mankind, then my all pervading God steps in to save this universe from evils like falsehood, betrayal and sins etc”.

***Ravidass aas ik Ram ki ar na karhu kou aas!***

***Ram shad auran ramihayin rahayin sada niras!!65!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “I have abiding faith in God and I never depend on anyone other than God. Those, who abandon God and worship other deities or goddesses, will always feel disappointed.”

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## **Prabhu Milan Di Jugati**

**(Way for Realization of God)**

***Mathae tilak hath jap mala jag thagne koon swang banaya!***

***Marg shandi kumarag dhahikae sanchi preet bin Ram napaya!!66!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching while warning against rituals that “If a person decorates his forehead with sandal paste and adorns his hand with a rosary only to disguise himself for cheating people, then he has strayed away from the righteous path to wander on the path of sin. He will never realize God through rituals sans true devotion to God.”

***Dehra ar masit manhi Ravidass na sees navanye!  
Jih laun sees nivavna so Thakur sabh thanye!!67!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “It is not necessary to bow one's head either in a temple or mosque for true meditation of God. While people assume presence of God in a temple or mosque and pay their obeisance, in reality that God or Khuda is omnipresent and manifest everywhere in one and all throughout the universe.”

***Ravidass na poojayi dehra aur na masjid jaye!  
Janh tanh Iss ka baas hae tanh tanh sees nivaye!!68!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “I neither pray for God sitting inside a temple nor I visit a mosque to pay my obeisance. Where ever I find God's abode, I pay my respects to Him. God is omnipresent and I see Him everywhere in all the directions.”

***Hindu poojai dehra musalman maseet!  
Ravidass poojaie Ram koon jih niranter preet!!69!!***

Hindus go to temples to worship God and Muslims chant their namaz or prayers inside the mosques. However Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “I worship one God with devotion who is manifest all over the universe and cannot be restricted within the confines of a temple or a mosque.”

***Prem panth ki palki Ravidass baethiyo aaye!  
Sache sami Milan kan aanand kahiyon na jaye!!70!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “I have boarded the palanquin of devotion to God and I cannot describe the supreme pleasure and eternal ecstasy of union with Almighty God.”

***Ravidass more man lagiyo Ram prem ko tir!  
Ram rasayin jou milhin tou harae hamari pir !!71!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “I have the sharp arrow of God's devotion in my mind meaning that I have extremely strong desire to meet my Lord. When I get the right medicine in the form of devout love for, then the immense suffering caused by separation vanishes.”

***Ka Mathura ka Dwarika ka Kasi Haridwar!  
Ravidass khoja dil aapna tou miliya dildar!!72!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that no one can comprehend God without devout affection & meditation even if he may pay obeisance at all places of pilgrimage like Mathura, Dwarika Kasi and Haridwar etc. When anyone looks for God within chanting His Naam with utmost devotion, only then he can really realize God.

***Turak maseeti Allah dhoondhayie Hindu dehre Ram gusanyie!  
Ravidass dhoondhia Ram Rahim koon janh maseet dehra nanhi!!73!!***

Muslims look for their Rahim in the mosque and Hindus search for Ram in temples. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “I have realized God from within where neither a mosque nor a temple exists.”

***Deta rahe hazar baras mulla chahe azan!  
Ravidass Khuda nah mil skayi jau laun man shaetan!!74!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Even if the mullah keeps chanting azan for thousands of years, he will never get divine enlightenment sans devout love for God. He cannot realize God until he banishes the Satan from within.”

***Jou Allah basahin masit manh mandir manh Bhagwan!  
Ravidass khojiyo dil aapno tinah paiyo Rahman!!75!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “If Khuda's or God's abode is mosque then why Bhagwan or God should not be present in a temple? There is only one God and He is



omnipresent. God is manifest in all living beings. When any one searches for God within, then he is able to realize Him.”

***Jo Khuda pasham basae tau poorab basat hae Ram!  
Ravidass sevaun jih tih ka thanv na nam!!76!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “If the abode of Khuda or God of Muslims is towards west direction or in Kaba, then Ram of Hindus resides in the east. However the God revered and worshiped by me does not have either a specific abode in west or east or any one definite name like Ram or Allah. God is omnipresent and manifest everywhere and He is known by infinite names.”

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## **Shabad-Surat Jab Mil Gaiye Amalgamation of Soul and Shabad**

***Surat Shabad jou ek hon tou paihan param anand!  
Ravidass antar deepak jarayie ghat upjadi Brahm  
anand!!77!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “When one chants God's Naam with devotion focusing total concentration in the tenth aperture and Surat and Shabad or soul and celestial sound amalgamate; then human being realizes celestial ecstasy. The everlasting lamp of Supreme ecstasy gets enlightened and one attains the eternal status of supreme ecstasy from within”.

***Ravidass sabdah sah jabahi sukhahi ikmik hoie!  
Anubhooti Satnam savayam detahin loie!!78!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “When devout chanting of God's Naam and deep concentration converge, then one experiences Satnam in that stage of profound meditation. Thereafter brilliance of God's enlightenment shines automatically.”

***Oankar ko dhian manhi jau laun surat na hoye!  
Tau laun sanche Brahm koon Ravidass na boojhyie  
koye!!79!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Until one achieves perfect concentration in devout meditation of God, he cannot comprehend the true God. Convergence of soul and

Shabad leads to realization of God. When one achieves perfect union of soul in meditation of God, then he is able to realize God.”

***Ravidass dia jagmag jarayie bin bati bin tel!  
Surat sadh kar hiya manhi dekh pia ke khel!!80!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “The lamp of God's Naam is glowing throughout the universe without any wick or oil. Focus your devout concentration in God's Naam to understand unique feats of God within yourself and experience the brilliance of light of God.”

***Ravidass surat koon sadhi kar Mohan son kar piar!  
Bhaujar kar sankat katanhi shutahi bighan bikar!!81!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “O human being! You should concentrate on devout meditation of God and have true abiding love and devotion to God. Your constant agony, because of repeated cycles of birth and death in this ocean like universe, will be over. All the hindrances hampering your way and your longing for worldly pleasures will be vanquished.”

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## **Jivan- Maran** (Life and Death)

***Jivan joti kaise jagahi kaise hoi ant!  
Ravidass manukh na janahi janat haen Bhagwant!!82!!***

How does the lamp of life lighten up and how is the same blown off or how does one get a human life and how will the same end? Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “No one sans God's Naam knows about this mystery and only God is aware of this enigma.”

***Ravidass janme kou haras ka marne kou ka sok!  
Bajigar ke khel koon samjhat nanhi lok!!83!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “What is the pleasure on someone's birth and grief on any one's death? Life and death is the game that the juggler God plays all the time. However the ignorant people do not understand this truth.”

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## **Soi Sadhu Bhalo**

### **A Great Saint**

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou jag mahin lipat na hoye!  
Gobind son racha rahayi ar janahi nahin koye!!84!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “The sage, who remains unattached with the worldly pleasures while living in this universe, is indeed very dignified. He always remains engrossed in devout meditation of God's Naam and he does not recognise anyone else in this world. He comprehends nothing but God in everyone.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jiou man abhiman na laye!  
Aguan shanrhi gun gahayi simrayi Govind Raye!!85!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “A noble saint never harbours arrogance in his mind and he shuns undesirable qualities. He keeps practicing devout meditation of God all the time cultivating virtuous instincts”.

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou rahayi sada nirbaer!  
Sukhdai samta gahyi sabhnah mangahi khaer!!86!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “A pious sage never has any enmity with anyone. He always longs for comforts an equality for everyone and he prays to God for welfare of one and all.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou apan na jataye!  
Sativadi sancha rahayi man Har charnan manh laye!!87!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “A truly noble and truthful saint is one who shuns his own praise and always eulogises God's glory with devotion. He always keeps his mind focused at the lotus feet of God.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jih man nirmal hoye!  
Ram bhajahi vishya tajahi mith bhashi na hoye!!88!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “A sage is dignified if his mind is uninfluenced by Maya. Such a saint shuns human vices and always keeps himself busy in devout meditation of God. He remains aloof from this futile world and never tells a lie.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou janahi par pir!  
Paar pira kahun pekh ke rahve sadhi adhir!!89!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “A saint, who understands other's agony, is really noble. He becomes restless on seeing any one in pain and he is always very keen to end sufferings of others.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jo par upkar kamaye!  
Joi joi kahahi vaisoie karahi aapa nanhi jataye!!90!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “A sage who always helps others is a dignified saint. He practices what he preaches and he never indulges in exhibitionism. He is the true saint.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jo nihkapat nirpachh!  
Shamasil ar saral manah bahar bhitar swachh!!91!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “A saint who does not harbour any guile in his mind and never discriminates, is indeed gracious. He is always forgiving, extremely simple and pure both in internal thoughts and actual deeds.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo nirmal jake baen!  
Jih kari daras aau paras son man upjahi sukh chaen!!92!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “A saint who speaks in pious soothing words is noble. One realizes true and lasting pleasure just by having a glimpse and bowing with devotion at the lotus feet of such a sage.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou hansa gat hoye!  
Kaam karam sabh shandi kar Ram bhajan me khoye!!93!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Such a saint is dignified who conducts himself like a swan. Swan feeds on selected pearls and diamonds in Mansarovar and it has the capacity to separate milk from water. Likewise a true saint acquires the supreme pearl in the form of eternal pleasure in meditation of God. He shuns falsehood and always devotes himself to dedicated worship of God.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jih man basayi Jagdis!  
Rahai ot Oankar ki buro bhalo sahayi sees!!94!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Only that saint is gracious who always depends upon only one God. He remains engrossed in devout meditation of God ignoring all scorn even if someone scolds him.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jo manah dokh mitaye!  
Our manh aap na thapayi trisna aas jalaye!!95!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “A noble sage is one who banishes the lust for worldly pleasures and banishes arrogance from his mind. He is always busy in devout meditation of God after getting rid of all desires.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jo Sahib hath bikaye!  
Sahib bhent charhan kou apnah sees kataye!!96!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “A saint who has surrendered everything to God is dignified. He dedicates his head at the lotus feet of God and surrenders himself before God.”

***Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jih man nanhi abhiman!  
Haras sok janaie nahin sukh dukh ek samaan!!97!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “A saint, who has no pride in his mind, is gracious. He does not experience any delight or sorrow. He treats pleasure or pain as equal and always remains preoccupied with devout meditation of God.”

***Ravidass kahae jake ridae rahae raen din Ram!  
So bhagta Bhagvant sam krodh na biyapae kaam!!98!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Such a devotee who adores God in his mind day and night all the time is equivalent to God and he is not bothered by anger and futile worldly pleasures.”

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**Kirat Kamai Karde Hoye Parmatma Da Simran Karna  
Devout Meditation of God with Honest Hard Work**

***Jihva son Oankar jap hathan son kar kaar!  
Ram milanhi ghar aayi kar kahi Ravidass bichar!!99!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings that “They should strive to earn an honest livelihood.” He further

preaches them to keep chanting Naam of God with devotion and work hard with their hands. This way one can realize God within the frame of this body. "I am saying this truth after careful thinking."

***Nek kamai jou karahi grih taj ban nahi jaye!***

***Ravidass hamaro Ram Raye grih manhi milihi aaye!!100!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that "One, who does not abandon his house to go to the forests in search of God but keeps searching for God within while pursuing an honest living, is able to meet my God within his house i.e. within himself."

***Grahih rahahu satt karam karahu hardam chintahu Oankar!***

***Ravidass hamaro bandhla hayi keval Naam aadhar!!101!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that "Any one, who pursues pious deeds and always remembers God, ultimately realizes the blessings of God's Naam enabling him to cross over this unfathomable ocean like universe."

***Ek bharoso Ram ko ar bharose satt kaar!***

***Safal hoyihu jivana kahi Ravidass bichar!!102!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that "First of all, I have full faith in God and secondly I always believe in earning and living by honest means. This has ensured that my rare human life has been fruitful. I say this after careful deliberations."

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## **Nishkam Karam**

**(Duty without Selfish Motives)**

***Karam bandhan manh rami rahayo phal ki tajiyo aas!***

***Karam manukh ko dharam hae satt bhakhae Ravidass!!103!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "Human being remains engrossed in his routine affairs with strong desire to reap the fruit of his work. He never works with a self less motive .However regular pursuit of noble deeds is the real dharma. I say this after careful thinking."

***Sau baras laun jagat manhi jivat rahi karu kaam!  
Ravidass karam hi dharm hae karam karhu nihkam!!104!!***

Even if one has the privilege of living for hundred years in this world, he must relentlessly pursue noble deeds. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that honest work itself is the human religion. Hence people should work without longing for rewards for same.

***Dharm hetahin kijiye sau baras laun kaar!  
Ravidass karamahi dharm hae phal manhi nahin  
adhikar!!105!!***

Human beings should pursue noble deeds as per religion throughout even during hundred years of life. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “Doing one's duty is the noble religion. However one should not yearn for fruit of such gracious deeds.”

***Dharam samujh jo kaar hoyi uh kar phal hoyie ist!  
Ravidass kou vi karam phal hohi nanhi anist!!106!!***

Anyone who pursues selfless gracious deeds as religion is surely rewarded with choicest fruits. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that anything done without yearning for fruits is never wasted and gets rewarded.

***Ravidass manukh kar dharm hae karam karae din raat!  
Karamanhi phal pawna nahin kahu ke haath!!107!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that relentless pursuit of noble deeds is the real human religion. One must understand this truth gracefully that the results of one's endeavours are not under his control but same are dictated by God's will.

***Parkirti parbhao bas manukh karat hae kaar!  
Manukh tou hae nimit roop kahi Ravidass bichar!!108!!***

Human beings work under the influence of nature. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that the very purpose of human birth in this universe is for performing one's duty.

***Karman hi parbhao taj nihkarmi hoyi kar kaam!  
Ravidass nihkarmi karam hi mel karaye Ram!!109!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Human beings

should shun evil deeds and pursue noble endeavours without longing for fruit. Selfless pursuit of gracious actions leads one to realization of God.

***Sukh dukh hani labh kou jou samjhahi ik samaan!  
Ravidass tinhahin janiye jogi purakh sujan!!110!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “Only such an individual, who practices devout meditation of God while treating all the pleasure and pain as well as profit and loss etc. as equal; should be reckoned as a learned and enlightened yogi”.

***Karam jog ki sadh son Atamram sudh hoye!  
Ravidass bijeta so bhaiya karam karae jo koye!!111!!***

A yogi, who worships God with devotion, while pursuing his normal gracious endeavours, is able to comprehend God manifest within everyone. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “One who realizes God while pursuing noble deeds is the real winner.”

***Sadhak bhanti jog jugat karam karhu Ravidass!  
Dharam bodhi kijahu karam phal ki tiyagahu aas!!112!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one must pursue noble deeds treating same as true religion like a dedicated follower. He should shun the aspiration for rewards while pursuing noble deeds with enlightenment of religion.

***Raag dvesh koon shandi kar nihkaram karhu re meet!  
Sukh dukh sabh manhi thir rahin Ravidass sada man  
meet!!113!!***

O dear friend! You should shun discrimination and pursue noble deeds without longing for fruit. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “If you practice devout meditation of God with stable mind while pursuing dignified endeavours sans longing for rewards; then your mind shall always be your true friend.”

***Jihva bhajae Harinam nit hath karanhi nit kaam!  
Ravidass bhaiye nihchint ham mam chint karaenge  
Ram!!114!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Any living



being, who earns his living while working honestly and worships God with utmost devotion all the time, is absolutely free of worries as God takes his complete care.”

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## **Nek Kamai** (Honest Livelihood)

***Ravidass sram kar khayihi jaun lon paar basaye!  
Nek kamai jou karayi kabhoon na nihphal jaye!!115!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “One must earn livelihood through honest hard work that is always fruitful. Hard earned riches, obtained by anyone through truthful means, never go waste.”

***Sram kou Isar jani kae jo poojahi din raen!  
Ravidass tinhahi sansaar manh sada milahi sukh  
chaen!!116!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “One, who worships God with devotion and works day and night diligently for honest living treating same as veneration of God, always enjoys everlasting peace and tranquillity in this world.”

***Ravidass haun nij hathahin rakhon rambi aar!  
Sukrit hi mam dharm hae taraega bhav paar!!117!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “I always keep tools for making leather shoes in my hands for earning gracious livelihood while I practice devout meditation of God all the time. As working honestly is my religion and I have already crossed over the Bhavsagar or vast ocean like universe because of this.”

***Prabhu bhagti sram sadhna jag manh jinhahin pas!  
Tinhahin jivan safal bhayo satt bhakhae Ravidass!!118!!***

The rare human life of anyone, who is blessed with devout meditation of God and culture of honest hard work, is indeed fruitful. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj elaborates that he is telling this factual truth.

***Dharm karam dui ek haen samajhi lehu man manhi!  
Dharm bina jau karam hae Ravidass na sukh tis manhi!!119!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “O dear friend! You must appreciate the fact that the religion and your actions consistent with religion are equivalent. However, there cannot be anything to rejoice in your pursuits inconsistent with religion. Therefore human being should strive to make his rare human life most fruitful through pious deeds and devout meditation of God”.

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## **Jaat - Paat Da Khandan** **(Critique of Caste System)**

***Janam jaat mat pooshiye ka jaat ar paat!***  
***Ravidass poot sabh Prabhu ke kou nahin jaat- ujat!!120!!***

All living beings of the universe are equal. Therefore no one should ask for the caste of anyone else as the human soul has no relationship with any caste. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that all living beings of the universe have been created equal by God. Hence no one can be deemed to hale from the so called upper or lower caste.

***Jaat paat ke fer manhi urajhi rahayi sabh log!***  
***Manukhta koon khaat hayi Ravidass jaat kar rog!!121!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “People are caught in the web of racism because of ignorance. Discrimination based on is a curse for human race and the people of this word are divided on caste considerations”.

***Janam jaat koon shandi kar karni jaat pardhan!***  
***Ihiyaun sacha dharm hae kahe Ravidass bakhan!!122!!***

The practice of determination because of one's caste based on birth should be abandoned because human deeds are most important. A human being is superior only because of his noble deeds. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that the true religion recognises supremacy of an individual based on noble deeds and not on birth related caste.

***Bahman khatri baes sood Ravidass janam te nanhi!***  
***Jau chahayi subaran kou pavayie karman manhi!!123!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “No one can be

treated as a Brahmin, Kshatria, Vaishya or Trader and Shoodra or low caste based on birth. But dignified is one who always pursues noble deeds”.

***Bed parhyie pundit baniyo ganthi panhi tou chamar!  
Ravidass manukh ek hai nam dharae hain char!!124!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “One, who studies the Vedas, is known as a pundit and another who stitches shoes is called a chamar or cobbler in this world. In reality, all human beings are absolutely equal in all respects but unfortunately the enemies of humanity have divided people into four categories.”

***Neech neech kar marhin janat nanhi nadan!  
Sabh ka Sirjanhar hae Ravidass ekae Bhagwan!!125!!***

Ignorant individuals torture innocent under-privileged people and insult them. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “Those, who do not understand that the creator of all living beings is only one God, are indeed ignorant.”

***Ravidass janam ke karne hot na kou neech!  
Nar koon neech kari dari hae oshe karam ki keech!!126!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “No one can be treated as a low caste based on his birth in a so called lower caste. In reality one is ignoble only because of his bad deeds. Anyone who is smeared with the mud of misdeeds is a low caste”.

***Ravidass jaat mat pooshayi ka jaat ka paat!  
Bahman khatri baes sood sabhan ki ik jaat!!127!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O fellow human beings of this world! Why do you inquire about one's caste? Because differentiation based on caste is futile as Brahmins, Kshatrias, Vaishyas or Traders and Shoodras belong to one and the same caste of humanity.”

***Jaat jaat me jaat hae jayon kelan me paat!  
Ravidass na manukh jurh sakaen jaun laun jaat na jaat!!128!!***

There are many clans in human race just like multiple layers of leaves in a banana plant. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “Human beings cannot achieve equality till discrimination based on caste and creed does not come to an end. Therefore we must put an end to racism.”

***Ravidass brahman mat poojiye jo hovae gunhin!  
Poojahin charan chandal ke jou hovae gun parvin!!129!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “A Brahmin sans knowledge deserves no reverence. However even a ruffian with noble qualities should be venerated meaning that anyone with pious noble deeds is worthy of worship.”

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## **Ooncha Kaun Ate Nevan Kaun ? (Who is Superior or Inferior?)**

***Ravidass sukarman karan son neech oonch ho jaye!  
Karayi kukarm jaun oonch vi tau maha neech  
kahilaye!!130!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches through his pious sermon that “No one can be treated as superior or inferior based on caste. It is the quality of one's endeavours that determines whether he is a dignified or ignoble individual. While people treat someone as a downtrodden based on his birth in a particular community because of ignorance, he emerges as a dignified person because of his noble deeds. If one borne in a so called higher caste lives on misdeeds, then he is indeed an ignoble person.”

***Daya dharm jin me nahin hirdae paap ko keech!  
Ravidass tinhahin Jani ho maha paatki neech!!131!!***

Those who shun virtues like mercy and religion have their minds full of sin. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that such persons are indeed grave sinners and undignified.

***Jinh kari hiradae satt basayi panch dokh tin nanhi!  
Ravidass tau nar ooch bhaye samajh lehu man manhi!!132!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advises that “O dear brother! You must understand the reality that only those people

are superior in this world that shun five evil vices and adorn their hearts with truth.”

***Panch dokh taji jo rahayi sant charan lav leen!  
Ravidass te nar janayie onchah ar kuleen!!133!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Only such a person can be treated as dignified and superior who shuns the five evil human weaknesses and focuses his concentration at the lotus feet of saints or cultivates true love and devotion for saints.”

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## **Brahman Kaun? (Who is a Brahmin?)**

***Ouche kul ke kaarne brahman koy na hoye!  
Jou janhi Brahm Atma Ravidass brahman soye!!134!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “No one in this world is Brahmin (learned and superior) because of birth or caste and none can claim to be Brahmin simply because of his birth in a so called higher caste. A real Brahmin is one who comprehends God as manifest in all living beings.”

***Kaam krodh mad lobh taji karayi dharm ki kar!  
Soie bahman Janihi kahi Ravidass vichar!!135!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “Anyone, who abandons lust, anger, greed and arrogance and pursues his endeavours in accordance with religion, is respected as a true Brahmin in the world.”

***Ravidass jo veta Brahm ka soi brahman jan!  
Brahm na jou janahi tou na brahman man!!136!!***

One who has succeeded in knowing God is indeed a Brahmin in this world. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “One, who does not understand God, is not a Brahmin. Therefore no one in this world can be a Brahmin just based on his birth.”

***Dharam karam janae nahin man manh jaat abhiman!  
Aesou brahman son bhalon Ravidass sramak hun jan!!137!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “One who earns his livelihood through honest hard work must be treated as far superior to anyone who is born in a Brahmin family but does not know how to pursue noble deeds as per religion and cultivates futile pride in his caste based on birth”.

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## **Kshatri Kaun?** **(Who is a Kshatria?)**

***Deen dukhi ke het jou varae apne pran!***  
***Ravidass uh nar soor kaun sancha shatri jan !!138!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “No one can be a Kshatria or valiant only based on his birth and caste. One has to be a Kshatria based on his brave deeds. Only such a brave and valiant person, who sacrifices his own life in protecting the downtrodden and weaker sections of society, is a true Kshatria”.

***Ang ang katvayihi jou dinan kar het!***  
***Ravidass shatri soi Janiyae jo shadae nanhi khet!!139!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “One, who never leaves the battlefield even after loss of his limbs while fighting for the poor and oppressed, should be deemed as a true Kshatria.”

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## **Vaish Kaun?** **(Who is a Vaishya or Trader?)**

***Ravidass vais soi janiye jo satt kaar kamaye!***  
***Punn kamayi sada lahae lorae sarbat sukhaye!!140!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “No one is Vaish because of birth or caste. One, who pursues truthful trading and earns his living by honest means and prays for everyone's prosperity, should be deemed to be a true Vaish.”

***Sanchi hati baeth kar sauda sancha deyi!***  
***Takrhi tolae sach ki Ravidass vaes hae soyi!!141!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “One, who runs his business based on truth, conducts his business honestly and evaluates everything truthfully, is a real Vaish.”

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## **Shoodra Kaun? (Who is a Shoodra?)**

***Ravidass jou ati pavit hae soi soodar jan!***

***Jou kukarmi asudh jan tinhen na shoodar man!!142!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious sermon that “One, who leads an extremely pious life, should be reckoned as Shoodra or pure. One, who indulges in wrong deeds and leads an immoral life should not be treated as Shoodra or pious.”

***Harijan kari seva lagae man ahankar na rakhae!***

***Ravidass sood soi dhann hae jo asatt bachan na bhakhae!!143!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “Such a pious person, who understands God, devotes himself to service of humanity, shuns arrogance and never tells lies, deserves sincere gratitude of every one even if he may hail from so called Shoodra community.”

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## **Mandir Masjid Ek Hae (Temple and Mosque are One)**

***Mandir masjid doou ek hae in manh antar nanhi!***

***Ravidass Ram Rahman ka jhagra kou nanhi!!144!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “the temple and the mosque are one and the same. There is no difference in them except for names. There is no quarrel whatsoever between Ram and Rahman. Therefore both the temple and mosque are places for God's worship. Both Ram and Rahman are names of same one God.”

***Ravidass hamaro Ram joie soie hae Rahman!***

***Kaba Kashi Janiyahi doou ek samaan!!145!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “My all pervading Ram Himself is Rahman. Kabah is sacred for Muslims and Kashi is revered by Hindus and both are equal. Therefore, there should be no discrimination”.

***Masjid son kashu ghin nahin mandir son nahi piar!***

***Dou manh Allah Ram nahin kahi Ravidass chamar!!146!!***

I do not have any hatred for a mosque or any liking for a temple and both are equal for me. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that Ram or Allah is not confined within a temple or a mosque as God is omnipresent and all pervading.

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## **Hindu-Musalman Ek Hae (Hindus and Muslims are One)**

***Musalman son dosti hinduan son kar preet!***

***Ravidass joti sabh Ram ki sabh haen apne meet!!147!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the holy sermon that “All living beings are equal and hence everyone should live together cordially. One should have friendship with Muslims and love for Hindus. All human beings should live happily together with mutual love and affection because only one God is manifest in all living beings and each and every one is a friend.”

***Jab sabh kari doou hath pag doou naen doou kan!***

***Ravidass prathak kaise bhaye Hindu-Musalman!!148!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O dear brother! All human beings have same limbs i.e. two hands, two feet, two eyes and two ears. Then how can these human beings with similar limbs be different from one another? Everyone is equal whether one is a Hindu or a Muslim.”

***Ravidass pekhiya sodh kari aadam sabhi samaan!***

***Hindu Musalman kou shrishta ek Bhagwan!!149!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “It is well understood, after very careful analysis, that all living beings are equal as the creator of everyone is same one God irrespective of anyone being a Hindu or Muslim.”

***Kahan sunan koon dui kari khalik kiyon tamasa!***

***Hindu turak doou ek hae satt bhakhae Ravidass!!150!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “Even though people think Hindus and Muslims to be different but in reality the creation of this universe is a unique stage show of God.



Therefore all human beings are equal whether any one may be a Hindu or Muslim.”

***Ravidass kangan kanak manhi jimi antar kashu nanhi!  
Taesou hi antar nanhi hinduan turkan manhi!!151!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that just as there is no difference between gold and ornaments made of gold, likewise there is no distinction between Hindus and Muslims.

***Hindu turak manhi bhed nanhi sabh me ek ratt ar masa!  
Dou ekah dooja ko nanhi pekhiyo sodh Ravidassa!!152!!***

There is no difference between Hindus and Muslims and both have similar blood and flesh. Both are equal and there is no distinction whatsoever. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “I say this after very careful deliberation.”

***Hindu turak me nahin bhed dui aayhu ik dwar!  
Pran pind lohu ikayi kahi Ravidass bichar!!153!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “There is no distinction between a Hindu and a Muslim as both are born the same way. The body, blood and flesh of both are similar.”

***Ravidass upjayi ik noor te brahman mulla sekh!  
Sabh ko karta ek hae sabh kun ek hi pekh!!154!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “All of the living beings have originated from the same brilliance of God irrespective of one being Hindu, Mullah or Sheikh. The creator of everyone is same one God. Therefore everyone must see same one God to be manifest in one and all.”

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## **Sacha Soorvir (The True Valiant)**

***Ravidass soi soora bhala jou larae dharam ke het!  
Ang ang kat bhuin girae tou na sharhae khet!!155!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “A true valiant is one who fights for the sake of religion. Even if he loses his limbs and falls on the ground, such a brave warrior never abandons the battlefield and keeps fighting till his last breath.”

***Dharam het sangram manh jau kou kataye sis!  
So jivan safla bhaya Ravidass milhi Jagdis!!156!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “The life of a warrior, who sacrifices his head while fighting in the battlefield, is truly fruitful. He surely realizes God.”

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### **Satt-Bachan (Truthful Discourse)**

***Bachan gaiyo nah aat hae sees kata fir aaye!  
Ravidass bachan koon rakhiye sir jaihi tou jaye!!157!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious sermon that “Human beings must always tell the truth. If the head gets severed once it cannot be rejoined. Likewise, any words once spoken can not be retracted. Therefore, one should always abide by truth even if he has to sacrifice his head.”

***Ravidass bachan jau de diyau vah na jane paye!  
Bachan harae ko jagat manhi kashu na ses rahaye!!158!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “Any human being who makes a promise must certainly fulfil same. However anyone, who does not keep his promise, squanders away all respect & credibility and nothing is left behind with him.”

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### **Vashnawan Da Tiyag (Discarding Lust)**

***Satt santokh ar sadachar jivan ko aadhar!  
Ravidass bhaye nar devate jin tiyag panch bikar!!159!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “Human being must always adopt truthfulness, satisfaction and dignified behaviour as the basis of his life. Those who adopt these principles and abandon the five human vices become noble souls.”

***Jo bas rakhae indriyan sukh dukh samajhi samaan!  
Sou amrit pad paiygo kahi Ravidass bakhan!!160!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Such human beings, who exercise control over their work and sense organs and lead a life treating pleasure and pain as equal, realize the ultimate supreme stage through devout meditation of God.”

***Budhi ar bibekahin jou rakhan chahau pas!  
Indriyan sang nirat kau taji dehu Ravidass!!161!!***

If anyone wants to be wise and enlightened, he must exercise full control over his body and sense organs. Anyone, who dances to the tune of these organs or obeys their dictates, loses all of his assets.

***Ravidass ichhayen aapuni bhogan se rakh door!  
Man budh rahanhi shant nit ghat manhi rahivae noor!!162!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj elaborates that “Mind and intellect of anyone, who exercises control over his desires & longings and does not permit his body and sense organs to be engulfed by the lust of futile pursuit of worldly distractions, remain always calm and poised and his body glow remains intact.”

***Kurme bhanti jou rahahin man indrian Ravidass!  
Shant rahayi nit Atma rahahi atam bisas!!163!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “The soul of any human being, who prevents his mind and work/sense organs from external orientation and keeps them under control & retracted inwards like a tortoise while searching for God within, remains always at peace and his self confidence grows constantly.”

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## **Santokh Ate Tiag** (Contentment and Sacrifice)

***Jo kou lorae param sukh tou rakhae man santokh!  
Ravidass jahan santokh hae tahan na lagae dosh!!164!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious sermon to all human beings that “Anyone, who craves for eternal solace, must adorn his mind with contentment. None of the vices can stay with anyone who beautifies his mind with contentment.”

***Dhan sanchay dukh det hae dhan tiyage sukh hoye!  
Ravidass seekh Gurdev ki dhan mat jore koye!!165!!***

One, who remains oblivious of God and preoccupied with accumulation of wealth, always ends up in misery. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Gurdev God ordains people not to remain busy with pursuit of riches only.”

***Sacha sukh satt dharm manhi dhan sanchay sukh nanhi!  
Dhan sanchay dukh khan hae Ravidass samujhi man  
manhi!!166!!***

Human beings must understand that the true pleasure is in adherence to dharma and not in single minded pursuit of riches. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advises that “O dear human being! You must bear in mind that preoccupation with accumulation of wealth is a minefield of suffering.”

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## **Sukh-Dukh** (Ecstasy and Agony)

***Sukh sarita manh boorhi kar soojh boojh mat khoye!  
Dukh ki badri pekh kae Ravidass na dijiye roye!!167!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings never to be oblivious of God even while enjoying the worldly pleasures. One should not abandon wisdom and discretion stepping in the river of futile worldly pleasures. Likewise one should not give up and start crying in the face of endless diversities because both ecstasy and agony are part of human life.

***Sukh dukh sam kar janhu tou dukhah sukh hoye!  
Ravidass jo sukhanhi dukh kahae tou sukh bhi dukh  
hoye!!168!!***

When one treats both pleasure and pain as equal, then he experiences delight even in diversity. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advises that “One, who pretends to be suffering from agony while leading a joyful life, turns his pleasures also into pain and agony. He experiences pain even in pleasure.”

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## **Sacha Prem**

(True Love)

***'Ravidass' prem nahi ship sakayie, lakh shipaye koye!  
Prem na mukh kholae kabhoun naen det haen roye!!169!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “True love can never be however hard one may try. The ecstasy of true love is beyond description in words. True love emerges from one's eyes in the form of droplets of nectar of joy.”

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## **Shresht Marg**

(The Superior Path)

***Ravidass sada hi rakhiye man manhi sahaj subhao!  
Rakhe nahin kupanth pag jau loraun sukh chao!!170!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to follow the superior path of devout meditation of God and that one must always effortlessly adorn his mind with supreme God's Naam. One, who longs for supreme eternal ecstasy, should never tread the path of sin.

***Jo jan dushat kumargi baithahi nahin tinh pas!  
Jo jan sant sumargi tin paye lago Ravidass!!171!!***

One should never keep company of those who are ill tempered and tread the path of sins. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “One should always seek shelter at the lotus feet of such saints who worship God with devotion and prompt fellow humans to practice devout meditation of God”

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## **Begampura Vatan**

(Begampura - the Celestial Abode)

***Ravidass ju hae Begampura ouh pooran sukh dham!  
Dukh andoh ar dvesh bhav nanhi basahin tihi tham!!172!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “Begampura is the celestial state when human being amalgamates with God through His devout meditation. Having reached there, one enjoys the supreme pleasure of eternal ecstasy of God without any kind of pain, agony or discrimination and everyone is free of grief.”

### ***Second explanation***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj has enunciated the pious framework for establishment of one universal country Begampura covering the entire world. All citizens of this Begampura should be free from grief of discrimination and everyone should live happily together enjoying absolute comfort. No one should suffer from pain of any kind of discrimination or sorrow and none should be treated as a second class citizen.

***Ravidass manukh kari basan koon sukh kar hae dui thanv!  
Ik sukh hae sav-raj manhi doosar marghat ganv!!173!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj highlights the utmost need for establishment of such a universal democratic republic where everyone enjoys complete human rights. One can enjoy all human comforts in this universe only at two places. First is the democratic republic with complete self governance and equal human rights for each and every citizen. One, living peacefully in such a republic, can make his rare human life fruitful through devout meditation of God. And the second one is an opportunity for a human being to enjoy eternal tranquillity both while living in this world and after death by making his life fruitful through devout meditation of God.

***Aisa chahoon raj maen jahan milae sabhan kau ann!  
Shot-barhe sabh sam basae Ravidass rahe prasann!!174!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “I want the establishment of such a republic where all living beings enjoy equal human rights and all basic human needs are fulfilled. Everyone must have adequate nourishing food and no one should ever remain hungry. There should be no distinction whatsoever of high or low and everyone is an equal citizen. I shall be ever delighted to witness such a republic.”

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**Sachi Sewa  
(True Service)**

***Man manhi satt santokh rakhahu sabh kari seva lag!  
Seva sabh kashu det hae Ravidass sewanhi mat tiag!!175!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches true service to humanity and that one should always remain contented and serve everyone. One is blessed with all comforts because of dedicated service. Therefore no one should ever shun serving the humanity.

***dukhi kar sev manhi lag rahiyo Ravidass!  
Nis basar ki seva saun Prabhu milan ki aas!!176!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Human being must remain dedicated to the service of humanity. Because of such service rendered day and night; aspiration of meeting God arises in one's mind.”

***Dhuan tapan manhi ka dhara dhoom tapan hi tiag!  
Ravidass milihae mokh dham seva hi tap aag!!177!!***

There is no use of any penance after lighting a fire sans devout love for God and humanity in one's mind. Therefore one should abandon such sacrament. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Human being attains eternal salvation through dignified penance in the form of devoted service to humanity.”

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## **Sacha Updesh (True Sermon)**

***Ravidass raat na soiye divas na kariye swad!  
Ah-nis Har Ji sumiriye shandi sakal prativad!!178!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys sacred sermon that “Human being should not waste entire night sleeping and spend day time catering to his tastes. Instead, one must shun all futile debate & preoccupation with worldly affairs and concentrate on devout meditation of God day and night thereby making his rare human life fruitful.”

***Ravidass toon kanvach fali tujhe na shivae koye!  
Taen nij Naam na Janiyan bhala kahan te hoye!!179!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “If you do not worship God with devotion, then your life is like the pod of Kaunch (Mutuna pruriens) plant. One feels strong burning sensation after getting in touch with pod of Kaunch. Likewise one gets spoilt after overlooking God and no one likes to touch

such a person just like avoiding the pod of Kaunch. O dear! You have not been able to comprehend your own self; then how can you expect your liberation? Human life is futile sans dedicated devotion to God's Naam.”

***Antar gat ranchae nahin bahar karae ujas!***

***Te nar jampur janhige satt bhakhae Ravidass!!180!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “I enunciate this truth that one, who does not perform profound meditation of God within his mind and resorts to exhibition of affection for God outside; will certainly go to the abode of messengers of death.”

***Sabh sukh pavae jaas te so Har joo ko dass!***

***Koou dukh pavae jaas te so na dass Ravidass!!181!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “A true devotee is one whose company brings rejoicing and happiness to one and all. If the company of someone causes discomfort to anyone; such a person cannot be close to God.”

***Har Gur sadh samaan chit nit aagam tatt mool!***

***In bich antar jin parau karvat sahan kabool!!182!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “There is no difference between God, Guru and a saint and all of them should be deemed to be equal. This is the fundamental conclusion of the religious scriptures. Anyone who will discriminate against this basic truth will endure pangs of agony similar to that caused by a saw blade.”

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## **Jeev Hatya Da Khandan**

**(Critique of Animal Sacrifice)**

***Ravidass jeev koon mari kar kaise milnhi Khuday!***

***Peer paegambar auliya kou na kahayi samujhay!!183!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his sacred sermon while condemning killing of animals that “A human being should never kill an animal. How can one realize God after sacrificing an animal? None of the seers, prophets or enlightened sages has ever preached that sacrifice of animals will lead to realization of God.



***Ravidass jo poshan het gou bakri nit khaye!  
Parhai namajaen raat din tabhoon bhist na paye!!184!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Those, who eat beef or mutton for the nourishment of their bodies, will never reach the abode of God even if they keep chanting Namaz prayers throughout the day and night.”

***Ravidass moondah kaat kar moorakh kahat halal!  
Gala katavahu aapna tou ka hoyihi haal!!185!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “A foolish person designates slow cutting of throat of an animal as halal meat. Let him sever his own throat slowly the same way and experience the pangs of suffering.”

***Ravidass jo aapan het hi par koon maran jai!  
Malak ke dar jai kari bhogahi kari sajaie!!186!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “If anyone kills an animal for his use; then he has to suffer grave punishment on reaching the court of God.”

***Prani badh nahin kijiya jivah Brahm samaan!  
Ravidass paap nanh shootayie karor gouan kari daan!!187!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Human beings should never kill any animal because component of God is uniformly manifest in all living beings. One, who resorts to killing of animals, can never succeed in atonement of his sins even if he may donate millions of cows in alms.”

***Ravidass jibhya swad bas jou maans mashrian khaye!  
Nahak jeev maaran badal aapan sees kataye!!188!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches his pious sermon that “Those, who eat meat or fish for the sake of satisfying taste of their tongues, will have to undergo severe punishment for killing animals without any fault and their own heads will get severed one day.”

***Ravidass jeev mat marahin ik sahib sabh manhi!  
Sabh manhi eko Atma doosrah kou nanhi!!189!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Human beings should never kill any animal as only same one God is manifest

in all living creatures. As such there is but one Soul manifest in every one and there is no second soul anywhere.”

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## **Mansahari - Narak Adhikari**

**Vegetarian life style**

***Apnah geev kataihin jo maans praya khanye!***

***Ravidass maans jau khat haen te nar narkahi janye!!190!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to lead a vegetarian life. Those who eat meat ultimately lose their own necks and go to hell.

***Daya bhav hirdae nahin bhakhahin praya mas!***

***Te nar narak manh jayihi satt bhakhae Ravidass!!191!!***

Those, who are not kind hearted and eat flesh of animals, are destined to go to hell. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “What I say is truthful.”

***Jivat koon murda karihan ar khayihin murdar!***

***Murda sam sabh hoyihin kahi Ravidass bichar!!192!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “I am saying this after careful thinking that those, who kill animals to eat their flesh, are themselves like dead bodies.”

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## **Pradhinta Paap Hae**

**Slavery is a Sin**

***Pradhinta paap hae jan lehu re meet!***

***Ravidass dass pradheen son kaun karae hae preet!!193!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches sacred sermon to all humanity that “Life of a slave is like a sin. Therefore, every human being should free himself of bondage and lead a life of valour. My dear friends! It is absolutely wrong to lead a life of subjugation tolerating grave tyranny. You must understand this fully hat the life of slavery is a curse. Everyone hates a subjugated person and no one wants to befriend him.”

***Pradhin kau deen kiya pradhin bedin!***

***Ravidass dass pradheen kau sabhhi samjhae hin!!194!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that “One, who is slave of another individual, has no religion of his own. Life of a slave is devoid of any religion and creed. Every one insults such a subjugated person treating him as a downtrodden.”

***Ravidass sansa jeev mahin, sakhi saun bilgaye!  
Jivan maran rahis koon, sakhi kahae samujhaye!!195!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that “Only a perfect Guru can banish the illusions in one's mind and the riddle of repeated birth and death can also be explained only by an ideal Guru.”

***Ravidass raat na soviye, divas na kariye suad!  
Ahi nis Har Ji simriye, shadi sakal prativad!!196!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “One should not waste the night just sleeping or spend the entire day only feeding him. One should devote all the time for meditation of God and shun other contentious issues.”

***Sadh sangat poonji bhayi, haun vast layie nirmol!  
Sahaj baldia ladi kar, chaliyo lahan piv mol!!197!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his sermon that “The supreme treasure of God's Naam is manifest in the sacred company of saints. One should reach a stage of eternal ecstasy and load that treasure on his mind akin to an ox and succeed in realization of God.”

***Jaisa rang saembaal kari, hvae taisa yah sansar!  
Haun rang rango Ram mahin, bhanae Ravidass  
bichar!!198!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Just as the colour of Semal (Salmalia malabaricum) flowers is not long lasting, likewise this universe is in similar situation i.e. this world is not permanent. However, I have soaked myself in the eternal dye of God's Naam.”

***Bhau sagar ra taran koon, eko Naam adhar!  
Ravidass kabhoun nahin shadiye, Ram Naam patvar!!199!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “Only God's Naam is the sole basis of crossing over the Bhavsagar or the

unfathomable ocean like universe. Therefore one should never abandon Naam or devout meditation of God.”

***Sumiran koti aghan ki, hovae samaan Ravidass!  
Jioun ki agh nirmuliye, param jot pargas!!200!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “Devout meditation of God banishes millions of sins. All vices and sufferings vanish with the brightness of God's supreme illumination.”

***Ram Naam jih ramiyo, soi tan aap ujas!  
Ant shar hvae jaiye, veg chet Ravidass!!201!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious sermon that “One, who is completely soaked in the dye of God's Naam, is indeed dignified. At the end of one's life, one has to depart leaving everything behind. Therefore, you must devote time for regular devout worship of God with immediate effect.”

***Guru gian deepak diya, bati dayi jalayi!  
Ravidass Har bhagti karnae, janam maran bilmaye!!202!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “When Guru blesses you with a lamp of enlightenment and lights the wick of knowledge, then you can get over the pangs of repeated cycle of birth and death through devout meditation of God.”

***Andhla jo Guru payihi tau shish bhayo nirankh!  
Ravidass gian chashu bina, kimi mitayi bhram phand!!203!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “Even the devotee becomes ignorant if he has an un-enlightened Guru. One cannot get rid of his illusions without the lamp of enlightenment of God.”

***Maya deepak pekh kar nar patang andhiaye!  
Ravidass Guru ra gian jin, birla ko bach jaye!!204!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his sermon that “A human being akin to a moth gets attracted by the lamp of Maya (Materialistic and illusory greed) and dies. Very rare individual only escapes the ill effects of Maya with the blessings of enlightenment by his Guru.”

***Nihchal aanand nidhi mili, bilgau aadhi apar!***

***Ravidass sumiran saar saun payo daras Murar!!205!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “One can get rid of distractions and realize God through His devout worship. God is always steady, full of joy and owner of all the treasures;”

***Pal pal shin shin simriye, jau lorhe Har duar!***

***Har majanu vin siv nahin, bhanae Ravidass chamar!!206!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “If anyone wants to reach God's own abode, then he must practise devout meditation of God all the time every moment. No one can attain eternal salvation without a complete holy dip in the Naam of God.”

***Bhau sagar dutar ati, kidhun murikh yah jaan!***

***Ravidass Gur patwar hae, Naam nav kari jaan!!207!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys the sermon that “O foolish human being! Crossing over the Bhavsagar or the vast ocean like universe is impossible without devout meditation of God's Naam. Only one's Guru alone can help him cross same seated in the boat of God's Naam.”

***Ravidass tan piyrau paatra, jharat na lagayi bar!***

***Jara mee ch jioun aavyi, jaat na lagahin var!!208!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “The human body is like the season of leaf fall or autumn and it does not take any time for it to disintegrate. Once one gets old, his departure from the world cannot be far away.”

***Soi tan kanchan janyi, jih tan Naam pargas!***

***Ravidass Naam chintamani, chahun dis auj ujas!!209!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Only human body is pure like gold that is illuminated with God's Naam. God's Naam is like the precious gemstone that fulfils all of one's noble desires. One who practices devout meditation of God's Naam is respected everywhere all over the world.”

***Nis din Har ju simriye, tiyag jagat kari dhand!***

***Ravidass sant sahelrha, vichrat hovae nirdand!!210!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “One must shun preoccupation with futile worldly endeavours and

concentrate on dedicated worship of God. Saints are saviours of human beings in this world who enable others to realize God.”

***Jo loha paras mani, hiran kiran damkaye!***

***Ravidass Ram paras mani, uh daras manhi bauraye!!211!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advocates that “Just as iron turns into pure gold after contact with Paras or philosopher's stone and shines brightly; likewise this human being akin to iron gets purified after contact with Paras of God's Naam.”

***Smadhi thiti hvae sant jan, apnahu aap mitahin!***

***Jimi Gang samund mili, Ravidass samundahi bilanhi!!212!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “The saints, who demolish their own selfish egos & surrender to God, get bonded to God in devout meditation. Just as Ganges becomes part of the ocean after confluence with the sea; likewise saints become same as God through devout worship.”

***An bhavat niyra basae, man bhaavtan pardes!***

***An dekhe un daras bin, hovae dukh barht ghanes!!213!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys the sermon that “Surprise and uncertainty are always close to the human beings whereas and developments as per one's wishes are extremely rare. One suffers from all sorts of miseries and torment sans realization of God.”

***Jioun sudhi aabat peev ki, birah outhat tan aag!***

***Jioun choone ki kankri, jioun shirke tioun aag!!214!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “When human being develops passionate longing to unite with God, then his body suffers intense pangs of separation. Just as a piece of lime gets burnt quickly, likewise anyone in deep love with God suffers agony of separation from God continuously.”

***Jih nit dekhan chahi haun, te naenan te door!***

***Ravidass kahi anbhavte, rahahin nikat bharpoor!!215!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj sermonizes that “If you wish to experience the invisible God every time within yourself, you must practice dedicated meditation of God. This way you will be able to comprehend perfect God within yourself.”

***Kamdheni paras poli, kalap roop ra barhi!  
Ravidass Har ra bhagti bin, grih teyn bhal ujarhi!!216!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his preaching that “Even if one gets a Kamdhenu cow that provides anything one wants or a Paras or philosopher's stone that turns iron into gold after contact; the same are futile sans God's Naam. Human desires constitute major stumbling blocks hampering realization of God. This human body is like an infertile wasteland sans devout meditation of God.”

***Tuhi muhi ham ek haen, tujh laun mori daur!  
Ravidass pankhi jihaj kau, nahin aanat kou thaur!!217!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O God! Both you and I are one and the same. Where ever I may wander sans Thee, ultimately I will end up at Thy lotus feet just as a bird from a ship flies away but soon returns back to the ship because it does not find any alternative place to rest.”

***Ravidass peetam ik tuhi, tumare mit anek!  
Sasi kau kamod haen bahu, kumod kau sasi ek!!218!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “O God! Thou are my only friend but there are infinite numbers of Thy devotees. Just as there are innumerable partridges that love the moon but for all of the partridges there is just only one moon. Likewise O Lord! Thou are just my only beloved God.”

***Koti kalap jivan alap, bich Har bhagti bilas!  
Har simran safal janam, duh phal lahi Ravidass!!219!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “One is blessed with this rare precious human life after infinite cycle of cosmic periods and it becomes fruitful only with devout meditation of God. Intense love for God also helps one secure all the comforts during this human life in this world and life hereafter.”

***Anand moorati mittar ki, rahayi sada sada chit poor!  
Naenan hi samuhe rahat, Ravidass niyre ka door!!220!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “One must always adorn one's mind with the pleasant image of benevolent

and dear friend God. One must always keep focused on God so that He is never out of sight.”

***Koily tarsae amb ko chatrik tarsat neer!***

***Ravidass lochae daras ko, pran parat nahin dhir!!221!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Just as the bird Cuckoo aspires for mango and Papiha bird seeks a drop of Swati nectar from rain drops, likewise O God! My mind is restless to meet you. My mind has no peace in Thy absence.”

***Sasi chakor sooraj kanval, chatrik ghan ki reet!***

***Ravidass ivi muhi rakhiyo, hit chit pooran preet!!222!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that “Just as a Chakor pheasant is fond of moon, lotus flower has true friendship with the sun and Papiha truly loves Swati nectar; likewise my lord O God! I have true & everlasting love for Thee.”

***Chalat halat baethat outhat, dhari hoon tumro dhian!***

***Ravidass toon muhi man basayi, charan kanval ki aan!!223!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O revered God! You are always the focus of my constant attention all the time even though I may be walking, roaming, resting or standing. This way, I adorn my heart with Thy lotus feet every moment constantly”.

***Moorakh mukh kamaan hae, katuk vachan bhayo teer!***

***Sanchri maare kann mahin, gale sagal sareer!!224!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “The mouth of a foolish person is like a bow and his absurd utterances hurt like piercing arrows. The entire body suffers intense burning sensations when one hears such foul words with his ears.”

***Ravidass moorikh samujhayi nahin bina bichar!***

***Hane prayi Atma, jibh liyan tarwar!!225!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “A foolish person leads his life without thinking and he never learns. By speaking such words, he has been causing distress to others with the sword of his tongue.”



***Ram prem haun barj kimi, ab barjat nahin kaaj!  
Rom Ram ami ram gaiyo, tahi ma hot ilaj!!226!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “How can I live sans devout love for God as I cannot complete any of my tasks successfully without His blessings? God is manifest in every particle all over the entire universe. God's Naam is the ultimate panacea for all ills.”

***Naam mool hae gian kau, Naam mukti ko dabar!  
Ja hirdae Har basae, parhin na jag viopar!!227!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “Devout meditation of God's Naam is the basis of enlightenment and His Naam leads to the door of eternal salvation. One, who adorns his mind with God's Naam, does not succumb to futile attractions of worldly pleasures.”

***Ih jag dukh ki khetri, ih janat sabh koye!  
Giani katahi Har Naam son, moorakh katahin roye!!228!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “This world is like raising a crop of miseries and everyone knows this fact. However, an enlightened person harvests this crop through devout meditation of God while an ignorant foolish person does same crying.”

***Katuk bachan nahin boliye, sabh ghat Har ko baas!  
Ih gian kau dwar hae, kahe Ravidass vichar!!229!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys the sermon that “One should never speak harsh words because God is manifest in everyone and this awareness leads to eternal enlightenment.”

***Satt vidia ko parhe prapat kare sada gian!  
Ravidass kahe bin vidiya nar ko jaan ajaan!!230!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advocates that human beings must always pursue truthful learning and seek true enlightenment. Guru Ji says that anyone without good learning and education should be deemed to be absolutely ignorant.

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