

114. Prediction related to Wrestler Swaran Dass

Shri Bhagat Ram and Bibi Nami from village Raipur-Rasulpur were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji used to visit their house occasionally. Once day Maharaj Ji visited their house. Their son Swaran Dass was about two years old at that time. When Bibi Nami paid her regards and placed her child's forehead at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with reverence, then Maharaj Ji said, "When this child grows up, he will render devout services in our Kutiya." These words of Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true. Shri Swaran Dass grew up as a good wrestler and he used to stay at Kutiya during the night and he rendered very dedicated services to the ashram that demanded very hard manual work on all holidays.

(Bibi Channan Kaur wife of Late Shri Swaran Dass Wrestler)

115. Prediction about 1965 War

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj had great love for community of saints. Maharaj Ji often used to visit revered saints. A Sant Sammelan or congregation of saints was organized at Dera 108 Sant Mela Ram Ji in village Nagar near Phillaur during the year 1965. Very large numbers of saints participated in that congregation and addressed the congregation to convey their views on spiritual issues. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also conveyed a powerful message urging all human beings to practise devout meditation of God regularly and live together happily with affectionate love and affinity. While addressing the congregation, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also said, "There will be a terrible time ahead after a few days." Everyone present in the congregation was clueless about these significant words of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj as complete peace prevailed everywhere in the country at that time.

However those words of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj proved to be prophetic and an eternal truth when Pakistan suddenly launched a massive attack on India after a few days that lead to the fierce 1965 war between the two countries.

(Sant Darshan Dass Ji Maharaj narrated this story to Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji)

116. Blessing Shri Dhanna Singh Ji with Land

Shri Dhanna Singh and his wife Bibi Bant Kaur lived in village Tanda Ram Sahaye, tehsil Dasuya district Hoshiarpur. They started visiting Ballan to pay their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj from 1949 onwards. It was during the year 1950 that they visited Maharaj Ji's ashram one day and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Twelve acres agricultural land is up for sale in our village. Three of us including Shri Banta Ram, Hira Singh and me want to buy this land. Kindly convey your blessings." Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji said, "Dhanna Singh! Don't worry! All three of you will buy that land jointly. Meanwhile, practise meditation of God regularly" Then Dhanna Singh pleaded, "Maharaj Ji! I am extremely poor. How will I buy that land?" Maharaj Ji very kindly said, "All three of you will get that land after 6 years."

These words of Maharaj Ji came to be absolutely true six years later when Shri Dhanna Singh, Banta Ram and Hira Singh jointly purchased that twelve acres land. Shri Dhanna Singh Ji used to render very useful services in the Langar or the community kitchen at the Dera and he used to stay in the ashram for many days. Later they promoted a new separate township on the land they purchased. They also constructed the Shri Guru Ravidass Temple in that locality.

(Shri Tarsem Lal son of Shri Dhanna Singh, 27.09.2003)

117. Blessing Shri Sadhu Ram Ji and Bibi Dani Devi with Children

Shri Sadhu Ram son of Shri Sunder Dass lived in village Chhati Chak Dogra, district Lyallpur (Pakistan). After the formation of Pakistan in 1947, the whole family migrated from Pakistan to India and settled down at Ladowali, Jalandhar. Sadhu Ram and his wife Dani Devi had a son who unfortunately died when he was seven years old. Because of this terrible loss, they used to be very sad. Later one day they heard about unique glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from his relative Shri Ishar Dass Ji of village Raipur. Shri Ishar Dass Ji told them that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is a complete Brahmngiani. All noble wishes of anyone who seeks shelter at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji get fulfilled.

Later one day, Sadhu Ram Ji and his wife came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj Ji at his Kutiya or cottage. At that time Maharaj Ji was sitting on the raised cemented platform. Some devotees were also present there in front of Maharaj Ji. Both of them paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down with other devotees. A little later, Maharaj Ji sent all of them to have tea in the community kitchen. Both the husband and wife returned after having tea and they sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then asked Shri Sadhu Ram, "What is the specific purpose of your visit today?" Sadhu Ram Ji then prayed with folded hands, "Maharaj Ji! We had only one son who died at the age of seven years. Now we have no child. Please be kind and bless us." Maharaj Ji remained silent for some time and then said, "You will have three sons and two daughters in your house over a period of time. Don't worry. Practice meditation of God regularly. This human life is very rare and extremely precious and one does not get born as a human being time and again." Both husband and wife returned home happily after securing blessings of Maharaj Ji. They started visiting Maharaj Ji's Kutiya at short intervals regularly from then onwards. The words of Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true as the blessed couple had three sons and two daughters over a period of time.

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118. Maharaj Ji's Benevolence for Shri Sadhu Ram Ji

After the formation of Pakistan in 1947, Shri Sadhu Ram Ji and his family migrated from village Chhati Chak Dogra, district Lyallpur, Pakistan to India and they settled down in Ladowali, Jalandhar. They constructed a new house for their stay on a piece of land that belonged to Muslim families who had migrated to Pakistan at the time of partition of the country. However that land actually belonged to Wakf Board and the Wakf Board filed a court case against Shri Sadhu Ram claiming that the land belonged to the Wakf Board. Shri Sadhu Ram Ji used to visit Maharaj Ji's darbar every Sunday regularly. It was during 1952 that Shri Sadhu Ram met Maharaj Ji one day and prayed, "Maharaj Ji! We built a house on land vacated by Muslim families who migrated to Pakistan. I have been living

in that house since 1947. However Wakf Board claims the ownership of that land and a court case has been filed by the Board against me.” Maharaj Ji was sitting on the 'Tharha' or raised platform in Kutiya at that time. Maharaj Ji remained quiet for a while and then said, “Sadhu Ram! You have won the case. You will get the confirmation tomorrow.” The words of Maharaj Ji proved to be exactly true as Shri Sadhu Ram received a letter from his lawyer the next day conveying him the good news that he had won the case and that the government had allotted that piece of land to Shri Sadhu Ram.

119. Clearing the Dilemma of Shri Sadhu Ram Ji

Shri Sadhu Ram Ji used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya every Sunday and render voluntary serves in the Langar or community kitchen. It was during the year 1961 that the family suffered from extreme poverty and they had no money in his home. He contemplated in his mind that he would not go to the Dera that day because if the bicycle tyre tube somehow gets punctured on the way; he would have no money to pay for repair. Simultaneously he was also deeply concerned that he would miss the opportunity to have a vision of Maharaj Ji and he would fail to render any services that day if he did not visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. His wife Bibi Dani Devi Ji asked him, “Will you not go to the cottage of Maharaj Ji today to have a vision of Maharaj Ji?” Then Sadhu Ram Ji explained his dilemma and conflicting thoughts tormenting his mind and he said, “I have no money with me today.” His wife said “You must visit the Kutiya today as Maharaj Ji knows everything.” Shri Sadhu Ram Ji then left his house on a bicycle to reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. When he went two kilometres away from his home, he found a currency note of five rupees lying on the road. He got down from his bicycle and picked up that currency note of five rupees. He then resumed his journey and bought mangoes for two rupees for Maharaj Ji when he reached railway crossing.

Finally Shri Sadhu Ram Ji reached the ashram. Maharaj Ji was sitting in a chair at that time. He placed those mangoes and two rupees on a table in front of Maharaj Ji and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then said, “Sadhu Ram! Keep these two rupees with you. Sometimes one may not

have any money even to get punctured bicycle tube repaired.” He was totally bemused to hear these words from Maharaj Ji as same echoed his inner thought and dilemma. He placed his head at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with utmost reverence and said, “Maharaj Ji! You are truly omniscient and everything is very well known to you. People of this world like me are always forgetful and they commit serious mistakes but you are very benevolent all the time to forgive them.”

120. Maharaj Ji's Vision and Emancipation of Shri Sadhu Ram Ji at his Final Moments

Shri Sadhu Ram Ji fell ill as he approached final days of his life. He was admitted to a hospital in Jalandhar City on 28th March 1988. He called his son Shri Resham Lal to the hospital in the afternoon of 30th March 1988 and told him, “I shall leave this world forever at 1.p.m. tomorrow.” Many people including Shri Resham Lal, Shri Dharam Pal foreman from village Jamsher, Shri Kewal Krishan engineer from Gandhi Camp Jalandhar, Shri Mangat Ram, Shri Ajay Kumar and Bibi Gurmito from village Khurla Kingra were present there by the side of Shri Sadhu Ram Ji on 30th March. When it was exactly 1.p.m. Shri Sadhu Ram told all of them, “I am leaving now. Baba Pipal Dass Ji, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and Sant Hari Dass Ji have already arrived here to escort me.” Shri Sadhu Ram Ji then abandoned his perishable human body comprising of five elements within a few moments thereafter and left for his heavenly abode.

(Shri Resham Lal son of Shri Sadhu Ram, Ladowali, Jalandhar,

121. When Maharaj Ji blessed S. Lashman Singh and Bibi Karam Kaur

S. Lashman Singh and Bibi Karam Kaur were residents of village Gakhalan Jalandhar. After few years of their marriage Shri Lashman Singh migrated to England. When he became entitled for his permanent stay in England, he filed requisite documents seeking government approval for Bibi Karam Kaur and children to join him in England. However there was abnormal delay in getting visas for travel of his wife and children to England. For this reason, Lashman Singh in

England and Bibi Karam Kaur in India were terribly upset. Later one day Bibi Karam Kaur heard about the unique glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj as some well wishers told her that Maharaj Ji is such an accomplished divine saint that noble wishes of everyone who seeks shelter at his door surely get fulfilled. Thereafter, Bibi Karam Kaur reached Maharaj Ji's Kutiya one day to have a vision of Maharaj Ji. That time Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was sitting on the cemented platform. When Bibi Karam Kaur saw Maharaj Ji, she was ecstatic with joy. She immediately concluded in her mind that she had just found a truly perfect guru and that all of her problems will get solved. Bibi Karam Kaur paid her regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji asked her to go to the Langar or community kitchen and have tea first.

Bibi Karam Kaur had tea and came back to Maharaj Ji. Then she prayed, "Maharaj Ji! My husband went to England many years back and he is entitled to stay there on permanent basis. He submitted application with requisite documents to seek visas for me and my children to migrate to England. However we have not been granted visas so far despite his best efforts. Kindly be merciful and help us with your blessings." Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji then said, "Bibi! Do not worry. You will go to England within the next few months and you will not have dearth of anything there. Let me have the postal address of your husband next time. I shall personally write a letter to him.

Bibi Karam Kaur met Maharaj Ji again after some days and gave postal address of her husband. The Maharaj Ji personally wrote a letter to S. Lashman Singh and ordered him to pursue the matter vigorously to secure visa and travel documents for Bibi Karam Kaur to travel to England. Maharaj Ji also mentioned in that letter all arrangements will be in place very soon for Bibi Karam Kaur to join you in England with the grace of God. These words of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji came to be absolutely true as all arrangements were in place for Bibi Karam Kaur to travel to England within a few months. Bibi Karam Kaur sought Maharaj Ji's blessings before leaving for England and reached England safely to join her husband. Whenever Bibi Karam Kaur came from England to visit India

she used to stay at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya for most of the days. This is how Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed S. Lashman Singh and Bibi Karam Kaur and resolved their problems.

Later Bibi Karam Kaur Ji wrote the following poem eulogizing grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj.

*Teri hasti ton javan balihari, nahir kandhe rahin walia!
Dhann mata pita jin aesa putt jaya! Janam bande da
poora mull paya!*

*Shadd gaiye duniya te roshni jahri!!1!!
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!
Ih hasti nahi mili narmayi naal! Ih hasti mili sach di
kamayi naal!*

*Pahlian vishiyen de sir latt mari!!2!!
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!
Iss hasti laiye man nag nathiya! Aer gaer kolon ih janda
nahi nathiya!*

*Tahiyon nam rakahaya balkari!!3!!
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!
Iss hasti ne mitti janiya sarir nu! Hath chon nahi shadiya
kaman ate tir nu!!*

*Tahiyon nam rakahayia brahmchari!!4!!
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!
Ih hasti vike vich na bazaran de! Ronde gaiye ethe kayi
malik hazaran de!*

*Ih ta mang di hae prem pujari!!5!!
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!
Iss hasti nu uho farh sakda! Andro andar jihrha varh
sakda!*

*Uhdi bhardi hae phulan nal khari!!6!!
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!
Iss hasti de phul uhi torhda! Duniya de vishiyen ton man
jihrha morhda!*

*Jihnu charh jave Naam di khumari!!7!!
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!
Iss hasti da mahik jihnu charhda! Khul janda uhde andar
da parhda!*

Uhnu bhul jandi duniya sari!!8!!

*Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!
Vadda data Satgur dani vi kaha liya!
Dukhiyan dalgiran nu taen gale nal la liya!
Maethon hove na sifat teri sari!!9!!
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!
Umar data ji meri dino din langhdi!
Kharhi han duare tere Naam daan mangdi!
Maenu mil jaye Naam di khumari!!10!!
Nahir kandhe rahin walia, teri hasti ton javan balihari!*

O my revered Guru Ji with hermitage along the canal bank; I am indeed intensely dedicated to you and greatly impressed with your wonderful powers. Those fortunate parents are indeed blessed who begot such an illustrious son and he devoted his entire life to profound meditation of God to realize full value of this scarce human life. He has brightened the entire world with his divine brilliance.

I am truly proud of the awesome divine powers of my revered Guru Ji who has his abode by the canal bank. No one gets such exalted stature and unique powers easily. My revered Guru Ji earned these remarkable noble qualities through truthful dedicated and devout meditation of God shunning all worldly pleasures and human weaknesses from the very beginning.

I sacrifice everything with devotion to my omnipotent revered Guru Ji who stays in a Kutiya along the canal bank. My revered Guru Ji exercised complete control over his mind to be known as all powerful. This arduous task cannot be accomplished by ordinary people.

My truly perfect Guru commands infinite awe-inspiring powers leading a simple life staying along the canal bank. He did not attach any importance to this physical human body that is perishable. Like a great warrior adorned with bow and arrows; he vanquished all evils and lived gracefully with complete celibacy and abstention far removed from worldly pleasures.

I am truly proud of the awesome divine powers of my revered Guru Ji who has his abode by the canal bank. This status cannot be acquired through any amount of money from the

market place. Infinite numbers of rich and mighty persons have left this world weeping and wailing. It demands truly dedicated devotion and complete surrender to God.

My truly perfect Guru commands infinite awe-inspiring powers leading a simple life staying along the canal bank. Only someone who can even read the inner thoughts of his devotee's mind can achieve such dignified stature and he is honoured with beautiful flowers by one and all.

I sacrifice everything with devotion to my omnipotent revered Guru Ji who stays in a Kutiya along the canal bank. Only the one who shuns pursuit of worldly pleasures completely and remains engrossed in devout meditation of God all the time can command such a unique stature.

O my revered Guru Ji with hermitage along the canal bank; I am indeed intensely dedicated to you and greatly impressed with your wonderful powers. Rare genius who attains self enlightenment through devout meditation of God discarding every other worldly attraction can enjoy the pleasant aroma of such grandeur.

My truly perfect Guru commands infinite awe-inspiring powers leading a simple life staying along the canal bank. O my revered Satguru Ji! You are also extremely well known as a truly great philanthropist who has embraced and emancipated innumerable numbers of deprived, oppressed and impoverished people. I have no proper words to describe your grandeur fully.

I am truly proud of the awesome divine powers of my revered Guru Ji who has his abode by the canal bank. O revered Guru Ji! I am wasting my precious life day by day and getting old. I am standing at your door with hope and confidence begging to be blessed with grant of sacred Naam. Kindly be benevolent and bless me with self enlightenment and ecstasy of Naam.

I sacrifice everything with devotion to my omnipotent revered Guru Ji who stays in a Kutiya along the canal bank.

122. Protecting S. Darshan Singh during 1971 War

Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj used to visit and stay at village Lambra near Bullowal for many days in summer

during the mango ripening season. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also often accompanied his illustrious father. S. Mehinga Singh and Bibi Dhanti, residents of this village, were profound devotees of Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji continued to visit Lambrha village even after Baba Ji abandoned his perishable human body during 1928. Shri Mehinga Singh's son Darshan Singh was serving in the Indian army. It was during the month of November, 1971 that Darshan Singh visited Kutuya to meet Maharaj Ji and requested, "Maharaj Ji! We wish to seek your kind blessings to organize Satsang or spiritual congregation at our house in accordance with your kind advice. Kindly convey your blessings." Maharaj Ji said, "Darshan Singh! You will have to move to very troublesome location. Therefore we must organize Satsang at an early date. Just organize Satsang at your house tomorrow morning. I shall arrange to send all the grocery items and ration from here." Darshan Singh requested, "Maharaj Ji Kindly give us just one more day to organize" Maharaj Ji conveyed his kind concurrence. Accordingly Satsang was organized on the third day at Shri Darshan Singh's house as desired by Maharaj Ji. On the day of Satsang, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached his village very early in the morning and conducted Satsang or the spiritual discourse.

A few days later, the 1971 war broke out between India and Pakistan. Shri Darshan Singh was ordered to resume duty at once through a telegram and then he was deployed to fight the war in Shambh-Jaurhian sector of India - Pakistan border. It was during the night of 11-12 December, 1971 that Shri Darshan Singh and along with six of his colleagues fell asleep in their bunker as they had not slept during the last few days and they were exhausted. Suddenly Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized in their bunker and woke up Shri Darshan Singh and other soldiers with his own hands. Maharaj Ji then cautioned them, "Do not sleep, get up and be vigilant." All of them were amazed to have this unique experience. Maharaj Ji encouraged them to fight bravely and dematerialised in no time. (S. Darshan Singh son of Shri Mehinga Singh Ji, Village Lambrha, Hoshiarpur)

123. When Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji met Sant Gurdit Ram Ji

Shri Piara Singh and Bibi Beant Kaur together with all of their family members organized Satsang at their village Lambrha near Bullawal in accordance with the instructions of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Sant Varkha Dass Ji, Sant Ram Lal Ji, Sant Udham Dass Ji from Lambrha, Sant Kartar Singh Ji Vaid and Shri Piara Singh's son Shri Gurdev Singh were assigned the responsibility to recite Gurbani to complete the 'Akhand Path' or uninterrupted non-stop recital of Shri Guru Granth Sahib. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached village Khadiala by Bus and Gurdev Singh escorted Maharaj Ji from there to his house one day before the day fixed for Bhog or closing ceremony. Devotees gathered in very large numbers when Maharaj Ji reached Lambrha. Maharaj Ji conducted Satsang or spiritual discourse in the evening. Maharaj Ji called Shri Piara Singh after dinner that night and said, "I shall leave for village Saenpur very early in the morning tomorrow to meet Sant Gurdit Ram Ji." Maharaj Ji told Shri Piara Singh to keep some kernels of almonds in his Kamandulu. Maharaj Ji told Bibi Beant Kaur early next morning around 4 a.m. to pack fresh butter in a box. Maharaj Ji also asked her to fill a thermos with hot milk and kernels of almonds. Maharaj Ji also asked to take some glasses and plates along. Maharaj Ji then left Lambrha for Saenpur along with Shri Piara Singh and some other devotees who carried all of the aforesaid items with them. All of them walked behind Maharaj Ji and headed for the Kutiya of Sant Gurdit Ram Ji at Saenpur.

Meanwhile, Sant Gurdit Ram Ji left Saenpur for Lambrha to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Both revered saints thus met at the common border of revenue lands of villages Saenpur and Lambrha. Both saints greeted each other with great reverence. Sant Gurdit Ram Ji said, "Maharaj Ji! I was on my way to escort you to my Kutiya." Both the learned distinguished saints along with all devotees then reached the cottage of Sant Gurdit Ram Ji. On reaching the cottage, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji offered milk with almonds and butter to Sant Gurdit Ram Ji with the request to savour same. However Sant Gurdit Ram Ji politely requested Sant Sarwan Dass Ji to savour

those delicacies first. Thereafter those items were served to both revered saints and the devotees present on that occasion. Then both revered saints spent lot of time gainfully exchanging views on important spiritual issues and meditation that benefitted the devotees also immensely. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj also narrated a past incident during this Satsang. Maharaj Ji said, "Once I requested Sant Gurdit Ram Ji to visit Haridwar on the auspicious occasion of Kumbh as I was also scheduled to be there during Kumbh. Sant Gurdit Ram Ji then asked me about the exact day on which he should reach Haridwar as both of us had to travel separately to meet there. However, Sant Gurdit Ram Ji travelled walking on foot and reached Haridwar before I could reach there." All of the devotees present on the occasion benefitted immensely after listening to the scholarly spiritual discussions by both the revered saints. Thereafter Sant Sarwan Dass Ji took leave of Sant Gurdit Ram Ji and returned to Lambrah well before the Bhog ceremony. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj witnessed the Bhog ceremony on completion of the 'Akhand Path'. Thereafter Maharaj Ji enlightened the congregation of devotees with a spiritual discourse. Finally Maharaj Ji conveyed his benevolent blessings to all members of Shri Piara Singh's family and vast number of devotees assembled on the occasion. Thereafter Maharaj Ji left for his Kutiya or hermitage at Ballan.

(Shri Gurdev Singh son of Shri Piara Singh, Village Lambraha, 06.08.2003)

124. Your Children will be well Educated and Employed

Shri Balmukand and his wife Bibi Krishna Devi were residents of village Kauhjan near Sham Chaurasi. They started to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during 1963 and became devotees of the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. It was in 1969 that Shri Balmukand Patwari Ji's father completed his life's journey. Shri Balmukand Ji organized spiritual congregation at his residence with the prior permission of the Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji. Sant Prem Dass Ji from Banda Nangal Badhan was assigned the responsibility as 'Pathi' to recite Shri Guru Granth sahib. Bhog ceremony was scheduled for 26th August. Shri Kishan Singh Ji Mastana from Nahlan

performed Kirtan and sang Gurbani hymns. Sant Hari Dass Ji, Sant Garib Dass Ji and Sant Niranjan Dass Ji reached Shri Balmukand's house very early in the morning for the Bhog ceremony. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj reached his house around twelve o'clock and conducted the spiritual discourse. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji had meals. Shri Balmukand Ji, along with his four sons and a daughter paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and he sought Maharaj Ji's blessings for his children. Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji very kindly said, "All of your children will get well educated and they will have good jobs." The words of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's came to be absolutely true as all of the five children of Balmukund Ji got well educated and joined government jobs. Maharaj Ji blessed Shri Balmukand's family members this way.

(Shri Balmukand son of Shri Dass Ram, Village Kauhjan, presently Abadpura, Jalandhar, Punjab 23.12.2003)

125. Vanquishing Doubts of Shri Naseeb Ram

Master Naseeb Ram son of Shri Chandu Ram is resident of village Rajpura near Bhogpur. He visited many places and spent many years in search of a perfect guru. Finally it was during the year 1955-56 when he heard about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj from a follower of Maharaj Ji. A few days later he went to Maharaj Ji's Kutuya to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He contemplated in his mind, "If Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is a truly accomplished Mahatma, then Maharaj Ji will surely know that he is already very tired looking for the perfect guru."

When he reached the Kutuya, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the raised platform. Shri Naseeb Ram was ecstatic with joy as soon as he had a glimpse of Maharaj Ji. As he paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji, Maharaj Ji said, "You have been tired running around for a long time. It is good that finally you have reached here in good time." All of the doubts and dilemmas troubling Shri Naseeb Ram vanished when he heard these soothing words from Maharaj Ji. Naseeb Ram then prayed, "Maharaj Ji! I have finally reached your darbar after a tiresome and futile pursuit of many years. Now kindly have pity on me and bless me with grant of sacred

Naam.” Maharaj Ji very kindly accepted his request and blessed Shri Naseeb Ram Ji with sacred Naam and thus he became Maharaj Ji's disciple.

126. Your Noble Wish will be Fulfilled

Shri Naseeb Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Rattan Kaur used to meet Maharaj Ji regularly and render voluntary services. They had a daughter. It was their cherished desire that they should also have a son in their house. But Naseeb Ram thought that his satguru was omniscient and surely knew about his cherished desire and that guru Ji will definitely fulfil same in due course of time. It was during 1969 that Maharaj Ji told Shri Naseeb Ram Ji to visit the Dera one day before 'Maghi' or the first day of the month of Magh as per Vikram Samvat Calendar. Accordingly he reached Kutuya one day prior to Maghi as advised by Maharaj Ji.

Maharaj Ji took Shri Naseeb Ram to the ashram in village Ballan for night halt. When Maharaj Ji was ready to leave the ashram for Kutuya early next morning, Shri Naseeb Ram contemplated in his mind that his wife, who was pregnant, should give birth to a son. While Naseeb Ram was having these thoughts in his mind, Maharaj Ji said, “Master! Your wish will be fulfilled. A son will be born in your house.” These kind words of Maharaj Ji proved to be absolutely true as a baby boy was born in Master Naseeb Ram's house during the month of July. Maharaj Ji then named the boy as Balraj Singh.

127. Heavy Rainfall is Imminent

It was hot summer season. Master Naseeb Ram Ji and his wife came to see Maharaj Ji in the Dera. Maharaj Ji completed the Satsang or spiritual discourse and then advised everyone to sit down in lines to have lunch. Food was served to all devotees around 12 o'clock. All of the devotees had their meals and then sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji warned all of them about impending heavy rain and said, “Everyone should now go back home as there will be heavy rain very soon.” All of the devotees looked upwards to the sky that was quite clear as there were no clouds anywhere around at that moment. However all of the devotees obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and left for their respective homes. Within a few minutes after that dark

clouds suddenly appeared from nowhere and covered the entire skyline. Very heavy rain then lashed the entire area for almost two hours. Master Naseeb Ram Ji and his wife witnessed this unusual scenario with their own eyes.

128. There is Plentiful Food

Master Naseeb Ram came to Kutiya one day to meet Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji told him to render voluntary service in the community kitchen. Master Ji got busy to serve the Langar or the community meals. Langar was distributed to all the devotees at 12 o' clock. After this, the devotees took permission from Maharaj Ji and returned to their homes. Master Ji and Shri Sadhu Ram from village Larhoi and some other devotees came and sat down near Maharaj Ji. After a short time, about 20 more devotees came to have a vision of Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down near Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then advised Master Naseeb Ram and some other disciples to serve meals to the new group of the devotees. Master Ji went into the Langar room and saw that there were only five chapatis in the basket. He then informed Maharaj Ji that there were only five chapatis in the basket. He asked Maharaj Ji to kindly permit him and his colleagues to prepare more chapatis.

Maharaj Ji said, "Just cover the basket containing chapatis with a cloth and bring same to me." He obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and brought the bread basket duly covered with a cloth. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji just glanced at that basket and said, "Now you can take this basket back to the community kitchen and serve meals to the devotees. However do not remove the cloth cover from the basket anytime. Just lift the cloth cover from one side and pull out chapatis with your hand from the basket. There is plenty of food in this basket." The devotees responsible for serving food took that basket inside the community kitchen and started serving meals to the new visitors. Whenever the volunteer lifted the cover cloth slightly to put his hand inside the bread basket, he could feel that the basket was full of chapatis. All of the devotees had meals to their entire satisfaction and the bread basket still looked to be full of chapatis. Master Naseeb Ram

and all other volunteers helping him were amazed to witness this unique feat of Maharaj Ji with their own eyes as the bread basket that contained just five chapatis was miraculously transformed into an inexhaustible store house of chapatis.

129. Protect Shri Gurdev Singh from Surgery

Shri Gurdev Singh was serving in the Indian army. He was serving as an education master at 977 A.D. Regiment Workshop at Delhi. He suffered from very severe pain in one of his kidneys during the month of September, 1973. He returned home on leave for two months and resumed duty during November, 1973. He was admitted to military hospital at Delhi during the month of December. He was in the hospital for 20 days for complete check up. During that period his x-rays were taken and several tests were carried out. He was given suitable medicines for removal of his kidney stone but that did not prove successful to remove the stone. Then his I.V.P x-rays were taken as advised by his doctor. Finally at the end of the 24th day, Brigadier Sachdeva visited the hospital for inspection and he asked the concerned doctor, "How long will you keep postponing surgical operation to remove Gurdev Singh's kidney stone? Prepare his case and fix a date for his operation quickly."

Gurdev Singh's name was written in the roster for the surgical operation. Surgical Specialist Colonel Tirath Singh was assigned the responsibility to perform the operation to remove kidney stone of Gurdev Singh. In the evening before the day fixed for the operation, Shri Gurdev Singh recited the evening prayer remembering his revered Guru Ji and lay down on his bed with eyes fully closed. Suddenly he heard his revered Guru Ji Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's voice as Maharaj Ji said, "Baldev! Do not worry, I have arrived now." Shri Gurdev Singh thought in his mind that Maharaj Ji abandoned his perishable human body more than a year ago and how Maharaj Ji could materialize here at that moment. He narrated further story as follows. Maharaj Ji said for the second time, "Don't worry! Baldev Singh! I am already here by your side." (Maharaj Ji used to fondly call him by the name Baldev Singh instead of Gurdev Singh). Then I visualized Maharaj Ji standing near my bed

wearing saffron turban, white kurta and white dhoti and Maharaj Ji said, "I have arrived." When I opened my eyes to have a close look around, I could not find anyone. Then I kept wondering about that incident as my surgical operation was scheduled for the next day.

After some time, I had very acute pain and I could reach the bathroom with great difficulty. I passed urine laced with blood with great force. I felt that the kidney stone came out with the urine. At four o'clock in the morning a nursing assistant came to prepare me for surgery. He gave medicine for cleaning my stomach. After that he took me for an x-ray and an army Havildar took my x-ray. Thereafter he took me to the operation theatre. When the duty got ready to give me an injection in preparations for the operation, I requested him "Please do not give me any injection until the arrival of Colonel Tirath Singh." After that Operation Room Assistant arrived and documents pertaining to consent for surgery were signed by me. A little later, Colonel Tirath Singh arrived and he saw both x-rays taken yesterday and this morning. The latest x-ray did not show the presence of any stone in my kidney. He then took both x-rays to the surgical advisor Brigadier Sachdeva and said, "Sir! Gurdev's x-ray taken yesterday confirms presence of a kidney stone but the latest x-ray taken this morning shows no stone at all. Then, why should I carry out the surgery? He had a very large stone in his kidney yesterday but somehow that has miraculously disappeared during the night."

Thereafter, I was subjected to yet another x-ray which was the 14th x-ray since I fell sick. Radiology Specialist Dr. Chandar Prakash personally took the x-ray and examined all of those 14 x-rays very carefully on the screen. The previous 12 x-rays revealed the kidney stone, but the last two x-rays taken that morning did not show the presence of any kidney stone. Therefore a written report was given to me by the doctor that said, "Stone has moved out. You cannot be operated." Then I explained everything experienced by me yesterday night to Colonel Tirath Singh. Colonel said, "My dear boy! Whenever I came close to your bed to decide about your operation, somehow I was not keen to subject you to surgery."

A few days later I applied for leave and left Delhi to reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya at Ballan. When I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj, omniscient Maharaj Ji said, "I was concerned that you should not be subjected to surgery unnecessarily. I was very anxious about you." I humbly prayed, "Maharaj Ji! As you were greatly concerned about me, I escaped surgical operation because you had very kindly flushed out my kidney stone.

(S. Gurdev Singh, 8.06.2003)

130. When Satguru Ji blessed Master Rattan Chand Ji with Sacred Naam

Master Ratan Chand was a resident of Bodlan village near Tanda. He had great reverence and devotion for Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji. One day, he requested Maharaj Ji to bless him with the grant of sacred Naam. Maharaj Ji said, "You will be blessed with Naam in due course of time on a day of heavy rainfall." After that Master Rattan Chand Ji continued to visit the Dera for a year. Rattan Chand Ji came in the Dera one day in the morning during the hot summer season in 1970. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said to Rattan Chand, "Master Ji! You have to stay here in the ashram today." Around 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Maharaj Ji said, "Rattan Chand! Go and be seated in my room. You will be blessed with the sacred Naam today." Master Ji obeyed the instructions of Maharaj Ji and went inside Maharaj Ji's room.

However as it was very hot summer time, he was wondering in his mind about what Maharaj Ji had said earlier "You will be blessed with Naam in due course of time on a day of heavy rainfall." He thought that there was no possibility of rain as there were no clouds anywhere in the horizon that day and the sky was absolutely clear. Within a few minutes after Master Ratan Chand sat down inside the room, he was amazed to see dark clouds all around the horizon outside and it started to rain heavily. He did not know from where the clouds had converged in no time. Maharaj Ji then blessed him with grant of sacred Naam while there was very heavy rain outside. Master Ji was very surprised to see this unique development and it

continued to rain heavily for two hours. Maharaj Ji's words thus proved to be an eternal truth.

(Master Ratan Chand son of Shri Nama Ram, Village, Bodlan, Tanda, 21.08. 2003.)

131. Blessing S. Gurdip Singh and Bibi Harbans Kaur with a Son

S. Gurdip Singh and his wife Bibi Harbans Kaur were residents of village Noorpur. They had three daughters in their house. However they had no son in the family. Someone told them that they should visit some well known saints to seek the blessings of revered saints and then their noble wish will definitely get fulfilled. But they did not like that idea as they thought in their minds that if they were destined to have a son then they would surely beget one.

Later one day, they heard about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Shri Gurdiyal Singh and Bibi Mehar Kaur both very profound devotees of Maharaj Ji from same village Noorpur. Then later one day S. Gurdiyal Singh and Bibi Mehar Kaur accompanied S. Gurdip Singh to meet Maharaj Ji and all of them paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. S. Gurdiyal Singh then prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Gurdip Singh has three daughters in his house. Please bless his family with the precious gift of a son." Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj very kindly said, "Yes! They will beget a son in due course of time." These kind words of Maharaj Ji proved to be an eternal truth as a son was born in the house of that family in due course of time.

132. Saving Shri Gurdiyal Singh

Shri Gurdiyal Singh was resident of village Noorpur. He was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj Ji. Shri Gurdiyal Singh was executing construction of a multi-storey building in Jalandhar City. One day while he was working for the construction of the third floor of the building, the scaffolding supporting him suddenly collapsed and he came down tumbling from the third floor. Shri Gurdiyal Singh remembered his revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj at that critical moment. When he was about to hit the ground after falling from the third floor; he felt that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had rescued him by taking hold of him on both hands.

He was miraculously saved by Maharaj Ji's grace and he only suffered injury to his hip joint. Maharaj Ji appeared in S. Gurdiyal Singh's dream during the night and said, "You are absolutely fine. Don't have any worries." Shri Gurdiyal Singh was absolutely all right with the grace of Maharaj Ji within a few days without any medical intervention.

(Bibi Mehar Kaur wife of Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji, Village Noorpur, Jalandhar)

133. Addressing Doubts of Shri Ram Lal Ji

Shri Pala Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Gabi Devi, hailing from village Biaspind, had great reverence and utmost devotion for Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji. Shri Pala Ram Ji often used to stay at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and render volunteer services. One day, Shri Pala Ram Ji sent his son Ram Lal to meet Maharaj Ji. The area near the present petrol on highway near village Kishangarh had lot of Kikar (*Acacia nilotica*) trees those days. There was a pathway from Biaspind to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya at village Ballan along the grove of those Kikar trees. Shri Ram Lal reached near that grove walking on foot from his home to meet Maharaj Ji. Shri Ram Lal happened to walk over the witchcraft that someone had left on the pathway and his feet came in contact with the witchcraft.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always used to preach his devotees to shun witchcraft, rituals superstition and hearsay and instead to focus on devout meditation of God. Shri Ram Lal Ji reached the Dera. Maharaj Ji was sitting in a chair at that time. Shri Ram Lal Ji paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj already knew about the dilemma and anxiety of Shri Ram Lal Ji because he had walked over witchcraft. Maharaj Ji addressed Ram Lal's dilemma immediately and said, "Ram Lal! You happened to trample witchcraft under your feet on your way. However your worry and anxiety are because of superstitions and delusion of mind. No one suffers any harm just because of contact with witchcraft. You should not worry but focus on meditation of God." While listening to Maharaj Ji, Shri Ram Lal wondered how Maharaj Ji came to know about his walk over witchcraft. He then knew that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was indeed

omniscient who vanquished his anxiety and delusion of his mind.

*(Shri Ram Lal son of Shri Pala Ram Ji, Village Biaspind,
23.08.2003)*

134. First Visit of Shri Gurdas Ram to Kutiya

Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan from village Suchipind is one of the most dedicated disciples of Shri Guru Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He has been a regular visitor to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to pay his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji since 1962 till now. He never missed to visit Kutiya on any Sunday, Sangrand or the first day of every month as per Vikram Samvat Calendar and other annual events. He has also constructed a beautiful temple in the fond memory of Maharaj Ji with his own hard earned resources. Shri Gurdas Ram Ji narrated the story about his first visit to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya as follows;

I have been very fond of pious company of saints from the very beginning. Mahatma Sant Kookar Dass Ji from village Dhade used to visit our village frequently. At that time our old house was located in the middle of the village. Sant Kookar Dass Ji used to camp there. I used to make arrangements to serve meals to him and he used to tell me many stories related to saints that I liked very well. Then he also used to narrate stories about the life and teachings of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. He also used to explain how Guru Ji launched a concerted campaign against the caste system and how many kings and rulers became Guru Ji's disciples. Sant Kookar Dass Ji also described how Meera Bai, Jhala Bai, Raja Nagar Mall, Raja Pipa and other people became Guru Ji's disciples. He also narrated stories related to miraculous feats of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji related to reverse flow of Ganga in the opposite direction, display of four different types of sacred thread 'Janew' worn during the four Yugas or cosmic periods and floating of stone slab on the surface of river Ganga and so on. He also explained how Guru Ji vanquished the false pride of Gorakh Nath and how Guru Ji came out of jail of king Sikandar Lodhi?

I was greatly moved by these fascinating narratives. I also wondered about the enigma why people of our community of

those times did not understand and appreciate Guru Ji's philosophy and teachings and become his followers. How I wish that Shri Guru Ravidass Ji should have had his incarnation during the present times and all of us should have been his dedicated disciples to carry his mission forwards.

My wife often used to be very sick. One day my relative Shri Mangat Ram, resident of Preet Nagar who worked on Tanda Road, Jalandhar told me, "Gurdas! Why are you wasting your money? Join me with your wife one day and we will visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. It is possible that she may get well with the treatment there." Shri Mangat Ram Ji also narrated many facts eulogizing glory of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj of Dera Sachkhand, Ballan. After listening to him, I felt as if I was very close to reach my destination. We then decided after mutual discussions that we shall visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya on the day of 'Lohrhi' festival one day in advance of first day of the month of Magh (December-January). I had a very keen desire to meet the revered saints of Ballan. Meanwhile, Shri Lashman Dass, son of my father's maternal uncle hailing from village Sarmastpur, came to our house. After seeing the condition of my wife, he too advised me to go and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He told me, "You should request Shri Mangat Ram to accompany you and your wife to meet Maharaj Ji and then explain to Maharaj Ji suitably about your wife Bibi Bachni's illness."

So, as per the plan, I reached Sarmastpur on my bicycle. Shri Lashman Dass Ji explained to me the way to reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. I then reached at the door steps of the Kutiya riding on my bicycle. At that time there were only two rooms in Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and the premises had a barbed wire fence. So I parked my bicycle outside and proceeded towards Maharaj Ji's room. There were many mango and guava trees inside the premises of Kutiya during those days. Maharaj Ji was seated on the raised platform at that time. As if Maharaj Ji had been waiting for me, Maharaj Ji got up from the platform on seeing me and started walking towards the gate. I then felt that a divine personality wearing white kurta, white dhoti and light saffron coloured turban was in front of me. Maharaj Ji had a brilliant

glowing face supporting sun-glasses and a long walking stick in one hand. Maharaj Ji walked majestically and stopped after reaching close to me. When I met Maharaj Ji and I placed my head at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji, I felt as if I had met Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji. I was not able to withstand the brilliance radiating from Maharaj Ji's divine face. Then I went inside the Kutiya along with Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji again sat down on the raised platform and told me, "You should first go to the community kitchen and have food. Thereafter you can come back and sit down here. I shall listen to your problems at that time." At that time the size of the Kutiya premises was very small.

Jaesa satgur suni da taesa hi mae dith! Or

Whatever I had heard about the grandeur of my revered Satguru Ji; I have found him to be exactly like that.

I had heard a lot about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji from many of his disciples who used to visit my shop very often. However I was overwhelmed and ecstatic with joy to personally have a glimpse of Maharaj Ji's magnificence. I was really delighted to see the grandeur of Maharaj Ji exactly as I had been hearing. I came back after having my meals and sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji then asked me to move closer and then inquired about the specific reason for my visit. I then told the whole story about my wife's illness to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "You should come on Sunday along with your wife. Suitable medicines will be given to her at that time. Then Maharaj Ji asked me, "What do you do?" I answered Maharaj Ji! "I have a cycle repair shop." Maharaj Ji then conveyed me his blessings and said, "Don't worry! All of your problems will be addressed and various tasks will be accomplished." I was very pleased to hear this. I felt that I really found Satguru Ravidass Ji that day. I have been extremely lucky to find a perfect Satguru that I have been looking for since my childhood.

In the evening I sought permission from Maharaj Ji to return home. I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then reached my village Suchipind riding my bicycle. When I reached home, I told my wife, "Bachni! I have just returned from Ballan after meeting Sant Sarwan Dass Ji

Maharaj. I have been assured by Maharaj Ji that suitable medicines will be given to you and you will be fine after treatment.” She was very happy to hear about the glory of Maharaj Ji and the prospectus of getting well with Maharaj Ji's medical treatment encouraged her immensely. Now I have been eagerly waiting for the coming Sunday with great expectations as I had found a perfect guru and I was very keen to meet him again with lot of enthusiasm. Finally it was Sunday and I took my wife and my daughter on a bicycle and reached the Dera. Time passed by comfortably thereafter. We started to visit Kutiya on every Sunday, Sangrand or first day of the month as per Vikram Samvat Calendar and important festivals like First Navratra and Vaisakhi and listen to Satsang or spiritual discourses conducted by Maharaj Ji. We made it a point to hear the name of each new month and Gurbani hymn related to same in the pious words of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji was an extremely well known Ayurveda expert and most of the herbal medicines were prepared in the ashram and given free to the visiting patients under the expert guidance of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji gave us medicines for my wife and she started getting well slowly with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Village Suchipind, Jalandhar)

135. When a Girl aged Four Years sought Four Brothers

One day we were on our way to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. When we reached near the narrow canal bridge at trifurcation of canal we found that Maharaj Ji was standing near the canal bank. Therefore I parked my bicycle and all of us paid our regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Our daughter Sita was also with us at that time. And she was only four years old then. She got hold of Maharaj Ji's Kurta and began to pull it. She then said innocently, “I shall go home only after getting a brother today.” Maharaj Ji smiled and said, “Okay! You will get your brother. But when Sita persisted with her demand, Maharaj Ji opened his palm and said, “How many brothers do you want?” Then Sita grabbed four fingers of Maharaj Ji's hand and said, “I want four brothers.” On hearing this Maharaj Ji very kindly said, “All right! You will get four brothers.” So I have four sons with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. This is with the grace of Maharaj Ji that

my wife plays happily with four sons and grand children today whereas doctors had been saying that she could not bear any child.

(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Village Suchipind)

136. Meeting other Devotees of the Dera

During my visits to the Dera, I was able to meet Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Karmi Ji who are very profound and dedicated disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They have been visiting Maharaj Ji's Kutuya since their childhood days. They have also been very fortunate to have met even Maharaj Ji's illustrious father Baba Pipal Dass Ji. Apart from them, I also met Shri Sohan Singh from village Sanghwal, Shri Beli Ram Ji from Ballan, Shri Bikkar Singh from village Raipur and many other devotees.

(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Village Suchipind)

137. When Maharaj Ji sent me Home

This incident pertains to the year 1963 when I told Sant Sarwan Dass Ji that my wife often remains sick and our children do not survive. Maharaj Ji gave some medicines for her and said, "She will be all right with these medicines." At that time Sant Garib Dass Ji used to prepare the medicines under Maharaj Ji's guidance. Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj used to conduct spiritual discourses in the ashram. I visited the Dera every Sunday. Once, Maharaj Ji asked me to return home quickly. Soon after having Prasad from Maharaj Ji, I headed for my house quickly. When I reached home, I was extremely surprised to see a large gathering of women in front of my house. I was very worried. That day happened to be Sangrand and first day of the month of Kattak (October-November). My first son Sukhdev was also born on that auspicious day. I did not take me long time to understand why Maharaj Ji sent me home so urgently that day. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was indeed omniscient and knew about the urgency.

My son had premature birth at seven months and therefore he was very weak. On the second day, I happily reached the Dera of Maharaj Ji with Prasad. I told Maharaj Ji that we had been blessed with a son but the child had premature birth at seven months of pregnancy. But Maharaj Ji just kept

quiet. Then I requested Maharaj Ji about the astrological aspects related to the child and to assign a suitable name for the child. However, Maharaj Ji remained silent even this time. I became worried whether my son would survive or not. Then Maharaj Ji said, "There is nothing to worry. This boy will grow up as a great man. He will be given a suitable name later." Then Maharaj Ji gave me cloth to make a dress for my son to wear. I arrived home with that garment. My son was very weak because of premature birth at seven months. So we used to keep him wrapped in a blanket to keep him warm.

I was keen to celebrate the birth of my first son and hold a formal function on the completion of sixth month after my son's birth and also organize a spiritual congregation on that occasion. I was also very keen to invite Maharaj Ji to grace the occasion, sanctify our house and bless all of us. Accordingly, I met Maharaj Ji and requested Maharaj Ji for kind consent for the function and to grace the occasion. Maharaj Ji said, "If you are keen and have such reverence, I shall definitely come." Maharaj Ji then assigned the responsibilities to organize spiritual discourses at our house to Shri Beli Ram Ji and Shri Ami Singh Ji. Maharaj Ji also said that thereafter Bibi Bachni would be able to resume normal visits to the Dera. Because my wife had an infant child, she had not been able to visit the Dera.

Accordingly, Shri Beli Ram Ji and Shri Ami Singh Ji conducted spiritual discourses at our house as advised by Maharaj Ji. My relatives and most of the residents of the village were extremely surprised and they wondered about the great power behind all such jubilations in my house. Initially, they were wondering about some wizard who may be helping us and they harboured innumerable doubts in their minds. All of them were very surprised and many of them did not even venture to come anywhere near my wife. Finally the eventful day of final session of the spiritual congregation arrived and I was ecstatic with joy as my revered Satguru Ji was scheduled to visit my house and bless us.

(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Suchipind, Jalandhar)

138. When Maharaj Ji visited my House

A day before Satsang, I hired a large tempo and reached

the Dera one day before the scheduled date of spiritual congregation to escort Maharaj Ji to my residence. Maharaj Ji had been already waiting for me. I paid my regards to Maharaj Ji and requested Maharaj Ji to accompany me to my house. Maharaj Ji was in a very happy mood and Maharaj Ji called Sant Chetan Dass Ji and said, "Chetan Dass! Let us go to Suchipind. Gurdas has come here to escort us." Sant Chetan Dass Ji, Shri Sohan Singh & Shri Darshan Singh from Sanghwal, Bibi Karmi Ji and Gurbani singer Shri Jaimal Singh Ji also accompanied Maharaj Ji. We reached my village Suchipind around 8 o' clock in the morning. As soon as the Maharaj Ji got down from the tempo, local residents of Suchipind gathered in very large numbers to have a glimpse of Maharaj Ji. Such a unique divine personality like Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had never visited the village earlier. People extended a very warm welcome to Maharaj Ji at the outskirts of our village with great enthusiasm and Maharaj Ji was garlanded profusely. A group of devotees sang Gurbani hymns and walked ahead of Maharaj Ji's vehicle till Maharaj Ji reached in front of my house in that procession. Maharaj Ji was also very happy. Devotees and local residents kept coming to my house throughout the day. Maharaj Ji was seated comfortably on a special bed spread on a large cot at my house. Maharaj Ji then conducted a spiritual discourse for the benefit of all members of the congregation.

Bhai Jaimal Singh Ji from Raouwali recited Gurbani Kirtan in the evening. Thereafter meals were served to Maharaj Ji and all devotees. Maharaj Ji then continued to explain spiritual issues to the congregation till late night. My house was like Baikunth or the realm of God today for me as my revered Gurudev Ji had blessed my house with his rare visit and stay at my home. Maharaj Ji said, "Look dear brothers! I have not stayed overnight at anyone's house so far but the devout reverence of Bhai Gurdas has brought me here. His true love and dedicated devotion has compelled me to be tied up here." Maharaj Ji then recited a formal prayer to God around midnight and asked all the devotees to rest. My son Sukhdev and his mother somehow developed high fever during that night. So I told Maharaj Ji that Sukhdev and his mother had very high fever.

Maharaj Ji blessed both of them very kindly placing his pious hand on the head of each one of them and said, "Don't worry! Both of them will recover by the time it is morning." Maharaj Ji was very happy to see absolute cleanliness in my house and Maharaj Ji said to Bibi Karmi, "Karmo! Just see how spick and span this house is. How neat and clean this girl maintains her house." Maharaj Ji then told my wife, "Bibi Bachni! What did the villagers tell you? Did they say that they did not know which wizard you and your family members visit? Every one of them should have known very well today that all of you visit only my Kutiya." Maharaj Ji then had a hearty laugh and said that such unwarranted comments crossed limits of decency.

On the day of Satsang or spiritual congregation, Maharaj Ji left for the routine morning walk at 4 a.m. accompanied by Shri Sohan Singh, Shri Darshan Singh, Shri Beli Ram and me. We went towards canal passing by village Chohkan. When Maharaj Ji was returning home after the morning walk and reached the outskirts of our village; I cleaned Maharaj Ji's shoes with my muffler as the shoes were covered with dust. I smeared that dust at my forehead with great reverence. It was early morning day time when we entered the village. Devotees were paying their profound regards to Maharaj Ji wherever Maharaj Ji went. Shri Vatna Ram Ji, father of Shri Uday Ram stopped Maharaj Ji on the way and passionately prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Kindly do sanctify my house as well with your lotus feet." Maharaj Ji very kindly visited his house and offered a prayer. Thereafter Maharaj Ji and other devotees savoured Prasad and then proceeded further towards my house. On the way Shri Baru Ram, an elderly resident of the village, requested Maharaj Ji to visit his house too. He prayed, "Maharaj Ji! Some evil spirit has been bedevilling my house since long time back and dirty clothes, stones and bricks often keep falling in the premises." Then Maharaj Ji very kindly entered his house and came out quickly. Maharaj Ji assured Baru Ram, "Brother! Nothing of that sort will ever happen in your house now onwards." Maharaj Ji's words proved to be an eternal truth as that house never had same problems again.

Maharaj Ji finally came back to my house and had a bath.

Thereafter we served breakfast to Maharaj Ji. Meanwhile Bhai Jaimal Singh Ji had been singing Gurbani hymns since early morning in a melodious voice playing single stringed 'Iktara' with one hand and 'Khartalan' with the other hand. Due to shortage of space in my premises, the pandal with stage for the spiritual congregation was set up in an open plot adjacent to my house. Giyani Thakur Dass Ji from Bassi recited Gurbani hymns in melodious voice starting with following hymn of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj:

Aesi lal tujh bin kaun karae!!

Garib Nivaj Gusaiya mera mathae chhatar dharae!!1!!Rahao!!

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.

Thereafter Giyani Jaimal Singh Ji enthralled the congregation by singing the ballad related to one time thief Bhoomiya, who was reformed by Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Later, Shri Beli Ram Ji recited the following Gurbani hymn of Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji and Maharaj Ji explained the meaning and significance with a scholarly commentary.

Gur sewa te bhagat kamayi!! Tab ih manas dehi payi!!

Is dehi kou simrahi dev!! So dehi bhaj Hari ki sev!!

Bhajhu Gobind bhool mat jaho!!Manas janam ka ehi laho!!1!!Rahao!!

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj explained, "Brothers! We have been extremely fortunate to have this rare and precious human life. We got this human life because of devout meditation of God during past life. Therefore we must concentrate on devout worship of God regularly. Even the gods and goddesses long for this human life so that they can pursue dedicated meditation of God and attain salvation ending the pernicious cycle of rebirth and death. When a revered saint abandons his perishable human body and goes to the realm of God for permanent abode; the gods and goddesses curse themselves and cry as they can only grant some boons but not the eternal salvation. Only one's revered Guru Ji can ensure emancipation and eternal salvation of his disciple. Various gods

and goddesses rue that they only earned worthless cowries. They pray to God to grant them opportunity to be born as human beings so that they can perform devout meditation of God and get rid of the pernicious cycle of rebirth and death. However, even though we got this precious human life very fortunately yet we keep wasting this life in pursuit of worldly pleasures, vices, wine and ignoble activities.

Thereafter Maharaj Ji recited the stanza '*Sau sau rog darogiyani*! Maharaj Ji explained, "Brothers! Everyone in this world is tormented. Kings and emperors, gods and goddesses, human beings and even animals like camel, sheep and goat are in distress. That is because everyone is busy in pursuit of worldly pleasures, back biting and calumny. Everyone is in trouble. Only saints and pious people are happy and contented who pursue devout meditation of God. Everyone else in this world is in deep trouble. They come to this world in distress and they leave this world in pain and agony. Only those who practise regular meditation of God are happy and contented and the rest of the living beings in this world suffer immensely. Then Maharaj Ji recited the following hymn eulogizing glory of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji.

Aaye Kashi vich, tariya Nagarmall jis!!

Ikko dum maya wali fasi kihne torhi aa!! i.e.

Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji had his incarnation in Kashi and emancipated king Nagarmall. He shattered the noose of Maya with devout worship of God and meditation of Naam.

Maharaj Ji further said that all saints and great men come to this world only for the sake of all of us. Satguru Ravidass Ji and Satguru Kabir Ji raised their voice against the evil of racial discrimination. They took determined and principled stand against the tyranny of rulers and kings and secured basic human rights for the down trodden and under-privileged. We should follow their teachings and ideals and march forwards on the path shown by them. We should ensure to impart excellent education for our children so that our community, which has been lagging behind others for centuries, can make meaningful progress and achieve high living standards.

No one except Satguru Ravidass Ji really thought of us

during the four cosmic ages. On the contrary most of the people tormented and suppressed us further. There have been thousands of sages, rishies, saints, gods and goddesses in the past but no one took pity on us. We were deprived of basic human rights. We have now been awakened with the grace of Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. Our saviour and Guru is Shri Guru Ravidass Ji. Baba Sahib Bhim Rao Ambedkar gave a practical shape to the philosophy and teachings of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji and secured lost human rights for us. Therefore dear brothers! Let us join hands and work hard together to realize the dream of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji and become respected citizens of Begumpura with equal rights. Let everyone chant Satnam.

We are extremely lucky to have this rare human life. We shall not get it again and again. Therefore, we should practise devout meditation of God and make this precious human life truly fruitful. The sacred Naam is inside you. Meet a perfect guru and search for same within. Everyone is suffering in this world. Camels, horses, goats, lions and other living beings are in distress. Only those who have practised devout meditation of God's are happy. Therefore, we should take full advantage of this rare and precious human life through devout worship of God. Satguru Kabir Ji gives us a strong warning and says, "Dear brothers! Intensify search for God now onwards with immediate effect. If you keep postponing then the entire life will go waste. Therefore I urge all dear brothers to worship God with dedicated devotion from now onwards. As one grows old, one is not even in a position to speak properly and one utters something other than what he wanted to say. Therefore get busy with meditation of God straight away."

Thereafter Maharaj Ji gave a detailed commentary on following Gurbani of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj.

Parhiaie guniae naam sabh suniae anbhao bhao na darsae!!

Loha kanchan hiran hoi kaise jou parsahi na parsae!!!

Even if anyone 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. Iron cannot become gold unless touched with divine *Paras* or philosopher's stone; likewise human being cannot get rid of vices until he secures blessings of *Paras* like perfect Guru. Dear brothers! Therefore all of you must search for a perfect Guru and look for Naam and search for God within you. You cannot get that in forests, places of pilgrimage or through worship of gods and goddesses who have nothing worthwhile. Real treasure of Naam is within you. All of the devotees were indeed blessed and extremely happy after listening to these pious words from Maharaj Ji. Thereafter Maharaj Ji recited the prayer and said, "O revered God! Kindly bless this child with your benevolent blessings so that he becomes highly educated and have a long distinguished life to serve his respected parents."

I requested Maharaj Ji to assign a suitable name for our son. Satguru Ji was very pleased. Maharaj Ji then took the child in his lap and conveyed his kind blessings to the young boy. Maharaj Ji very kindly named him Sukhdev and also handed over a flower to him. Blessing young Sukhdev, Maharaj Ji said, "Sukhdev will usher in all round comforts and happiness for all family members. He will be very obedient and religious minded person."

I was very keen to make this historic visit by my revered Satguru and the auspicious occasion truly significant and memorable. Hence I had invited a professional photographer. He captured beautiful photographs of Maharaj Ji with young Sukhdev and other distinguished members of the congregation. All of those rare photographs taken on that memorable occasion are still safe with me and I have displayed same in one of my rooms. I see those photographs of Maharaj Ji and recall that historic occasion whenever I feel like.

Community meals were served to all devotees at lunch time. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji allowed everyone to return to their respective homes. In the evening, Maharaj Ji also returned to the Dera in an extremely happy mood.

Time kept ticking. I used to visit Kutiya every Sunday and each Sangrand or the first day of the month along with my family members. As the time passed, my faith and belief in Maharaj Ji was so firm that I started seeking prior permission of

Maharaj Ji before taking up any new work. Maharaj Ji also blessed me with the gift of sacred Naam. Maharaj Ji did not bless anyone with Naam easily. Maharaj Ji invariably tested the aspirant for several years and then only accepted the deserving individual as a disciple and blessed him with grant of sacred Naam.

It was during the year 1965 that the search for the place of incarnation of Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji was completed. Then as desired by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj, Sant Hari Dass Ji laid the foundation stone for the construction of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Temple at Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi on Sangrand or the first day of the month of Harh (June) during 1965. As the work related to construction of the beautiful temple progressed, Maharaj Ji asked me also to visit Varanasi. Accordingly I went to Varanasi for the first time in 1967. The entire expenditure on the construction of the temple was being done by Maharaj Ji. All of the devotees were working with great enthusiasm under the guidance of Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji. Caste based discriminations were rampant during those days at Varanasi. However devotees from Punjab working at the temple site did not face serious discrimination as they did not look like poor untouchables. They looked handsome and well dressed. Local Rajput dairy farmers got along very well with devotees from Punjab and they permitted them to use drinking water and bathe at their wells. However they hated local residents of our community and discriminated against them.

It has been my wish since childhood that I will construct a religious monument at my house some day. When I met my revered Satguru my resolve was further strengthened and I decided to build a temple in honour of Maharaj Ji. Then one day I met Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and submitted, "Maharaj Ji! I want to build a temple in your memory at home." Maharaj Ji said, "What will you do with the temple?" I replied "Maharaj Ji! I wish to construct a memorial in your honour so that I can say that my revered Satguru Ji visited my house and I built this temple in memory of Maharaj Ji." Maharaj Ji listened to me and then just smiled and kept quiet.

Maharaj Ji visited my house for the second time during 1968 after the birth of my second son. There was inadequate space in my small house. Maharaj Ji said “Gurdas! Your house is too small with very little space.” I said, “Maharaj Ji! I shall buy more land with your kind blessings.” Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings and said, “I have to ensure accomplishment of many of your tasks as you have abiding faith and utmost reverence. All right! You have my blessings that you will surely accomplish any task you take up.”

139. Maharaj Ji knew about the Thoughts of Devotee's Heart

Shri Kirpa Ram Ji, from Rasulpur Brahmana, was very profound disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He narrated an incident related to our revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to me one day as follows.

One day, I was returning from Jalandhar along with two relatives to my village. When we reached near Sarmastpur, I told my relatives, “Please proceed ahead and go to the village. I shall go to the Kutiya of Maharaj Ji to meet my revered Satguru and then I shall reach my home.” They said “We shall also accompany you and meet Maharaj Ji. We have also heard that the devotees are served jalebis in the ashram.” Thus they also accompanied me. While we were on our way to the Kutiya, I started thinking that jalebis were not prepared in the Kutiya every day. Jalebis were prepared and served to devotees only on certain special occasions. If these guests are not served jalebis in Kutiya today, that will be very humiliating. I prayed to Maharaj Ji to kindly preserve my honour. Meanwhile, we reached the Kutiya while I was contemplating about these thoughts.

Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji was sitting on his seat. All three of us paid our regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down. Everything was very well known to omniscient Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said to me, “Kirpa Ram! There are jalebis in the small almirah with wire mesh. Get the jalebis and serve to these guests.” I was extremely delighted to hear that. I brought the jalebis in a large bowl quickly and served to both of my colleagues. I was convinced in my mind that Maharaj Ji is indeed omniscient who

knows about the thoughts of his devotee's mind and Maharaj Ji has really preserved my honour. I then paid my profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with sincere gratitude and profound reverence. Maharaj Ji just smiled looking at me and said, "Kirpa Ram! Take them along to the community kitchen and all of you should have tea." This is how Maharaj Ji always used to read the thoughts in the devotees' minds.

(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Village, Suchipind)

140. When Maharaj Ji Disappeared

It was Sunday and I was in the Dera in the evening. I accompanied Shri Kirpa Ram for a walk and we went out of the Dera towards village Mokhe along the canal tributary. On the way, we were discussing about the unique event related to Satguru Kabir Ji's final departure from this world. It is said that when Kabir Sahib left for his heavenly abode to be one with God, the mortal remains of his body could not be found for cremation. Instead devotees could find only some flowers and a bed sheet from the spot where Kabir Ji amalgamated with God. His Hindu devotees then cremated half portion of that bed-sheet and the Muslims buried the balance half of the bed-sheet. We were wondering how Satguru Kabir Ji could just dematerialize and the mortal remains of his perishable human body could not be found?

We returned back to the Dera after sometime with our minds still preoccupied with those thoughts. After washing our hands at the hand pump, we paid our regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji engrossed in profound meditation of God in perfect Samadhi sitting on a bed at that time. Some other devotees were also sitting there and we too joined them. The perfect Satguru is the one who ensures that no doubt, in the hearts of his devotees, should remain unaddressed. A few minutes later, Maharaj Ji lay down on his bed to rest under the cover of a thin sheet. After about ten minutes we noticed that Maharaj Ji was not physically there on the bed. We could see only the bed sheet that earlier covered Maharaj Ji. I and Kirpa Ram looked at each other greatly amazed. We went in search of Maharaj Ji in Maharaj Ji's room and then all around the Dera. However we could not find Maharaj Ji anywhere. So finally we

came and sat down next to the Maharaj Ji's bed. I then told Shri Kirpa Ram "Maharaj Ji has shown this unique phenomenon to both of us just as Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj and Satguru Kabir Ji Maharaj dematerialized. Maharaj Ji has left us alone and what can we do now?" With tears flowing down from his eyes, Shri Kirpa Ram said, "It looks that Maharaj Ji has really left us alone and gone."

While we were sadly engaged in such talks, we suddenly noticed some movement under the bed sheet cover that was getting raised upwards and Maharaj Ji materialized again. Very soon, Maharaj Ji got up and sat down on the bed. Even before we could ask Maharaj Ji where he had gone, Maharaj Ji told both of us to go and render services in the community kitchen. Maharaj Ji also told us not to discuss about that incident with anyone.

Thus both of us understood that omniscient Maharaj Ji knew everything we discussed and that Maharaj Ji had shown this miracle to remove any doubts from our minds. Thus we are really very proud of our revered Satguru Ji who addresses all doubts and dilemmas that may trouble his devotees' minds. I am sharing this unique experience related to that incident for the first time.

Once, a profound devotee with great reverence for Maharaj Ji went to work in the mountains. He returned a month later and visited Maharaj Ji's Kutिया. He narrated his experience to us and said, "I met a revered saint in the forest who was sitting near the fire. If someone gave anything to him as an offering, he threw that in the fire. He practises true renunciation. A lion also sat beside him. He was indeed more accomplished and perfect saint compared to our saints. He came inside the Kutिया to pay his regards to Maharaj Ji while having same thoughts in his mind. Omniscient Maharaj Ji knew all that and the doubts of that devotee's mind had to be dispelled. When he paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji, he saw two lions sitting on either side of Maharaj Ji. He was amazed to witness that miracle and he again held the lotus feet of Maharaj in both hands with utmost reverence and cried bitterly. He begged for pardon and said "Maharaj Ji! Kindly forgive me. There is no

one greater than you. You are indeed omniscient. I forgot and committed a serious blunder for which I pray for your pardon.” Maharaj Ji burst into laughter and said, “Hey ! You saw a lion sitting beside a saint in the forest.” Maharaj Ji clapped his hands smilingly once and said, “Well that was amazing.” My revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was thus truly omniscient who could read the thoughts harboured by a devotee in his mind well in advance.

141. Highest Priority for Education and Cleanliness

Time kept ticking that way. I used to visit Kutiya on every Sangrand and each Sunday with my wife and children. In the evening, when we asked for permission from Maharaj Ji to return home; Maharaj Ji often asked us to stay on for some more time. Later, Maharaj Ji used to go inside his room to bring some fruits or sweets from the almirah. Maharaj Ji used to give those items to children as Prasad and then permit all of us to return home.

Maharaj Ji always advised his devotees and other visitors “Brothers! Ensure to impart excellent education to your children.” In particular Maharaj Ji emphasized the vital importance of the education of girls. Maharaj Ji used to highlight, “if our girls are educated then our next generations will also be well educated.” Maharaj Ji always used to pray to God that people from alleged lower castes should also become highly educated and they should be very high ranking officers in various departments of government. They should also enjoy higher standards of living.

Maharaj Ji used to visit the community kitchen very often while the food was being prepared for the congregation of devotees. Maharaj Ji always ensured that highest standards were maintained in respect of hygiene, cleanliness and preparation of meals. Maharaj Ji used to advise the volunteers responsible for cooking and serving the community meals to keep their mouths suitably covered with clean pieces of cloth.

Maharaj Ji often used to advise his devotees to wear simple but clean dress while visiting any saint. No one had the courage to look at the face of Maharaj Ji as it radiated divine brilliance that was difficult to withstand.

142. Enhancing My Wife's Life Span

'Mera baid guru Govinda' or My revered Guru Ji is not only my Govind or God but he is also the most accomplished Vaid or doctor for me who cures me of any disease.

It was the year 1972 when my wife Bibi Gurbachan Kaur fell seriously ill while she was in the sixth month of pregnancy. So I went to Guru Maharaj Ji's Dera and explained to Maharaj Ji all details about my wife's pregnancy and serious illness. Maharaj Ji said, "You should consult a gynaecologist in the city for her treatment at once." I obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and took my wife to a lady doctor in Jalandhar. The doctor saw the condition of my wife and said "Her condition is extremely bad. At this time, her life and child's safety are at serious risk. Therefore you should take her to the civil hospital for treatment." I went to Maharaj Ji at once and told the whole story. Maharaj Ji sternly said, "Why did you come here? Get back at once and get your wife admitted to civil hospital." As advised by Maharaj Ji, I took my wife to civil hospital, Jalandhar. The doctor examined her and said, "Both the mother and baby are at very grave risk and chances of survival of either one of them are remote. However I shall try my level best." My wife remained in the hospital for nearly 15 days. She gave birth to a premature and dead baby. Finally the doctors told me to take her home and look after her as best as I could.

Let me now tell you what happened in the meantime. The wife of Maharaj Ji's devotee Shri Sohan Singh from village Sanghwal and some other ladies came to the hospital to inquire about my wife's health. They were very sad to see my wife in such serious condition. While they were returning to their respective homes, they thought of meeting Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj in the Kutiya and inform Maharaj Ji about the serious condition of my wife. They decided to visit the Dera. When they reached the Dera, they paid their regards to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji knew all details very well. Yet Maharaj Ji asked the women "Where did you come from this time?" Then those women responded to Maharaj Ji and said, "Maharaj Ji! We had gone to the hospital in Jalandhar to meet Bibi Bachni and know about her health." Maharaj Ji asked "How is that girl now? The ladies

said “Maharaj Ji! Her condition is very serious. She gave birth to a dead child. The doctor has told her that even she may not survive. The doctor has advised her husband to take her home tomorrow as they are helpless.” Maharaj Ji said, “What did that girl say?” The ladies replied, “Maharaj Ji! She asked whether her revered Guru Maharaj Ji would save her life or not?”

On hearing this Maharaj Ji looked anxious and he sat down on his bed for meditation in perfect Samadhi. Maharaj Ji remained engrossed in deep meditation for a very long period. When Maharaj Ji came out of Samadhi, Maharaj Ji had a hearty laugh and said “You may now go and reassure Bibi Bachni that additional life span has been secured from God for her.” Maharaj Ji further said, “Her children are too young at present. Just go and tell her that nothing wrong will happen to her.” All of those ladies were extremely surprised to hear these wonderful positive words from Maharaj Ji while they were thinking that Bibi Bachni was about to breathe her last when they met her last in the hospital. They were amazed when Maharaj Ji told them about a new lease of life for her. Maharaj Ji was greatly concerned and remained engrossed in devout meditation throughout the night praying to God for saving the endangered life of that girl as her children were also very young

143. Maharaj Ji's Visit to Civil Hospital, Jalandhar

Maharaj Ji reached civil hospital Jalandhar the next day along with Bibi Karmi from village Rasulpur and some other devotees. Maharaj Ji reached the general ward. My wife's bed was on the second floor. So Maharaj Ji went to the second floor. Maharaj Ji distributed fruits to patients in the ward with his own hands and stopped after reaching my wife's bed. I was also there and both of us were amazed to see Maharaj Ji with us in the hospital. All patients in the hospital were very delighted to have a vision of Maharaj Ji. Doctors on duty escorted Maharaj Ji during the visit and finally Maharaj Ji stopped in front of my wife's bed. My wife wanted to get up and pay her regards to Maharaj Ji. However Maharaj Ji said “You are still very weak. Just relax and take it easy.” Maharaj Ji then removed one garland of flowers from his neck and put it around my wife's neck. Then Maharaj Ji removed another garland of flowers and

placed that around my neck. Thereafter Maharaj Ji said “Bibi Bachni! Now you should not worry at all. I am taking all your sufferings and sorrows away along with me. You should not cry and shed tears for your lost son. God will bless you with two more sons.” My wife answered politely “Maharaj Ji! Why should I worry now? You are God for us and you have taken the trouble to visit me in the hospital to save my life.” She requested Maharaj Ji that she would present the elder of the two sons in due course to serve at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji.

At that time I resolved in my mind to donate my future elder son to Maharaj Ji. All of the doctors, staff and patients in the hospital wondered about the identity of unique divine persona of Maharaj Ji that had such brilliant aura and glow. Despite advanced age, Maharaj Ji's divine face radiated very strong and powerful brilliance. Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings to us and then returned to the Dera. In the evening, we also returned to our home in Suchipind with the permission of the doctor. With the grace of Maharaj Ji, my wife's health gradually started getting better. We thought that we would be able to go to see the Maharaj Ji with great enthusiasm after a few days. In accordance with Maharaj Ji's kind words, a boy was born in my house in due course of time. After a few years, another son was born who was named Surinder Dass. When Surinder Dass was about five years old, Sant Sammelan or congregation of saints was held in Suchipind. Surinder Dass was given saffron coloured dress at that time and he was taken to Dera.

(Shri Gurdas Ram Ji Badhan, Village Suchipind)

144. Miracle Related to Last Rites

It was 11th June 1972. I was drinking tea sitting near the hearth in my house. There was a sudden powerful blast in the fireplace. I placed the cup of tea there and told my wife “I am going to the Dera. Maharaj Ji has left us forever.” She said “How do you know that.” I said “Yes! Somehow I know about this reality.” When I reached the Dera hurriedly, the apprehension in my mind proved to be true. The devotees were in an extremely bad situation weeping and wailing helplessly. The holy body of Maharaj Ji was brought to the Dera in

palanquin bedecked with flowers that was led by a band playing devotional music. Maharaj Ji's body was covered with flowers and placed outside the room in the veranda. Thousands of devotees gathered from all over the country and abroad to have a last glimpse and pay their tearful respects to Maharaj Ji. The devotees kept streaming in to have a last glimpse of Maharaj Ji and to pay their profound homage. The sacred body of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was finally placed on the funeral pyre, that also had aromatic substances like sandalwood, ghee, copra and dried dates, and consigned to flames on 11th June, 1972. A stream of blood suddenly emerged from the mortal human body of Maharaj Ji comprising of five elements and a few drops of blood fell on the dress worn by Shri Gurdas Ram Ji.

Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was formally enshrined as the worthy successor of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and the spiritual head of Dera Sachkhand, Ballan. Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji and Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji had been supervising the temple construction work at Varanasi as directed by Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. Now Sant Hari Dass Ji had to shoulder additional responsibility as the spiritual head of the Dera as well. Sant Hari Dass Ji started the construction of a huge temple in memory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji at the spot where Maharaj Ji's living room stood earlier in the Kutiya. With the whole hearted support of all devotees, a spacious and elegant temple was ready within one year. This temple was formally inaugurated and dedicated to the sacred memory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj on the occasion of first anniversary of Maharaj Ji on 11th June, 1973.

I had been contemplating in my mind since my childhood to build a suitable memorial in honour of Maharaj Ji at my house. This resolve got further strengthened when Maharaj Ji's devotees completed the construction of aforesaid memorial temple. I decided to build a temple at home at my own cost to commemorate the sacred memory of Maharaj Ji. Now I shall recall an event of the time of Maharaj Hari Dass Ji. Once, I requested Maharaj Hari Dass Ji that I want to build a temple at my home in memory of Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "Gurdas! Just think over as this is a very difficult task."

My work was very good with the grace of Maharaj Ji. I used to save some money after meeting household expenses as my mind was always preoccupied with the thought to build a memorial for my revered Satguru Ji. It was during 1974-75 that I bought 13 Marlas land from a farmer just outside my village. I told Maharaj Hari Dass Ji about purchase of that land and Maharaj Ji was extremely happy to know that. By now Maharaj Ji was also convinced that this man would surely fulfil his resolve. So Maharaj Ji used to ask me every Sunday "What is the progress of your work now?" I would reply "Maharaj Ji! I am sure that you will definitely help me to accomplish my goal some day." Maharaj Ji would just smile after hearing this.

Once, I held a discussion with Shri Kirpa Ram from Rasulpur about my plans to build a memorial for Maharaj Ji. He also told me "Look Gurdas! Such tasks are undertaken by the kings or the revered saints and these are beyond our capabilities. It was Sunday. I and Kirpa Ram went out for a walk towards the canal in the evening. Kirpa Ram said "I do not think that you will accomplish the task of building a temple." I asked "Why not?" Kirpa Ram said "A sacred building for worship normally gets constructed only at a place where some revered saint performed devout meditation of God in the past." Then he gave me many examples about the places where the construction of Gurudwaras or temples could not be completed because of that lacuna. Then I said, "Look Kirpa Ram! You are right. But if the place is blessed by one's revered Guru Ji then why cannot he build a temple or Gurudwara there?" I said that the place has already been blessed my revered satguru Ji. Thereafter both of us came inside the Dera.

Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj was sitting on the bed when we reached there and we paid our regards. Maharaj Ji was the devotees sitting there at that time "Gurdas from Suchipind wants to build a temple at his home in memory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. However this task is very difficult." Maharaj Ji then pointed his index finger towards the newly built temple in the Kutiya and said "Gurdas says that he will build a temple like this. But this task is very difficult."

Shri Beli Ram, who was sitting nearby said "Maharaj Ji!

You and all of your devotees left no stone unturned to build this temple. Then how can Gurdas build a similar temple alone?” Maharaj Ji said, “Yes! You are right.” I then stood up and raised both of my hands and said, “Maharaj Ji! May I make a submission with your kind permission?” Maharaj Hari Dass Ji said “Yes of course.” Then I said “Maharaj Ji! I am a poor man and I support my family by repairing bicycles. We find it difficult even to meet normal household expenses. Who am I to construct a temple? Maharaj Ji! I have so much faith and confidence in my mind that if you are pleased and I have your blessings, then construction of such a temple is nothing. With your benevolent blessings, I can even make a golden temple in the memory of my revered Satguru Ji.”

After listening to this Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji became very emotional and he said, “Yes Beli Ram! Tell me now. What do you have to say? Did you listen what this man just said?” Beli Ram was absolutely speechless and he just kept quiet. Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji then said to me “Brother! You may go now. You have such immense faith and confidence in Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that Maharaj Ji will certainly ensure that all of your tasks are accomplished successfully.

145. Construction of a Temple at Suchipind in Sacred Memory of Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj

Time just kept ticking. I used to remember every moment that I have to make a memorial of Maharaj Ji at my own home and with my own funds. That is why I spoke to my cousin brother Shri Anant Ram Badhan. I said “I wish to build a memorial for Maharaj Ji at my house.” He said, “Okay! That is good.” This incident pertains to the year 1977. At that time there was Akali Dal Government in Punjab. My cousin said that he would persuade Bibi Satwant Kaur, a minister in the Government of Punjab, to visit Suchipind and lay the foundation stone of the proposed temple to commemorate Maharaj Ji's memory.

The date for laying the foundation stone of the temple was fixed in consultation with Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji. Satsang or spiritual congregation was organized two days in advance. I was overwhelmed with joy because Maharaj Ji was going to

fulfil my childhood dream. On the day of Satsang, I hired a car in the morning and reached the Dera. I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji and pleaded “Maharaj Ji! You are going to fulfil my cherished childhood dream about which you used to ask me every Sunday about the progress of my pet project? I would invariably say that I would complete that work one day with your kind blessings. So you are going to ensure today that my goal is achieved.” On hearing this, Maharaj Ji became emotional and with tears in his eyes, Maharaj Ji said “It is indeed amazing that you have such a strong faith.” Maharaj Ji further said that Ram Chandra's revered guru Vasishtha said “Ram! No one is your God but your own faith is your real God. So Gurdas! All of your tasks are getting accomplished only because of your immense faith. You have benevolent blessings of Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji with you,”

I brought Maharaj Ji to my home in Suchipind with utmost devotion and great pleasure. Maharaj Ji laid the foundation stone of the temple. Thereafter Bibi Satwant Kaur also laid a brick ceremonially and she made an announcement to sanction grant of five thousand rupees for the construction of the temple. Apart from this grant, devotees and relatives assembled on the occasion also made contributions voluntarily for the construction of the temple. On the second day, mason Shri Karnail Singh son of Shri Dalip Singh, who built the beautiful temple in Maharaj Ji's memory in Dera Sachkhand Ballan, started construction of the temple in my premises in right earnest.

Maharaj Ji's blessings were with me as my work at my shop was also in excellent shape. I had been saving small amounts regularly for a long time for the construction of this temple. Therefore construction work related to the temple reached the lintel slab laying stage very fast. I then reached the office of Block Development Officer Jalandhar one day to get the grant for the temple announced by Bibi Satwant Kaur. The incumbent B.D.O. had come to Jalandhar on transfer just a few days ago. I met him in his office and he said “You will get cement, bricks and steel rods worth Rs.5000/ very soon at the temple construction site” However, many days passed but the

goods did not reach my village. One day I met B.D.O. Sahib again. He told me again that all of goods would be delivered very soon. So within a few days, a truck loaded with cement, steel rods, bricks and sand reached my home. Those materials were used to complete the lintel slab.

Later one day I was working at my shop in the afternoon. There was traffic jam on the road in front of my shop. I saw B.D.O. Sahib's jeep there. I went forward and told him "B.D.O. Sahib! You have come to my market today Please tell me what I should do for you. Let me arrange some tea for you in my shop." He curtly replied, "You repair the bicycles to earn meagre amount. What can you do for me?" Then he quickly went away.

After some days, I went to his house as I needed a permit to get cement. I requested him "Please verify my application so that I can get the cement." He was very upset that day and he told me "The government has tortured me very much. I was transferred to Jalandhar only one month back and now I have received another transfer order." He then told me "You should come to my office and I will verify your application." I said "B.D.O. Sahib! Your transfer order will get cancelled with the blessings of my revered Satguru Maharaj Ji." Thereafter, I came back to my shop.

I went to his office the next day and met him. He was very happy to meet me that day. He welcomed me affectionately and offered me a seat close to him and said "My transfer to Amritsar has been cancelled as you said and I have received the cancellation order. I shall now continue to work at Jalandhar. This is because of your kindness." I said "Sardar Sahib! I said that casually. However it has happened because of benevolence of my revered Satguru Maharaj Ji." B.D.O. Sahib was highly impressed and delighted. Thereafter he used to recommend supply of whatever quantity of cement was required by me for building the temple. Whenever he travelled by the railway road, he stopped at my shop to meet me and have a cup of tea with me. Neighbouring shop keepers used to wonder when such a senior officer visited my shop so frequently. One day some of them asked the B.D.O. "What do you have to do with this cycle repair shop here?" Then he replied "Gurdas is not an ordinary person.

He enjoys immense blessings of his Guru Maharaj Ji. Whatever he says, that surely happens. He is a great man and his revered Guru Ji's grandeur is beyond description.”

This is the result of my Guru Ji's blessings. I do not deserve any credit for this. Work related to construction of the temple continued with occasional stoppage due to shortage of funds as I was implementing such large project alone. Finally the construction of the main structure of the temple was completed in one year with the grace of Maharaj Ji. However, I had yet to give a final shape to this temple as last finishing jobs were still balance. My wife and I used to save some money after meeting essential home expenses. After ten years gap, we resumed the work to give a final shape to the temple during 1986-87 and the temple was finally ready within 3 months of resumption of work. Only work related to floor was balance and that too was completed after a few months. My wife Gurbachan Kaur provided me whole hearted support in this work and my children also worked as labourers to work with the mason. It is not easy to describe Maharaj Ji's unique feats.

146. Early Morning Visit by Maharaj Ji

Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and all members of his family were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He often used to become very emotional and weep while discussing about grandeur of Maharaj Ji. Shri Kirpa Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Karmi Ji visited my house on the occasion of marriage of my daughter. They reached my house one day in advance of the marriage and stayed with us for the night. After taking dinner, we sat down together with all members of the family and discussed about amazing incidents related to Maharaj Ji. Bibi Karmi Ji said that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always used to leave the ashram very early for the morning walk. She then narrated the following incident. I was churning the curd to prepare butter one day very early in the morning. I got lot of butter and I contemplated in my mind that it would be extremely nice if my revered satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj visits my house and savours some fresh butter and butter milk. While I was still contemplating like that in my mind, Maharaj Ji

suddenly arrived very early in the morning and knocked at the door. We welcomed Maharaj Ji and paid our regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, “Bibi Karmo! I have arrived as you have been remembering me. Now bring that butter and butter milk you have been contemplating to serve me. I have come here to savour the buttermilk and butter prepared by you with utmost devotion.”

I was greatly surprised when Maharaj Ji arrived suddenly and I was overwhelmed with joy to have a view of my revered satguru Ji. I served buttermilk and butter to Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji savoured that with great delight. Then Maharaj Ji said “Karmo! I am extremely happy today. You can demand anything today.” I humbly replied “Maharaj Ji! We only seek your kind blessings and shelter at your lotus feet. We don't cherish anything else.” Maharaj Ji conveyed his benevolent blessings and very kindly said “All right! You are granted the same.”

Maharaj Ji used to call Bibi Karmi fondly as Karmo. Bibi Karmi Ji and Shri Kirpa Ram Ji devoted their entire life at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. All members of the family including their children and grand children are profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji's worthy successors at Dera Sachkhand Ballan. They were amongst those dedicated devotees who had complete faith and confidence in their revered Satguru Ji and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always materialized to reveal his vision whenever they remembered Maharaj Ji desperately with dedicated devotion.

147. Taking the Urn of Sacred Ashes of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to Haridwar

The holy urn containing sacred ashes of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was taken from Dera Sachkhand Ballan to Jalandhar Railway Station in a very large procession of cavalcade of cars and motor vehicles bedecked with flowers. The procession was led by music bands and very large numbers of devotees numbering several thousand participated in the procession that reached Jalandhar Railway Station at 6 p.m. My shop was located on Railway Road and I too reached the station to pay my respects to Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji

and meet the devotees. Infinite numbers of devotees were assembled there and most of them were keen to travel to Haridwar. I then decided that I must also go to Haridwar when so many devotees are going there. I was overwhelmed with ascetic thoughts and memories of Maharaj Ji. I asked Sant Garib Dass Ji about the next train for Haridwar. Sant Garib Dass Ji said “A train that leaves Jalandhar station at 9 p.m. has a special coach for Haridwar. That coach will be detached from the train at Laksar Station and attached to a Haridwar bound train.” Sant Garib Dass Ji gave me an extremely precious present – a turban that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji used to wear. I have preserved the same respectfully and I have a glance of that with reverence whenever I feel like.

I closed my shop a little early that evening and went home quickly to get ready to travel to Haridwar. Thereafter I boarded the coach of the train meant for Haridwar. This was the first time I was travelling to Haridwar. I was quite worried on two counts—first I should not be late and I must reach Haridwar well before immersion of the sacred ashes in the holy Ganga and second that I should not lose my way in Haridwar. I was very keen to be present personally at the time of immersion of sacred ashes of my revered satguru Ji. However I was fully confident in my mind that I must be able to have a final view of the holy urn before immersion of sacred ashes. I reached Haridwar very early in the morning. I enquired from local people and then reached Shri Guru Ravidass Ashram Nirmala Chhawni. I met Sant Dharmatma Nand Ji there but I was amazed to find that no one from Jalandhar had yet reached there. I mentioned to Sant Dharmatma Nand Ji “Sant Hari Dass Ji, Sant Garib Dass Ji and a large number of devotees from Punjab had left for Haridwar by a train about 3-4 hours in advance of departure of my train from Jalandhar. Therefore, I am wondering why they have not yet reached here.” Thereafter both of us reached Haridwar railway station facing Nirmala Chhawni to enquire about the arrival of that train. Very soon thereafter the train arrived at Haridwar station with the holy urn and the revered saints Sant Hari Dass Ji, Sant Garib Dass Ji and accompanying devotees got down from the train.

All devotees were marching forwards in a nice procession led by Sant Hari Dass Ji. Everyone was surprised to see me there. Sant Hari Dass Ji asked me “You were at Jalandhar station to see us off when we boarded the train. Then how is it that you reached here even before arrival of our train?” I said “Maharaj Ji! I reached here only because of your blessings. You know everything and I felt as if I had flown to Haridwar.” All devotees got fresh and had some tea and snacks at the ashram and then got ready to join the procession led by music band with the holy urn containing sacred ashes of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. The procession reached the Ghats of river Ganga and Sant Garib Dass Ji recited the formal prayer as desired by Sant Hari Dass Ji and all heartbroken devotees joined in prayer. Thereafter the holy urn and sacred ashes were immersed in the river Ganga with the accompaniment of slogans eulogizing glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. All of the devotees and revered saints later boarded a train from Haridwar to Jalandhar.

148. Word of a Saint means Eternal Truth

This incident pertains to the time of Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji. I had a shop on railway road. There were approximately sixty shops in the locality including my shop. High Court had passed orders directing concerned authorities to build a suitable traffic crossing there to regulate heavy traffic. Accordingly, Jalandhar Improvement Trust decided to demolish some shops to facilitate construction of the traffic round about. Therefore mandatory notices were sent to all shopkeepers whose shops were to be demolished. The shopkeepers were directed to vacate those shops within two days failing which the shops would be demolished.

Some of the ministers of government of Punjab were devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan those days. All of the shopkeepers decided to visit the Dera collectively and request Maharaj Ji to resolve this problem and save their shops. When the delegation of shopkeepers reached the Dera, Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on a cot. We paid our regards to Maharaj Ji and wanted to sit down. However Maharaj Ji told all of us to have tea first. We had tea and then sat down in front of Maharaj

Ji. We then discussed our problem with Maharaj Ji and explained “Maharaj Ji! Most of us are very poor shop keepers and we have small shops on Railway Road, Jalandhar. Government wants to pull down our shops and build a traffic round about at that place. In this way we will lose everything and get displaced from our shops. We therefore pray to you to kindly tell some of the ministers, who are your devotees, to intervene and see that the project is shelved.”

Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji listened to us and then told us a story. Maharaj Ji said as follows. A Mughal king invaded our country because Hindustan was a very rich country at that time. He invaded us because of his greed. When he was marching forwards with his army to attack us, he met Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji on his way. Babar paid his regards to Guru Ji and sought Guru Ji's blessings. Guru Ji conveyed his blessings to Babar. Babar won the war. While Babar was returning with his victorious army and plundered treasures of wealth, he met Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji again. Babar paid his regards to Guru Ji and arrogantly said “O Saint! You can demand anything from me today whatever you want.” Then Guru Nanak Dev Ji said, “You are the greediest beggar in this world. You sought my blessings to win the war and now you wish to be a philanthropist and want me to beg for anything from you. What is that you own to give to me?” Babar prostrated at the lotus feet of Guru Ji and begged for pardon for his impudence.

Thereafter Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji said “Dear Brothers. All of these ministers come here to seek blessings of saints. I shall not tell anyone of them about this issue and make any recommendation. However all of you should rest assured that nothing wrong will happen to your shops. No one will demolish your shops.” Thereafter all of us conveyed our gratitude and paid profound regards to Maharaj Ji and returned to Railway Road, happily with Maharaj Ji's blessings. We were amazed to learn after reaching there that the court had stayed the orders related to demolition of our shops and government had shelved implementation of the project for construction of traffic round about. All of us were extremely happy and also greatly surprised because of such fast positive developments. Thus

these issues relate to the devotion of the devotee and his utmost faith and confidence in his revered Guru Ji.

Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo nirmal jake baen!

Jih kari daras aau paras son man upjahi sukh chaen!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji 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.”

Then government kept quiet on this issue for a long time. In 1979, Jalandhar Improvement Trust sent notices once again to all the shopkeepers to vacate their shops. There were two government holidays and third day was Sunday. After those three days, the government wanted to take possession of the area comprising the shops. The shopkeepers tried their best but could not even file an appeal for stay of the orders because of holidays. Everyone was worried that the shops would be demolished as per high court order and no one can stop that. All of the shopkeepers held a meeting to chalk out future course of action. I said to them, “Brothers! You do your work and take any appropriate action. However I shall go to my revered Satguru Ji and pray at his lotus feet for help.”

When I reached the Dera, Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the cot. I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and he asked me to have tea first. After taking tea, I came back and prayed “Maharaj Ji! The government wants to demolish shops of 60 shop keepers and construct a traffic round about at that place. All of the shopkeepers are poor. Where will we go when our shops are demolished? How will we earn our living? Please take pity on us and save us from this calamity.” Maharaj Ji pondered over this intricate problem calmly and signalled me to get back to my shop.

I understood everything when Maharaj Ji gave that signal. I returned back and told all the shopkeepers “Our shops will stay here with each one of us. There will be no damage to our shops. My revered Guru Ji has conveyed his blessings.” They asked “How is that possible?” Some of the shop keepers had gone to meet the Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner told them “I shall send a suitable

recommendation to government for postponement of any action. However any stay related to implementation of High Court orders is unlikely. I am helpless because of that.” Those shopkeepers also came back from D.C's office.

Finally it was Monday the day fixed for taking possession. The employees of Jalandhar Improvement Trust backed by hundreds of policemen came there with Bulldozers to start demolition of shops. They surrounded all the shops and cordoned off the area and warned everyone to keep away. All the shopkeepers were terribly worried about it but I had full confidence in Maharaj Ji's word that our shops would not be damaged.

Full preparations were put in place by the Improvement Trust to demolish our shops when they received a telephone call from Chandigarh saying that the railway road round about scheme stands postponed and hence no damage should be caused to the shops. All of the shopkeepers were extremely happy and their joy knew no bounds. It is already more than 22 years since then and our shops are absolutely safe at the same place by Maharaj Ji's grace. Thus if a devotee has full faith in his revered Guru Ji then he can secure any noble blessings from his Guru Ji.

149. Praise for Guru Ji

One day Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj was seated on his cot near the main temple. Their devotees sat around the Maharaj Ji. I am also reached the Dera and paid my regards to Maharaj Ji. Thereafter I had tea and then sat down near Maharaj Ji. Many other devotees were also sitting there. Some of them were narrating virtues of another saint. They said, “Maharaj Ji! We met a revered saint who eats very frugal meals. If someone donates something to him, he throws that into the fire. He is an accomplished saint.

Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj Ji was listening to them very carefully. I also listened to them attentively. One devotee was operating a hand held fan to cool the air around Maharaj Ji as it was quite hot. I took the fan from that person tactfully and started operating it. I then said “Maharaj Ji! If you give me permission then I want to speak something.” Maharaj Ji said, “Of course! You can speak what you want.”

I said “I shall only say what I have learnt from your devotees.” Then looking towards all the devotees I further said “We should always praise our own Guru Ji alone while sitting close to him.” Sant Hari Dass Ji abruptly got up and went away after listening to my words. Then I said “Brothers! While we are sitting near our Guru Ji, we should only sing paeans of his glory. Later on we can discuss about other people or different issues. Now that Maharaj Ji has gone away; you can eulogize anyone else. However it does not behove us to praise someone else in front of our own Guru Ji. That shows lack of confidence in one's Guru Ji.”

Sant Amar Dass Ji, who lived in village Mannan, was also sitting there. He said “That is true. Maharaj Ji is extremely kind to this person.” Another person sitting nearby said “Yes! He has complete blessings of Maharaj Ji. If he did not have Maharaj Ji's blessings, he would not have reached Haridwar earlier than other devotees who boarded the train from Jalandhar to Haridwar 3-4 hours before him. That was because he had Maharaj Ji's blessings.” Then everyone started asking me to elaborate how I reached Haridwar before those who boarded the earlier train. I was about to explain the details when a devotee conveyed me a directive from Sant Hari Dass Ji to stop any further discussion on that subject at once. I obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and did not elaborate the secret behind that unique issue.

In this way, Maharaj Ji knows everything. The devotees should have full faith in Guru Ji. However it is extremely difficult to do that. Satguru Maharaj Ji often subjects his devotees to difficult tests and then helps those, who pass such tests, to accomplish all of their noble tasks.

150. Construction of the Temple

This incident pertains to the year 1978 when I was constructing a temple in memory of Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Because the transfer of B.D.O. was stopped, therefore he had lot of respect for me. He gave me as many bags of cement as I required him to sanction. He used to recommend supply of any quantity of cement required by me from time to time for building the temple. There was acute shortage cement

in our country and it was an essential controlled commodity available against permits.

However, one day that B.D.O. asked me “What do you do with so much cement.” Then I explained him everything and said “I am constructing a temple at my home to commemorate the sacred memory of my revered Guru Ji Maharaj at my own cost.” B.D.O. was extremely surprised to hear that and he said “It is indeed amazing that you have undertaken to implement such a huge project all alone at your own cost particularly when you earn your living by repairing bicycles. Truly you have immense blessings of your revered Guru Ji. Normally temples and gurudwaras are built in the villages through collaborative efforts of the community. I am witnessing such unique example for the first time as you are building the temple all alone without any external help. It is indeed very true that you enjoy the full support of your revered Guru Ji and this is the result of his blessings.”

A truly perfect Guru emancipates his devotee and ends the pernicious cycle of death and rebirth provided the disciple shuns vices. Satguru Ji blesses his disciple with the unique treasure of Naam and worship of God and such a disciple is indeed extremely lucky.

I had to take care of everything related to construction of the temple alone. I had to open and run my shop daily. I had to make arrangements for timely supply of cement and bricks to the mason. Thus I was very busy with these works. Even though my children were very young those days, yet they helped the mason as labourers. My wife prepared meals and tea for the mason and labour. Hence she too had lot of work. However our revered Satguru blessed us with such courage and determination that we never felt frustrated. Sometimes we had to stop the work and resume the same 3-4 months later after saving some hard earned money.

151. Realization of Truth by a Comrade

This story pertains to the times of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Comrade Diyal Singh had his farm along the highway east of village Raipur. One of the disciples of Maharaj Ji was working at that farm to look after the cattle. He often used

to tell him about the glory of Maharaj Ji – an accomplished Udasi saint who remained celibate throughout his life. Comrade hardly believed in God and he used to tell that person “You keep talking about saints unnecessarily. Most of the saints are fake and not genuine. There is nothing like God. This is the era of science.” Even then that devotee used to tell Comrade about Maharaj Ji's unique accomplishments.

Time kept ticking. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was indeed omniscient. One day, Maharaj Ji came for a morning walk along the canal tributary and reached close to Comrade's farm. Diyal Singh witnessed a unique brilliance at some distance and he moved forwards to check about it. He was stunned to see the divine glowing face of Maharaj Ji. He casually paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. As a communist, he did not believe in God and just to test Maharaj Ji he said “Maharaj Ji! There has been no rain and crops are withering away.” Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry. It will rain tomorrow.” Diyal Singh asked “At what time will it rain?” Maharaj Ji replied “There will be rainfall tomorrow around 11 a.m.”

Maharaj Ji returned to his ashram thereafter. Diyal Singh returned home and continued deliberating throughout the night that it was not possible that there would be rainfall tomorrow. He wondered why it would rain the next day just because a saint said so.

Diyal Singh woke up next morning and waited anxiously for the time to be 11 a.m. There was bright sunlight all around and no trace of any clouds anywhere till 10:45 a.m. Suddenly there were dark clouds in the sky soon thereafter and there was heavy rainfall all around from 11 a.m. onwards. It rained so heavily for half an hour that all fields were flooded in no time. His illusion was shattered. He went running to Maharaj Ji's Dera and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. From that day, he became a profound devotee of Maharaj Ji. He came to Dera every Sunday. He was fully convinced that Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was indeed omniscient and that Maharaj Ji knew about the inner thoughts of the minds of his devotees and addressed their dilemmas.

One day Diyal Singh came to the Dera and said, “Maharaj

Ji! I have a calf. I looked after it extremely well so that I could make use of it later to plough my fields. But it fell down into a deep pit. It can't even stand up because of injury to hips. Please give me some medicine for my calf so that it can recover.” Maharaj Ji pondered over the matter for a while and said “You should give him stale water only for drinking instead of fresh water.” He said “All right Maharaj Ji.” Diyal Singh followed Maharaj Ji's advice. After about one month the calf was all right. He felt very happy to see that and his faith in Maharaj Ji was further strengthened. He thought in his mind that he would donate the calf to Maharaj Ji's ashram because it has been saved by Maharaj Ji's grace only.

Thereafter one day he covered the back of the calf with a red cloth and brought it to the Dera. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and said, “Maharaj Ji! This calf is fine now by your grace. Now I wish to donate this calf to your ashram.” Then Maharaj Ji said, “All right! This calf belongs to the ashram now and hence you should not mind if I give it to someone else.” Diyal Singh said, “Maharaj Ji! Now it is yours. You may give it to anyone and I have no objection.”

Maharaj Ji gave the calf to Shri Bhagat Ram hailing from Mitthu Basti and told him “Bhagat Ram! Take this calf along with you and make use of it in your fields. Bhagat Ram took the calf to his home and used it in his fields for many years. Shri Bhagat Ram later sold his land for lacs of rupees and present day J.P. Nagar in Jalandhar is located at that land.

152. Strange Treatment for a Disease

This story relates to the period prior to 1947. Caste based discriminations were at zenith those days. A retired magistrate from Himachal Pradesh had some wounds on his body. He got treatment for those lesions for a long time but there was no relief. He felt intense itching on the wounds and he could not sleep throughout the night. He heard about Maharaj Ji's grandeur, absolute celibacy since childhood and location of his Kutiya close to the canal. At last that magistrate came to the Dera to seek treatment. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji on arrival. Omniscient Maharaj Ji knew about his problem. Maharaj Ji asked him to have meals in the community kitchen first and

then explain his problem. He had his food and sat down in front of Maharaj Ji thereafter. Maharaj Ji then asked him about the specific purpose of his visit. He said “Maharaj Ji! I have deep lesions on the whole body with intense itching and I can't sleep throughout the night.” Maharaj Ji looked at the lesions on his body and said “Brother! There is no simple treatment for this problem and if there is one that is extremely difficult.” Maharaj Ji further said “You should eat plenty of radishes every day for one week. Either you eat same as a cooked vegetable or as a salad. You should come here again after one week and then we will give you medicine. However you must arrange to get radishes from somewhere and eat plenty of those daily.”

Thereafter that person went to his home. He searched for radishes all around in the fields close to his house but he was not able to get same. At last he met a farmer who had grown radish crop in one of the beds at his farm. He saw some radishes there. He said to the owner of land that he needed radishes to use as medicine for one week. He offered to give whatever money the farmer wanted to supply him radishes. But the owner said “You don't need to pay any money for these but you can take as many radishes as you need.” Then the magistrate started to eat radishes as a vegetable or sometimes as a salad. He felt slightly better and he could sleep well during the night. Likewise he consumed radishes on the second day as well. He got good sleep and the itching on his body also decreased. He continued consuming radishes every day. His lesions started healing and he got better day after day. He had sound sleep every night and he felt soothing effect on his healing lesions. He had miraculous relief after consuming the radishes. Then he contemplated in his mind that the treatment was so simple and cheap and he had been running here and there wasting lot of money unnecessarily.

After such treatment for one week, he went to Dera and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked him, “How are you now?” He replied “Maharaj Ji! I feel much better with almost 70% recovery.” He further said “Maharaj Ji! You had told me that the treatment of my disease was extremely tough. However, I have been cured just by consuming radishes and it is so simple and cheap but strange treatment.” Then

Maharaj Ji smiled and replied, “I still say that the treatment of this disease is extremely complex.” Then he said “Maharaj Ji! How is it so difficult?”

Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said “In reality, various steps required for treatment of your disease are as follows. Firstly one has to search for a highly poisonous cobra snake and kill it. Then the dead snake should be buried under the shade of a tree in such a way that there is minimum sunshine at that spot. Then after a few years the dead snake will decompose totally and get converted into humus. Thereafter the area should be prepared for sowing the radish crop. When the radishes are ready on that piece of land, those should be eaten by the person suffering from the disease that has afflicted you. It is only this way that one will get cured. Now see how difficult it is.”

Maharaj Ji further said “You are extremely lucky that all of these steps had already been taken in the past in respect of the particular spot from where you got the radishes. The field from where you obtained radishes is located east of your house and a poisonous cobra snake had been buried under the shade of a mango tree there some years back. You got the radishes from same spot and consumed those radishes and got cured.”

The magistrate was taken aback completely after listening to Maharaj Ji and being very curious he ventured to ask “Maharaj Ji! How do you know sitting in this ashram all this and that there is a bed of radishes at that particular location?” Maharaj Ji had a hearty laugh and then said “Brother! Nothing is hidden from saints.” That person then placed his head at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with great reverence and started to weep overwhelmed with reclusive emotions. He eulogized the unique grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Thus Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was surely an accomplished omniscient saint who addressed each and every dilemma of all of his disciples in simple way giving apt examples. However Maharaj Ji never claimed any credit for any of his unique feats.

153. Greatness of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji

I want to narrate another similar incident. Everyone knows that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji maintained complete celibacy throughout his life time and that Maharaj Ji practised

'Angkati' Yoga since childhood that involves self severance of all body limbs through intense meditation and then getting back to normal human form. Maharaj Ji used to pursue devout meditation of God all alone in the Kutiya those days. Bibi Karmi Ji and Shri Kirpa Ram Ji from village Rasulpur Brahmana had been very profound disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji since their childhood. They had the good fortune of meeting even Baba Pipal Dass Ji. Whenever there was a function at my house in village Suchipind, they used to reach my house in the previous evening. Then we used to talk about the unique grandeur of Maharaj Ji till late mid night and very often we used to weep being overwhelmed with emotions and devout love and respect for Maharaj Ji.

They told us that Sant Harnam Dass Ji was the spiritual Guru Ji of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and that Mohalla Harnam Dass in Jalandhar is named after that revered saint. They further said that Sant Harnam Dass Ji very often used to say “Sant Sarwan Dass Ji is a king amongst saints like the lion is the king of the forest. He is my distinguished disciple and he is far ahead of me in devout meditation of God and spiritual achievements. Sometimes I am scared of him as he performs supreme penance and there is no comparison to his devout meditation. He is indeed a great saint and his grandeur is beyond description.”

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was strong opponent of caste system and caste based discriminations. Maharaj Ji always motivated his devotees to ensure to impart best possible education for their children. Maharaj Ji himself was an accomplished scholar with excellent command over many languages like Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Sanskrit and Persian. Maharaj Ji used to teach many young children in the Dera personally and encouraged the students to excel in studies. Shri Bishna Ram Ji, Shri Beli Ram Ji and Shri Fakir Singh Ji, who is presently settled in England, received initial education from Maharaj Ji in the Dera. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was keen to see the poor and down trodden community to be well educated learned and prosperous. Maharaj Ji always prayed to God that the children of such communities should also be

highly educated and knowledgeable so that they too can become very senior officers and live dignified lives like others.

154. Curing Shri Bakhshi Ram Ji

Shri Bhagat Ram Ji shifted his residence from village Ballan and settled down in village Ramdasspur. All members of his family were devout followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Bhagat Ram Ji was blessed with sacred Naam by Baba Pipal Dass Maharaj Ji.

Shri Bakhshi Ram son of Shri Bhagat Ram fell seriously ill during 1969 when he was about 25 years old. Shri Bakhshi Ram got treatment from many doctors and Ayurvedic medical practitioners but he had no relief. At last Shri Bhagat Ram took his son to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and he prayed “Maharaj Ji! My son is sick. We consulted many doctors and Vaidis for his treatment but there is no relief. He cannot even make use of his legs and walk. Kindly take pity on him and convey your blessings.”

Maharaj Ji said “Remember God all the time and practise meditation of God regularly He will start getting well from Tuesday.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. Bakhshi Ram started recovering from Tuesday onwards. Shri Bakhshi Ram narrated this incident and said “I got well with the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji soon thereafter and I never suffered from the same disease again.

(Shri Bakhshi Ram, Village Ramdasspur, 25.7.2003)

155. Blessing Shri Gurmej Ram

Shri Gurmej Ram and Bibi Nanti Ji lived in village Dhakk Pandori near Phagwara. They listened about the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Shri Gurdas Ram hailing from village Suchipind. Thereafter they had a very strong longing to meet Maharaj Ji. When they reached the Dera and had a glimpse of Maharaj Ji's divine face, they were overwhelmed with joy and happiness. They visited the Dera every Sunday thereafter for a few months. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed them with sacred Naam in due course of time.

Shri Gurmej Ram fell ill once. He received treatment from many doctors but he got no relief. Thereafter Shri Gurmej Ram and Bibi Nanti went to Dera one day and paid their regards

to Maharaj Ji. Then Gurmej Ram said “Maharaj Ji! I am not feeling well and I have poor health most of the time. Kindly bless me with your kind benevolence.”

Then Maharaj Ji called him near and said “Sit down calmly and close your eyes. Then focus the concentration of your mind between your both eyes.” Maharaj Ji placed his hand with blessings on his forehead and asked “Do you see anything with your closed eyes?” He replied, “Maharaj Ji! I see a sharp bright light.” Then Maharaj Ji said “Pursue devout meditation of God regularly. Your health will become fine from now onwards.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be an eternal truth. His health started to improve since that day and he was absolutely fine soon thereafter with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji.

156. Go and render some Service – There is Nothing Wrong with You

Shrimati Raj Kaur Madhar w/o Shri Puran Chand Madhar narrated the following story. Bibi Sant Kaur had a daughter named Santosh Kaur. She was suffering from a strange disease. She felt extremely cold even during summer months like the winter months of Poh-Magh (December- January). She consulted many doctors but no one could diagnose her disease and she got no relief despite prolonged treatment. When I met Bibi Sant Kaur, I suggested to her to take her daughter and meet my venerated Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. I told her “Maharaj Ji is extremely kind and benevolent. You should meet Maharaj Ji along with your daughter, explain her problem and pray for help”

Bibi Sant Kaur had fond devotion for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji after listening to Maharaj Ji's glory. One day she left for Ballan along with her daughter to meet Maharaj Ji. When they reached near the canal flowing west of village, Bibi Sant Kaur thought that one should first have bath to cleanse the body and then only meet venerated saints. Therefore she asked her daughter to take bath in the canal water. When her daughter had bath in the canal she felt much better as if 50% of her problem had vanished. She did not feel very cold as usual and she told her mother about this miraculous change. When Bibi Sant Kaur heard that from her daughter, her faith and devotion for Maharaj

Ji got further strengthened. She was then fully convinced that her daughter would certainly get well completely.

She reached the ashram with such positive thoughts along with her daughter. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the cemented platform when they reached. They paid their profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Thereafter they sat down and Bibi Sant Kaur explained about her daughter's strange illness to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said to her daughter "Just go and render some services in the community kitchen. There is nothing wrong with you."

As soon as that girl heard these words of blessings from Maharaj Ji, she realized that she was absolutely fit and fine. She never felt cold like hitherto thereafter. Thus the hopes and aspirations of Shrimati Sant Kaur were completely fulfilled with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji as she had come to Maharaj Ji's durbar with full faith and utmost devotion. Her pain and agony ended as her daughter was absolutely fine. Thus anyone who has full faith and profound devotion for revered saints surely gets rewarded.

157. People Donate Money for Worship Here

Shri Puran Chand Madhar narrated that his elder brother Shri Shardha Ram also used to visit the Dera of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj very often and render voluntary services. Although he was blessed with sacred Naam by Dera Beas yet he had full respect and utmost devotion for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

One day Shri Shardha Ram Ji and his companion Nam Dass were returning from Dera Beas after listening to the spiritual discourse there. They travelled along the canal tributary from Maqsudan towards village Ballan on their way home. When they reached near the Kutिया of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji near Ballan, Shri Shardha Ram suggested to his colleague "Nam Dass! Let us have food at Maharaj Ji's Kutिया and then proceed further to our homes." Nam Dass said, "I don't want to have food here because people donate money for worship here." Shardha Ram said "Anyway it is your choice but I shall certainly have meals here."

They reached the Kutिया. At that time, Sant Sarwan Dass

Maharaj Ji was seated on the cemented platform and many devotees were sitting in front of Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji said, “Shardha Ram! Go and have meals in the community kitchen. Let Nam Dass remain here because he will not have food here as we receive donations of money for worship.”

Nam Dass was taken aback after listening to Maharaj Ji and he felt ashamed and extremely sorry as his arrogance was exposed. He regretted his unwarranted comment from the core his heart and begged Maharaj Ji for pardon placing his forehead at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. When the devotees present on that occasion learnt about the whole issue, they were also greatly amazed. Omniscient Satguru Ji knew very well what Nam Dass had been making adverse comments about the Kutiya. Truly perfect saints like Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always know about the inner thoughts of the people who visit them well in advance.

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158. It will rain Tomorrow at 12 Noon

Shri Puran Chand Ji recalled another incident as follows. Sometimes Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji used to visit Jalandhar walking on foot as means of transport were limited. One day, Maharaj Ji was walking on his way to Jalandhar. It was extremely hot summer mid day when Maharaj Ji reached village Noorpur. It was very hot and dry environment and there was severe drought because of lack of rainfall for the past many days. A farmer from village Noorpur met Maharaj Ji at that time and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Thereafter he said “Maharaj Ji! It is very hot and dry weather. All crops are wilting. Please be kind and see that it rains.” However he said that in a joking tone in a funny way as he had no faith and confidence in saints. He considered Maharaj Ji as a simple person wearing the robes of a saint. But he didn't know that he was testing a truly accomplished godly saint who had his incarnation only for the emancipation and enlightenment of people. He didn't know that wind blew in the direction in which Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji pointed his walking stick while he just longed for rain. Maharaj Ji pondered over the matter for some time and then

replied “There will be rain tomorrow at 12 o'clock.” Then Maharaj Ji walked away.

On the next day that farmer eagerly waited for the clock to strike 12 o'clock as he wanted to check whether Maharaj Ji's words would prove to be true or not. But there were no clouds anywhere in the sky even till a few minutes before 12 o' clock. As there was bright sunshine all around, he concluded that there would be no rain that day. However suddenly there were dark clouds in the sky and it started to rain heavily just around 12 o' clock. It continued to rain heavily for a long time and there was plenty of water in the fields all around. On the next day the arrogant farmer went to the Dera and placed his forehead at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with reverence and he begged for pardon. He had realized that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was a truly perfect saint with unique powers to achieve anything. Thus people should not try to judge accomplished saints.

159. Tell us what happened to you

This incident pertains to Shri Ram Prakash son of Shri Puran Chand Madhar. Ram Prakash was sleeping on the roof of his house during one night. He visualized in a nightmare that someone was hacking him with a large billhook. When he woke up early in the morning, he saw blood stains on his clothes but there was not even a scratch on his body. He was extremely worried about it. He was quite upset and he kept wondering about the cause and significance of that incident. On the next morning, he reached Dera Sachkhand Ballan in the same condition and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked him at once on his arrival “Tell us what happened to you?” He held the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! You only saved me last night. Kindly enlighten me about the cause and significance of what I experienced last night.” Maharaj Ji replied “You just escaped a major threat and grave risk to your life and you experienced that in your dream instead of your real life.”

This is how truly accomplished saints protect their devotees from serious setbacks and transform a major impending disaster like a noose into a minor pain caused by a long thorn.

160. It is of no Use to repent Later

Shri Gurmel Ram Ji and Bibi Nanti Ji visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya on 9th June, 1972 in the morning. They narrated this incident as follows. When we sought permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to return home in the evening, Maharaj Ji said "Stay here and you may return home on the fourth day."

We said "Maharaj Ji! Children are alone at home. We will come again." Then Maharaj Ji replied "We will not be able to meet like this again later on." We thought that perhaps Maharaj Ji would leave for some other place away from the Dera after two days. We asked for Maharaj Ji's permission again and returned back to our home on 9th June, 1972.

While we were sleeping at our house, we heard a very loud thud around 3 a.m. on 12th June 1972. We woke up at once and wondered whether there was gunfire nearby. However, in the morning we got the extremely sad message that Maharaj Ji had left this perishable world for his heavenly abode the previous night. Then we regretted our serious blunder and repented why we did not stay at Kutiya as suggested by Maharaj Ji.

(Shri Gurmel Ram and Bibi Nanti, 30.7.2003)

161. Blessing Shri Resham Lal

Shri Nanda Ram Ji lived in village Naugajja. He was a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. His son Resham studied in a school. He used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya every day after school hours and study further under the guidance of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji always motivated all children to work hard and excel in their studies. Maharaj Ji also used to make special arrangements to prepare and serve Khir or rice pudding and Mahal Poorhe - vegetarian pancakes for devotees and school going children on certain Sundays.

It was the near 1963-64 and I was a student of class VIII at that time. Shri Malkit Ram son of Shri Munshi Ram from village Ballan was also studying with me. Maharaj Ji said to both of us one day "You have to become senior officers. Hence you must work hard and pay full attention to your studies regularly." Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. I

completed a technical diploma course successfully after passing matriculation or 10th class. I am working as an inspector with Municipal Corporation Jalandhar these days by Maharaj Ji's grace. It is only because of the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

(Shri Resham Lal, Village Naugajja, Currently Santokhpura, Jalandhar 30. 7.2003)

162. Protecting Shri Darshan Singh Havildar during 1971 Indo - Pak War

Shri Tulsi Ram Ji and Bibi Maha Kaur from village Boorhe Jattan, Hoshiarpur were very devout disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. A fierce war broke out between India and Pakistan in 1971. Darshan Singh son of Shri Tulsi Ram was working with the Indian army at that time. He came to seek Maharaj Ji's blessings just before moving to the war front. He prayed to Maharaj Ji for his safety and said "Maharaj Ji! I am going to fight the war at the war front. Kindly convey your blessings."

Maharaj Ji said "Darshan! Don't worry! You will be absolutely safe. There will not be even a scratch on your body." With these blessings from Maharaj Ji, Shri Darshan Singh went away to join his duty in Jammu & Kashmir and he was deployed on the war front in Punchh Sector. When they were fighting the war then he and his 22 companions were surrounded by the army of Pakistan. The bombs were exploding all around them. Then Shri Darshan Singh remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed to Maharaj Ji for their protection. Maharaj Ji materialized on the war front of him and said "Darshan Singh! Don't worry." Darshan Singh and his companions jumped into a pit nearby and sat down quietly along the corners of pit. They stayed there for the whole night. In the morning, they came out from the pit and moved to a safe place. India won the war within a few days and the war came to an end.

When Darshan Singh visited his home after the end of the war, his father Shri Tulsi Ram went to Dera along with his son to meet Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji said "It is good that Darshan Singh did not

suffer from even a scratch on his body with the grace of God.” Darshan Singh gratefully said “Maharaj Ji! When you are my saviour then how could I suffer from even a scratch on my body? We escaped certain death with your blessings and suffered no injuries.”

(Gurdev Singh son of Shri Tulsi Ram, Village Boorhe Jattan, Hoshiarpur 2.8.2003)

163. When Maharaj Ji blessed Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji and Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji

It was the year 1942. Shri Gurdiyal Singh was scheduled to get married with Bibi Mehar Kaur in village Kamalpur Naura located about half kilometre from Nankana Sahib in district Shekhupura now in Pakistan. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also accompanied the marriage party of Gurdiyal Singh Ji along with the Gurbani Kirtan singers Shri Thakur Dass and his colleagues. People from the bridegroom's marriage party stayed for two days in Kamalpur Naura. All people enjoyed the melodious Gurbani Kirtan and benefitted immensely. Marriage was solemnized with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Thereafter, the marriage party accompanied by Maharaj Ji and newly married couple left Kamalpur Naura in a bus for the return journey to village Dhepur in Jalandhar district, Punjab.

Somehow the bus got stuck in very slushy saline soil on the way during the return journey. The driver requested everyone to get down and push the bus from behind so that the bus could be manoeuvred out of the slushy ground. People got down and tried their level best to push the bus out of the slush but it was in vain. Then, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked everyone to board the bus and sit down comfortably on their respective seats. When people sat down in the bus then Maharaj Ji held his long walking stick against the front seat and told the bus driver “Start the engine now and the bus will get out of the slush.” Driver said “Maharaj Ji! When all of these people were pushing the bus it did not move, then how can it move now?”

Then Maharaj Ji said, “Don't worry! Just start the engine and try once again.” As the driver started the engine, Maharaj Ji pushed the front seat with his long walking stick and the bus

moved out of the slushy ground in no time. Everyone on the board the bus including the driver was greatly amazed at this unique miracle.

(Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji w/o S. Gurdiyal Singh Ji, Village Dhepur Kathar/ later Noorpur, Jalandhar)

164. Cherished Desire of Bibi Mehar Kaur

Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji and Bibi Mehar Kaur lived in Dhepur-Koopur village. They were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

Once, Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji resolved in her mind that she would dust and clean the shoes of all devotees at Maharaj Ji's ashram for five consecutive Sankranti days or the first day of five months as per Vikram Samvat Calendar. Spiritual congregation on the auspicious occasion of Sankranti used to be held in front of the ashram of Maharaj Ji inside village Ballan those days. Bibi Mehar Kaur performed voluntary service and cleaned shoes of devotees for five consecutive Sankranti festivals with utmost devotion. Maharaj Ji called Bibi Mehar Kaur after closure of the fifth such festival and said "My daughter! You had resolved in your mind to clean the footwear of devotees for five consecutive Sankranti festivals and you have fulfilled that goal. That is enough and you do not have to dust shoes any more in future." Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji was stunned to hear these words as she wondered how Maharaj Ji knew about her resolve. Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji then realized that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was indeed a truly accomplished and perfect saint.

(Bibi Mehar Kaur Village Noorpur / Santokhpura, Jalandhar)

165. Addressing the Dilemma of Shri Massa Singh

Shri Uttam Singh Virdi and all members of his family were ardent devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. It was the year 1962- 63. Shri Massa Singh son of Shri Uttam Singh was having a job in the army. He came home on leave. One day prior to his scheduled arrival at Meerut to resume his duty; he and his wife Bibi Naseeb Kaur went to Dera at 12 noon. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down. Thereafter Massa Singh said "Maharaj Ji! I have to leave for Meerut today and report for duty there at 9 a.m. tomorrow."

Maharaj Ji told both of them to have food in the community kitchen. They had their meals and then returned to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said “Massa Singh! Go to Sant Garib Dass and help him to grind herbs to prepare medicines.” Simultaneously Maharaj Ji asked Bibi Naseeb Kaur to go to Bibi Bhani Ji and help her to clean the grains. Massa Singh submitted “Maharaj Ji! I have to reach Meerut before 9 a.m. tomorrow and report for duty.” Then Maharaj Ji advised both of them to go and render services as mentioned by Maharaj Ji earlier.

Massa Singh went to Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji and got busy in grinding the herbs and his wife helped Bibi Bhani Ji to clean the grains. When it was around 3:45 p.m., Maharaj Ji called both of them and said “Massa Singh! You seem to be in a great hurry!” Thereafter Maharaj Ji gave them Prasad and permitted them to get back home.

They returned home and then packed up their belongings. When they just left their house and reached Dr. Ambedkar Crossing in their village Raipur around 4:30 p.m. they saw a tonga that had brought some passengers from Jalandhar City. They boarded that tonga and reached Pathankot-Jalandhar Road by tonga. A short while later a bus arrived from Jammu and that bus was on its way to Delhi. They boarded the bus and reached Delhi very early in the morning. When they got down from the bus at Delhi, they found a military vehicle that had brought some soldiers from Massa Singh's army unit from Meerut to Delhi, waiting there. His army companions recognized Massa Singh and asked him and his wife to board the vehicle that had to return to Meerut. Thus Massa Singh reached Meerut at 8:15 a.m. while he had to report for duty at 9 a.m. After witnessing such miraculous coincident, Massa Singh realized that his revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was indeed a perfect Brahmngiani and a truly perfect saint. It was because of Maharaj Ji's kind and benevolent blessings that they reached Meerut so comfortably without any hassle to report for duty well in time.

*(Shri Amrik Singh son of Shri Massa Singh, Village Raipur
Rasulpur, Jalandhar, 2.8.2003)*

166. Addressing Doubts of Shri Munshi Ram Ji Nambardar

Massa Ram's uncle Shri Munshi Ram had devout affection for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Whenever he came to village Raipur to meet his sister he made it a point to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan to pay his regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji without fail. Once during the year 1965-66, Shri Munshi Ram came from village Duhre to meet his sister in village Raipur. He thought in his mind that he would first go to his sister's home and thereafter visit the Dera to meet Maharaj Ji.

He was walking towards Raipur along the canal side road and he went past the canal bridge linking village Ballan with Dera Sachkhand Ballan and reached near the trifurcation of canal. As he moved a little further along the eastern tributary of the canal towards Raipur, he was shocked to see a huge cobra snake squatting on his way. He stopped immediately at some distance from the snake and waited for some time hoping that the snake would move away. As the snake did not move away, he tried to take a short detour to bypass the cobra. However he was amazed to see the snake again sitting ahead of him. Finally he gave up the idea to proceed further to Raipur and instead he turned back and reached Maharaj Ji's Kutiya after crossing the canal by the narrow bridge at the trifurcation point of the canal.

When he reached the Kutiya, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the Tharha or cemented platform as usual. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji said "Nambardar! How is it that you forgot about us and walked past the bridge to reach Raipur first?" Shri Munshi Ram humbly said "Maharaj Ji! You are indeed omniscient and know everything."

*(Shri Amrik Singh son of Shri Massa Singh, Village Raipur
Rasulpur, Jalandhar. 2.8.2003)*

167. Addressing Dilemma of Nambardar's Mind

One day Shri Munshi Ram Nambardar came to Dera very early in the morning to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji in his room and sat down there. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji called young Hawaigir and told him to call the devotees who were to be blessed with sacred Naam, inside the room.

Hawaigir immediately obeyed Maharaj Ji's directive and

escorted those devotees to Maharaj Ji's room. Maharaj Ji then asked Hawaigir to fetch water and patasas to prepare the amrita nectar for the devotees seeking grant of Naam. He made everything ready as directed by Maharaj Ji.

At that point of time the Nambardar got up to go out of the room as he was a disciple of Dera Beas and he did not think it appropriate to remain there while Maharaj Ji had to bless his new disciples with sacred Naam. Then Maharaj Ji said "Nambardar! Just sit down so that the dilemma bothering your mind is addressed."

Thereafter Maharaj Ji blessed the devotees with the grant of Naam and amrita nectar sanctified with hymns and dipping of toe by Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji also told them the five sacred words of Naam and provided detailed description about various stages of ascent of the soul during meditation in the presence of Nambardar Munshi Ram. He was amazed to witness the entire sacred event and he placed his head at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion and sincere admiration. He finally said "Maharaj Ji! You are indeed great and omniscient with complete knowledge of everything.

*(Amrik Singh son of Shri Massa Singh village Raipur
Rasulpur, Jalandhar. 2.8.2003)*

168. Blessing Shri Sadhu Ram Ji

Shri Sadhu Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Paro Ji were dedicated devotees of Maharaj Ji. They cherished in their minds that whenever Maharaj Ji is kind to bless them with sacred Naam Then Maharaj Ji should also help them to attain internal knowledge and enlightenment. It was during the year 1945 that they visited Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and requested Maharaj Ji to bless them with sacred Naam. Maharaj Ji told them to visit the Dera inside village Ballan someday very early in the morning. Accordingly after some days, Shri Sadhu Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Paro reached the Dera in Ballan early morning.

Shri Sadhu Ram Ji used to smoke Hookah. Omniscient Maharaj Ji said "Sadhu Ram! You should never smoke Hookah now onwards." He promised to abide by Maharaj Ji's directive. Thereafter Maharaj Ji blessed them with sacred Naam and told

them to chant one specific word. Maharaj Ji asked them to close their eyes and practise chanting the word of Naam with full concentration of their minds in between the eyes.

Maharaj Ji then placed his hand on Sadhu Ram's head and said, "Don't say later on that nothing was revealed to you." Shri Sadhu Ram Ji explained that he witnessed such unique scenarios for some time with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that cannot be described in words. While recalling that unique view Shri Sadhu Ram Ji was overwhelmed with emotions and infinite respect and love for Maharaj Ji. His eyes were wet with tears recalling that unique scenario. He further explained that he never had shortage of anything in life by Maharaj Ji's grace.

169. Blessing Shri Gurdiyal Singh and Bibi Har Kaur with Sons

Shri Gurdiyal Singh and Bibi Har Kaur lived in Abadpura. They had heard about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from some friends. They went to Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and prayed "Maharaj Ji! We beget children but the infants die after birth. We now have only one daughter. Kindly be merciful and bless us." Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji said "Don't worry! You will beget two sons in your home in due course of time and they will lead normal healthy life." Maharaj Ji's words came to be absolutely true. They had two sons in due course of time in their home and both of them are leading happy and healthy lives with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

(Bibi Mehar Kaur Ji w/o S. Gurdiyal Singh Ji, Village Noorpur)

170. Blessing Shri Najar Singh and Bibi Dhanti with Sons

Shri Najar Singh and Bibi Dhanti lived in village Reru. They had three daughters. One day Bibi Amro, hailing from village Mokhe and married in village Reru, told them about the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She further said to them "Maharaj Ji is a truly accomplished saint. Maharaj Ji will surely solve your problem. Both of you should go to Dera with me to meet Maharaj Ji and explain your problem."

Later one day Bibi Amro and Bibi Dhanti went to Dera to

meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Bibi Amro then prayed “Maharaj Ji! Bibi Dhanti has 3 daughters only. She has no son. Kindly be merciful and bless the family with a son.” Maharaj Ji replied, “Don't worry! She will have five sons over a period of time.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. Shri Najar Singh and Bibi Dhanti had five sons over a period of time. Thus Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj blessed them with five sons.

*(Shrimati Gurmej Kaur w/o Shri Jagdish Lal, Abadpura 6
August 2003)*

171. Blessing S. Kuldip Singh with a Son

Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji and Bibi Mehar Kaur hailing from village Noorpur were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji often visited their home in village Noorpur. Both of them and all members of their family always rendered very dedicated services at Maharaj Ji's durbar.

One day Kuldip Singh son of the Nambardar of village Noorpur told them “I have no child. I hear a lot about the glory and benevolence of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, Dera Sachkhand Ballan. However, I shall recognize Maharaj Ji's genius only if I am also blessed us with a son.” S. Gurdiyal Singh and Bibi Mehar Kaur again told him about the grandeur and grace of Maharaj Ji and they asked him to accompany them to meet Maharaj Ji at Maharaj Ji's Dera.

Thereafter one day Kuldip Singh and his wife accompanied Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down. Thereafter Shri Gurdiyal Singh Ji prayed “Maharaj Ji! Kuldip Singh and his wife got married many years back. However they have no progeny yet. Kindly bless them.” Maharaj Ji conveyed his kind blessings to both of them and said “Don't worry! You will have a son in due course of time at your home.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be an eternal truth and Kuldip Singh's wife gave birth to a handsome son in due course of time.

(Bibi Mehar Kaur, Village Noorpur)

172. Treatment of S. Kapur Singh

S. Kapur Singh Ji is resident of village Raipur Rasulpur in Jalandhar district. He has very profound devotion for Sant

Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He often suffered from acute stomach pain. He consulted many doctors, Ayurvedic and Unani medical practitioners for his treatment but he had no relief from pain. Whenever he felt severe pain, he came to Dera and took medicine from Maharaj Ji and he used to get relief from pain.

One day he suffered from very severe stomach pain. He came to Dera and prayed to Maharaj Ji for kind help. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then told him “Don't worry! You will be completely cured today.” Simultaneously, Maharaj Ji asked him go and have meals in the Langar or community kitchen. When he sat down along with other devotees to have food, he asked to serve him very little cooked pumpkin vegetable because he thought that pumpkin, with cooling effect, would further aggravate his pain. Therefore he was served a small quantity of pumpkin. Meanwhile he looked around and saw that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was standing behind him. Maharaj Ji asked a volunteer to serve him one more service spoon full of pumpkin. Kapur Singh said “No Maharaj Ji! I already have enough.” Meanwhile the volunteer served him more pumpkin as desired by Maharaj Ji. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji told the volunteer again “Give him more pumpkin vegetable.” The volunteer served him more pumpkin. While Kapur Singh was reluctant to have more pumpkin, Maharaj Ji again said to devotee again “Serve him more pumpkin.”

The devotee gave him more vegetable. Kapur Singh was bemused why so much pumpkin was being served to him. Maharaj Ji then said “You have been taking treatment for so long that you have finished all the medicines. However you will be cured today completely with this sweet pumpkin. Hence consume the entire pumpkin vegetable served to you. Kapur Singh ate the entire pumpkin vegetable served to him as advised by Maharaj Ji. Kapur Singh explained later that he never had any stomach pain again since that day. In this way Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji miraculously cured his long lasting disease just by asking him to eat enough pumpkin vegetable.

*(S. Kapur Singh son of S. Chaman Singh, Village Raipur
Rasulpur. 7.8.2003)*

173. Addressing Dilemma of S. Kapur Singh

Once, some surplus firewood was available with someone in village Raipur Rasulpur. The owner requested Maharaj Ji to depute someone to bring that firewood for use in Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. Maharaj Sant Sarwan Dass Ji sent Shri Sant Ram from village Kishangarh and Shri Jagat Ram to meet S. Kapur Singh and bring the firewood on his bullock cart. Both of the devotees went to Kapur Singh's house in Raipur Rasulpur and requested for his help to transport firewood on his cart as desired by Maharaj Ji. However Kapur Singh said "There are heavy clouds in the sky now. Hence I shall ensure to transport the firewood tomorrow early in the morning. You should go back now. Shri Jagat Ram agreed but Shri Sant Ram said "No! We have to transport the firewood right now as desired by Maharaj Ji."

S. Kapur Singh then took both of them along and they loaded all the fuel wood on the cart and went to Dera with the loaded bullock cart. They reached there and paid their regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "Santu! When Kapur Singh told you that he would deliver the fuel-wood next morning, then why did you not listen to his suggestion?"

All three of them were greatly surprised to listen those words as they wondered how Maharaj Ji knew about their conversation they had at Raipur? Then Maharaj Ji asked them to have meals first and unload the fuel-wood from the cart thereafter. Meanwhile Maharaj Ji also arranged to send chapatis and jaggery through a devotee to feed same to the bullocks.

They had their meals and then S. Kapur Singh sought Maharaj Ji's permission to return home. Then Maharaj Ji told him, "Kapur Singh! Don't hit any bullock with the stick to reach home in a hurry. There will be no rain until you reach your home. Now you may go back."

Kapur Singh boarded his bullock cart and left for his house. However on the way Kapur Singh happened to hit a bullock with his stick. The stick slipped from his hand at that very moment and fell down on the track. When he reached his home, it started to rain heavily. He then thought that Maharaj Ji

had rightly told him that it would rain only after he reached home

Next day Kapur Singh went to Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said to him “When I had specifically told you not to hit any bullock with the stick, why did you hit one ox with the stick? The stick slipped out of your hand lest you should hit the second bullock also. Your stick is still there on the track where it fell down. When you return back take that along with you.” Kapur Singh was absolutely bemused to hear Maharaj Ji wondering how Maharaj Ji even knew about that incident. When he went back his stick was lying there only at the same spot. He picked it up and went to home. This unique phenomenon had a very deep influence on my mind that reinforced my faith and confidence in Maharaj Ji many times more.

(S. Kapur Singh, Village Raipur Rasulpur)

174. Complete Threshing of Wheat Soonest

I often went to Dera. It was the time to harvest the wheat crop. One day I came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very early in the morning. I paid my regards to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said, “Kapur Singh! Take unrefined sugar to prepare sherbet and drink that. Thereafter go back quickly and thresh your entire harvested wheat crop immediately.” I replied “Maharaj Ji! I asked a party to thresh the wheat. They said that the thresher would be free after about a week and then they would do the needful. Moreover my brother Gurdiyal Singh is sick and there is no one to help me.”

Maharaj Ji replied “No! Get back at once and make all necessary arrangements to complete threshing of the entire crop and commence the work today itself. You will get enough workers to help you and even Gurdiyal Singh will also help you. But you must not stop the thresher even for a moment till the entire harvested wheat is threshed.” I said “All right Maharaj Ji! I shall abide by your advice.” Thereafter I took leave of Maharaj Ji and returned to my farm.

When I reached there, I was taken aback as I saw 8-9 persons waiting there along with a threshing machine to start the work. Two of his relatives were also there. Meanwhile his

brother Gurdiyāl Singh also reached there to help him as he was all right by then. The entire 15 acres wheat crop sown that year had been already harvested and bundles had been kept ready for threshing. Threshing machine was kept in operation continuously for 4 days and 4 nights.

When approximately 25 bundles of wheat were left balance to be threshed I told all workers “Let us stop the machine for some time and we should enjoy the cup of tea together.” The sky was absolutely clear at that time. I thought that 25 bundles can be threshed in no time even if it starts raining. However while we were still taking tea after stopping the machine, suddenly dark clouds came from nowhere and there was very heavy rain. All the fields were filled with rain water. Then I remembered Maharaj Ji's advice and told all the workers that Maharaj Ji had already warned me not to stop the threshing machine before completing the entire job. Just look! It started raining so heavily immediately after we stopped the machine. Had we obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and continued threshing operations nonstop; then we would have threshed all the wheat and it would not have rained till completion of the threshing of entire harvested wheat and subsequent stoppage of thresher machine.

(S. Kapur Singh, Village Noorpur 7.8.2003)

175. Protecting S. Piara Singh implicated in a False Case

It was the month of December 1962. Shri Channan Singh resident of village Khadiala Sainia organized a spiritual discourse at his house. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to their home and graced the occasion. Bibi Beant Kaur wife of S. Piara Singh accompanied by her son Shri Baldev Singh from village Lambrha near Bullowal also went there to meet Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji conducted the Satsang or the spiritual discourse personally. Thereafter food was served to all members of the congregation. Later Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji called Bibi Beant Kaur and Baldev Singh and told them “S. Piara Singh has been implicated in a false case related to the war period by the army.” Maharaj Ji then directed Baldev Singh to visit Ferozepur next day to meet his father and convey a message to him that he should not worry at all as he was not at fault.

Next day Baldev Singh went to Ferozepur and conveyed Maharaj Ji's message and all related details to his father S. Piara Singh who was extremely happy and relieved after listening to Maharaj Ji's kind words. He was convinced that his revered omniscient Guru Ji had known about his predicament and that he will get justice with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. He then narrated the background story related to the false case against him as follows.

Major Kartar Singh came to my office one day during the India-China war of 1962. He had a bag in his hand and he asked me to keep the bag in the office. He said that he would take it back after some days. I kept the bag in the office without knowing anything about the contents. He came back after some days and demanded that bag. I could not find the bag anywhere in the office. I told Major Kartar Singh that someone seems to have stolen the bag. He then told me that there was lot of money in that bag. I told him "I did not know about the cash as you did not tell me about any cash while leaving the bag." A false case of theft was framed against me when that bag could not be traced. Baldev asked his father "Did you hire any advocate to defend your case?" Then he replied "I am not at fault as I did nothing wrong. My revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji will himself see that I am exonerated."

Baldev Singh returned from Ferozepur after one week's stay there and he paid his regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Then Maharaj Ji said "Baldev Singh! Accompany me for a walk." Maharaj Ji stopped at Triveni - the narrow canal bridge at the trifurcation point of canal and recited a prayer to God "O Revered God! If S. Piara Singh is right and he is not at fault then he should get promoted as Subedar and then he should visit this Dera." Maharaj Ji then told Baldev Singh to go to home.

Thereafter hearings related to the case against S. Piara Singh commenced in 11 Headquarters Corps. G.O.C constituted a Board to hear the case and pronounce the decision. Everything seemed to be going against S. Piara Singh on the first day of hearing. But on second day all notes on the case file had miraculously undergone drastic changes in favour of S.

Piara Sing. The Board exonerated S. Piara Singh of the false charges of stealing after hearing all relevant arguments related to the case. Copy of the judgement was sent to his unit at Ferozepur. He was then promoted to the rank of Subedar with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

Thereafter S. Piara Singh came to the Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He then conveyed his sincere gratitude to Maharaj Ji and further said “Maharaj Ji! I have been exonerated from the false charges with your kind blessings and I have been promoted as Subedar because of your benevolence.” Thereafter S. Piara Singh Ji organized a spiritual congregation at his home as advised by Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji visited his home at Lambrho and graced the occasion of the spiritual congregation. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji conducted the spiritual discourse for the benefit of all devotees and then recited the prayer at the end of the function.

During the course of the Ardas or prayer to God Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji specifically said “O Revered Akaal Purakh or God! I had humbly prayed to you at the time of anxiety to ensure justice and see that S. Piara Singh is exonerated from the false charge as he is not at fault. Akaal Purakh Ji! I had also prayed for promotion of Piara Singh. O Venerated God! You have very kindly saved the honour of your devotee and answered his prayers.” Maharaj Ji further said “Now therefore I am here by making this truthful announcement that S. Piara Singh was not guilty and that he has been exonerated from false charges and promoted with God's grace.” Thus Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji ensured that that the false case against his disciple S. Piara Singh was dismissed and he was fully exonerated as he was right and truthful.

176. There is no Milk in Stock Today

This incident pertains to the year 1970 when series of spiritual congregations were in progress in Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. It was the day of Sunday when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached the Kutiya around 3:30 a.m. after leaving the ashram inside the village extremely early in the morning. Maharaj Ji asked S. Gurdev Singh “Have you served tea to the devotees or

not yet?" He replied, "Maharaj Ji! There is no milk in stock today." Maharaj Ji said "Is it that you have no stock of milk today?"

Maharaj Ji walked around slowly and had two rounds of the veranda. Then we witnessed a strange phenomenon. Every devotee who came to Dera thereafter brought a bucket full of milk with him. Maharaj Ji ordered the devotees to keep pouring the milk into big cauldrons. After some time Shri Labhu Ram informed Maharaj Ji that all the cauldrons were filled with milk. Maharaj Ji then advised to stock the milk in smaller vessels. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji said "Labhu Ram! "Now take 1.25 maunds or nearly 40 kilograms rice and cook nice Khir or sweet rice pudding with milk in large cauldrons. Simultaneously prepare nice tea and keep serving to all visiting devotees." A little while later Maharaj Ji said "Labhu Ram! Take 40 kilograms wheat flour and other required ingredients and see that delicious Mahal Poorhas are prepared quickly." Shri Labhu Ram and other volunteers started implementing Maharaj Ji's instructions in right earnest.

Meanwhile Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went out of the ashram for a walk. Maharaj Ji returned at 8 a.m. and conducted a spiritual discourse for the benefit of all visitors. Thereafter everyone sat down in rows at 10 a.m. and food was served to all devotees by the volunteers. Maharaj Ji told the volunteers to serve as many Mahal Poorhas and Khir to everyone as one wants. Let everyone have a liberal feast. Maharaj Ji simultaneously advised all visiting devotees to have the meals to their full satisfaction quickly and then proceed to their respective homes.

The devotees providing voluntary services were wondering why Maharaj Ji wants everyone to have food without wasting any time and then rush back to their homes. Some of the visitors said "Maharaj Ji! We have just arrived. Can we therefore have meals a little later?" Maharaj Ji said "No! Have your food right now and then go back home." A few minutes later there were dense dark clouds in the horizon on the side of village Mannan and the clouds spread all over in no time. There was very heavy downpour of rain for two hours thereafter

and most of the devotees were shivering because of severe cold. Then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked the volunteers to prepare tea and serve to all devotees. Thereafter Maharaj Ji asked everyone to return home. Now just look at the events of the day that started with no stock of milk in the kitchen and then there was such abundant quantity of milk brought by the devotees that filled large cauldrons with milk with the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji. Milk was enough to prepare huge quantity of Khir and tea which were more than sufficient for a grand feast of a very large congregation of devotees.

(Shri Gurdev Singh Ji son of S. Piara Singh, Village Lambrha)

177. Throwing handful of Loquats at Congregation of Devotees

This story pertains to the year 1972 and is related Sukhvinder Singh, son of Shri Sarna Ram from village Kishangarh, who had a job in Ambala.

Sukhvinder Singh had two daughters and he had no son. One day he came to Dera and prayed “Maharaj Ji! We have two daughters and no son. Please bless us with a son.” Maharaj Ji said “Sit down.” Sukhvinder Singh and his wife Naseeb Kaur sat down along with other devotees. Meanwhile a devotee brought the fresh fruits of loquat for Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji picked up a handful of loquats and threw same at the devotees. One loquat fruit fell into the lap of Bibi Naseeb Kaur. She thought it to be Maharaj Ji's prasad or blessings because it fell into her lap. She felt that Maharaj Ji had thereby conveyed her blessings to beget a son. She ate that loquat with full faith and she was blessed with a son in due course of time with the kind benevolence of Maharaj Ji.

178. When Maharaj Ji Sent Bibi Dhanti Home Immediately

It was the year 1952. Bibi Dhanti w/o S. Resham Singh from village Raipur Rasulpur Jalandhar was a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She used to bring milk and buttermilk for use in Maharaj Ji's ashram every day.

One day when Bibi Dhanti came to the Dera as usual and sat down after paying her regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji at once said “Bibi Ji! Don't sit here and go back to your home immediately. Don't stop on

the way anywhere and go straight to your home.” Bibi Dhanti was extremely surprised as Maharaj Ji had never asked her to return home like this in the past.

Anyway she reached home engrossed in such thoughts and saw that the door of the room was open and the trunk with cash was also not locked. She had kept all jewellery and currency notes in that trunk. She was surprised to see that nothing had disappeared from the trunk that was without a lock in a room with the door wide open. So Maharaj Ji protected her assets in this way and Bibi Dhanti also understood why Maharaj Ji had asked her to return home at once.

179. Vanquishing Sufferings of Bibi Amro

It was the year 1970. Shri Sadhu Ram lived in Alawalpur. His wife Bibi Amro had been suffering from a disease for the last two years. She couldn't even walk around. Shri Sadhu Ram Ji was very devout disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

One day Shri Sadhu Ram asked his wife to sit on the pillion seat of his bicycle and he walked with that bicycle carrying his wife all the way from his village to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. When they reached there and paid their regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then Maharaj Ji hit Bibi Amro twice with the walking stick. Both of them were scared and they started to run away. Maharaj Ji chased them up to village Mokhe.

Bibi Amro, who was even unable to walk earlier, was miraculously cured as she ran fast after Maharaj Ji hit her twice with the walking stick. Then Maharaj Ji brought them back from village Mokhe and reached the Kutiya. Then Maharaj Ji asked them to return home.

Bibi Amro is the niece of Shri Gole resident of village Ballan and daughter of Shri Puran hailing from village Ramdaspur. When they reached near to bridge across the canal they casually discussed that as they did not have tea at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya they would visit her uncle Gole's house and have tea there. Then Maharaj Ji suddenly materialized there and said “How is it that you did not get tea in the Kutiya? Go back to the Kutiya right now and have tea there.” Maharaj Ji also told Bibi Amro that her problem had to be resolved only through two hits

with the walking stick. This was the only way to cure you. Maharaj Ji thus blessed Bibi Amro and cured her in this unique way.

180. It will Rain Today

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji used to return to the ashram inside village in the evening daily and stay for the night there. Maharaj Ji used to organize Satsang or spiritual congregation every day in the evening at the ashram in Ballan. One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was on his way from Kutuya to ashram in the village around 7 p.m. Sant Garib Dass Ji, Daulat Ram from village Chamara and some other devotees also accompanied Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji walked leisurely turning his walking stick in the air with the right hand.

Suddenly Maharaj Ji stopped and tied his Dhoti tightly. Maharaj Ji also narrated an earlier incident and said “One day I was accompanied by Sant Chetan Dass Ji and we were on our way to attend some function in another village. The knot of my dhoti somehow got opened while we were walking on foot. I informed Sant Chetan Dass about that and asked him to stop for a moment.” Sant Chetan Dass Ji then said “Maharaj Ji! There will be heavy rain today.” There was really very heavy rainfall that day.”

With these words Maharaj Ji proceeded to the ashram in village Ballan. There were no clouds that night in the sky. However when it was around 2 a.m; there was very heavy rainfall. Then the devotees, who came to the ashram last evening with Maharaj Ji, realized that Sant Chetan Dass Ji was absolutely right when he predicted heavy rainfall when the knot of Maharaj Ji's dhoti became loose and required readjustment. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was such a Brahmngiani and accomplished saint who could achieve anything anytime.

181. Fulfilment of Shri Daulat Ram's Desire

Shri Daulat Ram son of Shri Mela Ram was resident of village Chukhiyara. He had made up his mind that he would have such Mahatma as his Guru who abided by the teachings of Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji and who supported the exploited, impoverished and downtrodden people of the society. He had also contemplated in his mind that such a Guru should

also bless him with sacred Naam during the first meeting itself. He was looking for such person to be his Guru Ji.

One day, Shri Jagiri Ram Ji from village Arjanwal came to meet Shri Daulat Ram at his residence. He was a relative of Daulat Ram. During his stay for the night, Shri Jagiri Ram mentioned to Shri Daulat Ram about the unique grandeur and noble virtues of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He explained that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is a true Brahmngiani and accomplished saint who practises devout meditation of God. He is also a true messiah for the impoverished and downtrodden people of the society. Maharaj Ji always preached and motivated people to practise devout meditation of God, impart good education to children, keep away from intoxicants and drugs and shun hearsay and superstitions. When Shri Daulat Ram learnt about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, he was convinced that he had been looking for such Guru only. He made up his mind to become a disciple of Maharaj Ji and seek blessings of Naam.

On the very next day on the occasion of Dassehra festival of 1964, Shri Daulat Ram went to Dera on his bicycle. He bought a turban for Maharaj Ji on his way. He had a firm resolve and complete faith in his mind that Maharaj Ji would surely bless him with grant of sacred Naam that day itself. When he reached the Dera, then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the Tharha or raised platform. Gurbani recital was in progress. When he had a vision of Maharaj Ji then he felt that his long search and dilemmas had finally ended. He had found his perfect Guru Ji as he wished. He was overwhelmed with ecstatic joy as if he had got everything he cherished.

Shri Daulat Ram paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down along with other members of the congregation to listen to Gurbani Kirtan that continued for two hours. Satsang concluded at 12 noon and Maharaj Ji asked everyone to have food. Devotees went to the community kitchen to have food. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji got up and went inside his room. Shri Daulat Ram also followed Maharaj Ji and went inside the room. He placed the turban in front of Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! Kindly bless me with

sacred Naam.” Omniscient Maharaj Ji knew everything and yet asked him about his family background and later blessed him with Naam. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji appreciated Daulat Ram's firm resolve and fulfilled his cherished desire.

(Narrated by Shri Daulat Ram, Village Chukhiyara, 9th September, 2003)

182. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's Visit to Shri Daulat Ram's House

Shri Daulat Ram Ji and his family members often visited Dera every Sunday and every Sankranti day to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. It was during the year 1971 that a person from village Chukhiyara said to Shri Daulat Ram “Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji visited Khojewali village yesterday and graced the occasion of Satsang or a spiritual discourse at the home of his relative in that village. All of devotees, assembled for the congregation, benefitted immensely after having a vision of Maharaj Ji and listening to Gurbani Kirtan.”

At that time, Daulat Ram thought in his mind that it would be extremely nice if Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji could grace the occasion of Satsang some day at his home also. He had infinite devotion and affection for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He was absolutely sure that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji would certainly oblige and visit his house and grace the occasion of Satsang to enthral all devotees with spiritual preaching.

Shri Daulat Ram went to meet Maharaj Ji at his Kutiya on the very next day on the 15th day of the month of Jeth (May-June) 1971. Maharaj Ji was seated on the Tharha –the raised platform. Daulat Ram paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and sat down close by. Meanwhile another devotee came there and prayed to Maharaj Ji to visit his house some day. Then Maharaj Ji replied “I shall certainly visit your home at an appropriate time.”

Shri Daulat Ram thought in his mind that if he requested Maharaj Ji right now to plan a visit to his home then Maharaj Ji might decline. While he was just harbouring those thoughts in his mind, suddenly omniscient Maharaj Ji asked him “Daulat Ram! What is the specific purpose of your visit today?” Then

he replied “Maharaj Ji! Kindly visit my house any day suiting your convenience and grace the occasion of Satsang that I wish to organize on that day.” Maharaj Ji said “Let us organize Satsang on 25th of Jeth when I shall also join.” Shri Daulat Ram was ecstatic with joy on hearing these kind words from Maharaj Ji.

Accordingly Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached at Daulat Ram's home along with poet Tota Ram, Sant Prem Dass, Master Thakur Dass from village Bassi and some other devotees. When Maharaj Ji got down from the jeep then Daulat Ram conveyed his profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said at that time “It is our first Satsang in this village.” Thereafter Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji conducted the Satsang or the spiritual discourse and all of the devotees attending the congregation were ecstatic with joy listening to the pious preaching by Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji fulfilled the cherished desire of Daulat Ram considering his utmost devotion and sanctified village Chukhiyara with his visit and conducted Satsang there for the first time.

183. Curing Sons of Shri Gurmel Ram and Bibi Nanti

Shri Gurmel Ram and Bibi Nanti Ji lived in village Dhakk Pandori near Phagwara. They had four sons. One of their sons aged 2 years unfortunately fell ill during the month of Bhadon (August- September) and died soon. It was extremely bad luck for them that their other son who was 4 years old also fell ill during the same month next year and died. Later one day Shri Gurmel Ram Ji and his wife went to meet their relatives Shri Gurdas Ram and Bibi Bachni at their home in village Suchipind. They listened about the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Shri Gurdas Ram and Bibi Bachni. They explained that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was a perfect Brahmngiani and truly accomplished saint and that they got everything because of blessings of Maharaj Ji. Later one day Shri Gurdas Ram and Bibi Bachni persuaded Shri Gurmel Ram and Bibi Nanti to accompany them to visit Maharaj Ji's ashram. Thereafter Shri Gurmel Ram and Bibi Nanti started to visit the Dera regularly.

During the year 1968 their son named Sohan Lal, who

was 7 years old at that time, fell ill during the same month of Bhadon. They were very scared. Gurmel Ram got his ailing son admitted to a hospital in Phagwara and then reached the Kutiya to meet Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! One of my sons fell ill and died during the month of Bhadon in 1966 when he was just 2 years old. A year later we lost another son aged 4 years during the same month. Now it is again the month of Bhadon and my third son aged 7 years is seriously ill. I have just admitted him in a hospital at Phagwara. Kindly be merciful and save his life.”

Maharaj Ji immediately called Vaid Ji, hailing from village Reru who rendered voluntary services at the ashram, and told him to give some specific medicine for my son. He brought the Ayurvedic medicine and Maharaj Ji handed over same to me and said “Gurmel! Don't worry. Take these medicines and give to your son as advised. He will be all right. Don't panic. Your son will recover soon with God's grace. Just practise meditation regularly.” I took leave of Maharaj Ji and returned to Phagwara. I gave the first dose of the medicine to my son and he was absolutely fine within one hour of taking the medicine with the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji.

I then took my son from the hospital and returned home happily. None of my two sons ever suffered from similar disease thereafter. Gurmel Ram further said “Both of my sons Des Raj and Sohan Lal have been keeping excellent health and even their children are grown up now with the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

(Shri Gurmel Ram Ji, village Dhakk Pandori 11.9.2003)

184. Eternal Salvation of Master Jaggu Ram Ji

Master Jaggu Ram Ji hailing from village Raipur Rasulpur was very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Master Jaggu Ram Ji visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya very frequently and rendered voluntary services in the community kitchen and replying to letters received from devotees in accordance with Maharaj Ji's advice. He was a school teacher and he rendered various services in the ashram daily after school hours. Master Jaggu Ram Ji fell seriously ill during the year 1971. His elder brother Shri Karam Singh

Bangar came from England to arrange for his treatment. He admitted Master Jaggu Ram in Gulab Devi Hospital, Jalandhar on 12th May 1971. While he was undergoing treatment in the hospital, he continued regular meditation of God and recitation of Gurbani.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji visited Gulab Devi Hospital on 21st May 1971 to see him. Maharaj Ji conducted a brief Satsang or spiritual discourse there and Master Jaggu Ram Ji listened to the Satsang with great devotion. After this Maharaj Ji distributed prasad to all patients and hospital staff. Master Jaggu Ram then prayed “Maharaj Ji! I do not feel comfortable here. This hospital is like a prison for me. I wish to see you every moment and there is no hope for my survival now. Please be merciful and grant me eternal salvation.”

Maharaj Ji replied “All right! It is 21st May today. I shall take you along with me on 28th May forever.” Master Jaggu Ram Ji conveyed his respectful regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings to him and said “Just keep yourself busy in devout meditation of God and don't worry.” After that Maharaj Ji returned to Dera. On 28th May around 12 o' clock noon time, Master Jaggu Ram Ji told his son “Rajinder! Just help me to sit down. I want to convey my regards to Maharaj Ji.” Rajinder helped his father to sit down. Then Master Jaggu Ram Ji bowed down three times with great reverence facing towards Maharaj Ji's ashram. Thereafter he lay down on the bed and said “Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji has now arrived to take me along to the realm of God.” Master Jaggu Ram became absolutely silent thereafter. His son immediately rushed to call the doctor. However by the time doctor arrived and examined Master Jaggu Ram, he had already left for his heavenly abode.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was resting at his ashram around that time on 28th May, 1971. Sant Niranjan Dass Ji offered some coke for Maharaj Ji to drink. Thereafter Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji sat down for meditation in a perfect state of Samadhi. When Maharaj Ji came out of the state of Samadhi, someone came from village Raipur Rasulpur and informed Maharaj Ji that Master Jaggu Ram Ji had left this

world for ever. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had thus granted eternal salvation to his dear disciple Master Jaggu Ram Ji.

(Master Rajinder Bangar, son of late Shri Jaggu Ram Ji, Village Raipur Rasulpur, 12.9.2003)

185. Saving Shri Prakash Singh during 1965

Indo - Pak War

S. Prakash Singh lived in village Raipur. He often came to Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. He was working with the Indian army and he was deployed at a border post on the war front during the 1965 India – Pakistan war. There was very heavy bombing all around the post where he was deployed. He became nervous and panicked. Suddenly Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized at the war front where he was fighting. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings to him and said “Don't worry! No one can harm you.” Thereafter Maharaj Ji disappeared. With the blessings of Maharaj Ji, bombing around that post stopped immediately after this miraculous development.

S. Prakash Singh visited Maharaj Ji's Dera after the end of the war to convey his sincere gratitude to Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then narrated complete details of the miraculous appearance of Maharaj Ji at the war front and how Maharaj Ji saved his life. Everyone present on the occasion was extremely surprised and the devotees eulogized the glory of Maharaj Ji.

186. Saving from certain Death

It was the turbulent time during the year 1947 when serious riots broke out because of partition of India and large scale massacre was taking place everywhere on both sides of the new borders. A person from Hoshiarpur district often used to visit the Dera. Some miscreants caught hold of him and tied his limbs and covered him with firewood and thorny branch wood like a funeral pyre. Then the miscreants lighted the fire to burn him alive and left that place.

The victim at once remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed desperately to Maharaj Ji to save his life. With the grace of God and benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji a fierce wind storm carried away all the wood

heaped on him and he escaped certain death. He managed to untie the ropes and freed himself to return home safely.

After some days thereafter he visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the 'Tharha' – the raised platform. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He then conveyed his profound gratitude to Maharaj Ji and narrated the whole incident how Maharaj Ji saved him miraculously. Maharaj Ji said “It was not just a wind storm that saved you. Just look at my hands and see how the thorns had pierced my hands while I was removing the firewood to free you from the burning logs heaped around you.” Then that person fell on Maharaj Ji's lotus feet with utmost devotion and gratitude. Shri Jaggu Ram Ji and his son Shri Rajinder Bangar from Raipur Rasulpur were also present there in the Kutiya.

187. Severance of Limbs -'Angkati' Yoga by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji

Shri Jagiri Ram was resident of village Arjanwal, Jalandhar district. His father Shri Rulia Ram Ji was a devotee of Baba Pipal Dass Maharaj Ji. All members of the family were also devotees of Maharaj Ji. It was during the year 1952-53 that Shri Jagiri Ram Ji visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. At that time there was a dense forest around the Kutiya that is now world famous as Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

There were only two rooms in the ashram located within village Ballan. Sankranti festival on the first day of each month as per Vikram Samvat Calendar used to be celebrated on the raised platform that exists even these days just in front of the ashram. Maharaj Ji asked Shri Jagiri Ram to stay for the night at the ashram in the village. At the end of the evening Satsang or spiritual discourse, Maharaj Ji got busy in devout meditation of God in his room. Sant Hari Dass Ji also sat down for meditation in the state of Samadhi. Shri Jagiri Ram and other six persons lay down after some time to rest for the night.

Maharaj Ji woke up Jagiri Ram around 1:00 a.m. after midnight and handed over a Kamandulu full of water to him. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked him to accompany and both of them started walking towards the Kutiya on the western

outskirts of the village. Maharaj Ji then asked him at a specific point on the way “Just wait here for some time and I shall be back soon.” Maharaj Ji then walked into the nearby forested area. Jagiri Ram Ji waited for Maharaj Ji for about half an hour. However as Maharaj Ji did not return, he also went inside the same forest grove looking for Maharaj Ji.

It was summer season and bright moonlight at that time. Jagiri Ram was shocked to see all limbs of Maharaj Ji dismembered and scattered around. He panicked thinking that someone had murdered Maharaj Ji. He rushed back to the ashram in the village to inform others. However to his utter surprise he saw Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji smiling and standing in the ashram holding his long walking stick. Maharaj Ji said “Jagiri Ram! One should not panic as you did. However don't mention to anyone what you saw.” It was around 2 a.m. by then. Maharaj Ji asked Jagiri Ram to have rest. Maharaj Ji again sat down in perfect Samadhi for meditation of God.

188. Teaching a Lesson to the Thieves

It was the year 1957. There used to be a very small cottage known as Kutiya at the premises where the world famous Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, Sachkhand Ballan is located at present. There was an embankment and thorn fence around the premises those days. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and Sant Hari Dass Ji went to the ashram in village Ballan for the night stay. There was no one in the Kutiya at night.

Two thieves entered into the Kutiya premises. They filled the bags with utensils and tried to walk out with the stolen utensils. When they came out from the Kutiya they became blind. They returned back to the Kutiya and they were able to see everything again. They tried to walk away again but they could not see anything again and returned inside and they had normal vision. They continued to make attempts like that until it was 4 o'clock in the morning.

Maharaj Ji sent two devotees from the village ashram to Kutiya in advance of Maharaj Ji's scheduled departure for Kutiya. They reached Kutiya and witnessed that strange miracle about the two thieves becoming blind whenever they attempted to walk away from Kutiya. The devotees detained the

thieves and presented them before Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji on arrival at the Kutiya.

The thieves begged for pardon, narrated their ordeal and placed their heads at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with great devotion. Benevolent Maharaj Ji accepted their apologies and pardoned them. Maharaj Ji also warned them to stop the nefarious activities like stealing and advised them to get busy with meditation of God. Maharaj Ji thus showed the right path even to the thieves and emancipated them.

189. You will get Ample Milk Soon

Sankranti festival including Maghi on the first day of the month of Magh (January- February) used to be celebrated in the open area close to the village ashram initially. It was the auspicious occasion of Maghi festival of 1950. Maharaj Ji asked the volunteer devotees to prepare tea and serve to all Sangat or members of the congregation. The volunteers said “Maharaj Ji! Tea is almost ready in a large cauldron. However we are waiting for some milk. We shall start serving the tea as soon as someone arrives with milk.”

Maharaj Ji replied “Pour adequate sugar and tea leaves in boiling water. Four persons with milk are on their way from village Arjanwal. A few minutes thereafter Shri Sagli Ram, Shri Veer Singh, Shri Gurnam and Shri Jagiri Ram from Arjanwal reached the ashram with two large pitchers filled with milk. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! We have brought milk for use in the ashram.” After this the volunteers prepared the tea and served to all devotees. When these four persons learnt from the volunteers about Maharaj Ji's prophesy that four persons from Arjanwal were on their way with milk, they were absolutely amazed and everyone realized that Maharaj Ji was indeed omniscient.

*(Shri Jagiri Ram son of Shri Rulia Ram village Arjanwal,
13.9.2003)*

190. This Boy will end your Poverty

Shri Jagiri Ram Ji and his wife Bibi Tej Kaur were blessed with a son during the year 1957. Shri Jagiri Ram visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya with prasad to convey his gratitude. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj

Ji! We have been blessed with a son with your kind blessings.”

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the Tharha-the raised platform at that time and Sant Chetan Dass Ji was resting outside his cottage. Maharaj Ji said in a loud voice “Chetan Dass! God has blessed Jagiri Ram with a son. Suggest some name for the child.” Sant Chetan Dass Ji said “Maharaj Ji! Please assign a suitable permanent name for the child yourself. However let his nickname be Gharhuka.

Then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji said “Jagiri Ram! Your son's regular name will be Hans Raj and his nickname will be Gharhuka.” Maharaj Ji further said “This child will be very brave and daring.”

Shri Jagiri Ram Ji told this writer “Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as my son now aged 22 years has been working abroad and he has removed our poverty completely.”

191. When Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji Dematerialized

Shri Namdev Ji son of Shri Mangal Ram lived in village Chakkowal Shekhan, district Hoshiarpur. His parents-in-laws Shri Kalu Ram and Bibi Bishan Kaur were residents of village Jalbheyana. They were profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. When their daughter got married with Shri Namdev prior to 1947; Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also graced the occasion of the marriage. When Shri Namdev Ji had the vision of divine glowing face of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji he became ecstatic with joy. Thereafter he started to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiji at Ballan regularly.

It was the period of Assu-Kattak or the months of September-October when Maharaj Ji went out for a walk along with Shri Namdev early in the morning towards village Mokhe. There were sand dunes, kana grass (*Saccharum munja*) tufts and some forest that side during those days between villages Ballan and Mokhe.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji stopped for a while when they were on their way to village Mokhe. Namdev, who was carrying water in the Kamandulu, also stopped close by. Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked Namdev to sit down for meditation and thereafter Maharaj Ji suddenly disappeared. Shri Namdev Ji had full faith in Maharaj Ji. He remained busy

with meditation waiting for Maharaj Ji's return. Maharaj Ji suddenly materialized in front of him after nearly one hour. Shri Namdev Ji paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked "Namdev! Did you get scared?" Namdev replied, "Maharaj Ji! I was not afraid because of your blessings." Because of devout meditation of God, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji commanded such unique stature and powers and Maharaj Ji could materialize any where any time and likewise dematerialize any moment.

192. Blessing Shri Namdev with Land

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Shri Namdev's village Chakkowal Shekhan at the end of the year 1948. Residents of that village held Maharaj Ji in very high esteem. Maharaj Ji conducted Satsang or a spiritual discourse in the evening. Maharaj Ji got up very early in the morning and went out for a walk along with Shri Namdev towards eastern side of the village. Maharaj Ji suddenly stopped in a field and asked "Namdev! Whose land is this?" Shri Namdev replied "Maharaj Ji! This is land belongs to government." Maharaj Ji said "This two acres piece of land belongs to you. You will become the owner of this land very soon. There will be an auction for sale of all of this government land after about one year and this two acres land will be bought by you." Namdev said "Maharaj Ji! I am a very poor person and I have no money. But if I have your kind blessings with me then I will surely buy this land."

After one year, the government conducted an open auction to sell the land and two acres land was bought by Namdev Ji that he still owns. He planted a garden of mangoes for Maharaj Ji on 5 Kanals out of his total land. Maharaj Ji often used to visit his mango orchard during the mango ripening season and relish delicious mango fruits. This is how Maharaj Ji blessed Namdev Ji with land.

(Shri Namdev, village Chakkowal Shekhan, 18.9.2003)

193. Protecting Shri Namdev's Family from Thieves

One day, Shri Namdev and his wife Bibi Gurbachan Kaur were walking on foot on their way from their village Chakkowal Shekhan in district Hoshiarpur to Ballan to meet Maharaj Ji. It was getting quite dark while they were still on their way. Meanwhile Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji left the

Kutiya for ashram inside village Ballan along with some devotees. When they reached at the canal bridge, Maharaj Ji stopped there and said “We should wait here for Namdev and his wife Bibi Gurbachan Kaur who are coming this way to meet me. We shall wait here for their arrival and then proceed further along with them.”

When omniscient Maharaj Ji said those words, all devotees accompanying Maharaj Ji were extremely surprised wondering how Maharaj Ji knew about their arrival. Meanwhile when Namdev and his wife were walking towards Kutiya along the canal two thieves stopped them on the way between Kishangarh and Ballan. The thieves told them to hand over their belongings. Namdev replied “We are going to Dera Sachkhand Ballan to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.” When the thieves heard Maharaj Ji's name, they stepped aside and allowed them to proceed further.

Meanwhile Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had been waiting for them at the canal bridge. When they reached the canal bridge then Maharaj Ji asked “Namdev! Is it the right time for you to travel? Why are you so late? We have been waiting here for your arrival for the last one hour. Did those thieves harm you in anyway?” Namdev and his wife were extremely surprised to hear that as they wondered how Maharaj Ji knew about those thieves. Both of them paid their respectful regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! We got very late today but you protected us very kindly from the thieves. We are all fine with your grace and the thieves did not harm us in any way because of your blessings.”

194. When Sant Garib Dass Ji protected Soldier Balvir Singh

Soldier Balvir Singh, Shri Namdev and Bibi Gurbachan Kaur lived in village Chakkowal Shekhan in Hoshiarpur district. All family members held Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji in very high esteem. Maharaj Ji often visited their village. Government deployed a peace keeping force in Srinagar during 1987. Soldier Balvir Singh was also deployed with that army unit. One day he was on surveillance duty in a forest along with his 17 companions. Suddenly he heard the voice of Sant Garib

Dass Ji telling him “Balvir Singh! Go away from this place as early as possible.” Balvir Sing asked his companions to move away immediately from there after listening to these words of Sant Garib Dass Ji. Whereas Balvir Singh ran away from there immediately, all of his companions refused to move.

As soon as Balvir Singh went away there was a sever mine blast in that area which injured his 17 companions badly. Sant Garib Dass Ji protected his devotee Balvir Singh this way. He later returned from Srinagar and visited the Dera. Sant Garib Dass Ji was sitting in a chair when he reached there and paid his regards. Sant Garib Dass Ji asked him “Balvir Singh! How are you?” He replied “I am all right Maharaj Ji with your blessings. You saved me from grave injuries through timely warning.”

*(Shri Balvir Singh, village Chakkowal Shekhan, Hoshiarpur
18.9.2003)*

195. Blessing Village Pandori

Shri Gurmel Ram, Bibi Nanti and all of their family members organized Satsang or spiritual discourse at their home during 1969 as advised by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji graced the occasion of Satsang. Shri Gurdas Ram Ji from village Suchipind also accompanied Maharaj Ji. They reached Shri Gurmel Ji's home in village Dhakk Pandori. That was Maharaj Ji's first visit to Dhakk Pandori. Residents of the village welcomed Maharaj Ji at the outskirts of the village and escorted Maharaj Ji in a ceremonial procession with great respect singing Gurbani Kirtan. All villagers extended a very grand welcome to Maharaj Ji.

Shri Gurmel Ji lived in a mud plastered house during those days. Maharaj Ji asked Shri Beli Ram from village Ballan to recite Gurbani hymns and Maharaj Ji gave scholarly commentary. Satsang lasted for half an hour. Thereafter meals were served to Maharaj Ji and all members of the congregation. Thereafter leaders of the village community prayed “Maharaj Ji! This village is somehow cursed as lot of young boys have died during the last 4 years. Kindly be merciful and bless this village so that we live normal peaceful life.”

Benevolent Maharaj Ji encouraged all of them and said “Don't worry! Normal peace and tranquillity will prevail in this

village now onwards. Remember to practise regular meditation of God and keep company of revered saints. Live always happily with mutual love and affection” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as similar sad incidents did not occur in the village as in the past 4 years when young boys died every year. After this it was stopped. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed the entire village Dhakk Pandori this way.

196. Milk with Water

S. Tulsi Singh and his wife Bibi Maha Kaur were residents of village Boora. They were very devoted followers of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their daughter Paramjit was married with Gurnam Singh – a soldier from village Manakdheri. At that time Bibi Paramjit's family was extremely poor.

Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji visited village Khadiala near Bullowal one day. Shri Tulsi Singh and Bibi Maha Kaur also went there to meet Maharaj Ji. Shri Tulsi Singh later prayed “Maharaj Ji! Kindly make it convenient to visit my daughter Paramjit's home in village Manakdheri on your way back and bless that family.” Sant Hari Dass Ji very kindly obliged and arrived at village Manakdheri along with Shri Tulsi Singh, Bibi Maha Kaur and some other devotees by jeep.

Bibi Paramjit Kaur greeted Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion and paid her regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. However, because of her absolute poverty, she was very concerned wondering about how she would manage the resources to serve tea to Maharaj Ji and other guests.

Even before Bibi Paramjit could say something, omniscient Maharaj Ji said “My daughter! We will not have tea. We will drink 'Kachi Lassi' a cooling summer drink made with cold water mixed with a little cold milk. Maharaj Ji thus addressed her dilemma. Bibi Paramjit then served cold water with some milk to Maharaj Ji and all other devotees.”

(Bibi Paramjit w/o Shri Gurnam Singh, Manakdheri 6.7.2003)

197. Blessing Shri Dhanna Ram and Bibi Karmi with Sons

Shri Dhanna Ram son of Shri Mela Ram and Bibi Karmi lived in village Sarmastpur. They have been visiting Dera Sachkhand Ballan since the times of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj

Ji. They had two daughters. One day Shri Dhanna Ram and Bibi Karmi visited the Dera. Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was seated on the bed. Shri Dhanna Ram Ji and Bibi Karmi conveyed their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down close to Maharaj Ji.

Bibi Karmi then prayed “Maharaj Ji! We have only two daughters. Please bless us with a son.” Sant Hari Dass Ji kept quiet for some time and then said “Both of you should practise meditation of God regularly. You will beget two sons in due course of time with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.” Sant Hari Dass Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as the couple had two sons in their home over a period of time. Maharaj Ji named them as Balwinder Kumar and Kulwinder Kumar respectively.

*(Bibi Karmi w/o Shri Dhanna Ram, village Sarmastpur,
11.7.2003 - from the memoirs of Shri Beli Ram Ji)*

198. You should not have said Enough

Bibi Bhago and Bibi Santi from village Mannan often used to render voluntary services in Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. They came to know that there is need of ghee in the Kutiya. Both of them returned home and then searched for availability of ghee. They asked for ghee in one house, but they found adulteration in ghee. So they refused to buy it. After some time they came to know that in Beli Ram has a recently calved milch cow at his house and therefore he may have ghee for sale. They thought that they would get ghee from him.

When they asked Beli Ram about surplus ghee for sale, he said “Yes! I have ghee and you can have a look at that.” They checked the quality of ghee and the pleasant aroma confirmed that it was pure ghee. They asked him the price of that ghee and also mentioned that they would carry the ghee for use at Maharaj Ji's Kutiya.

When Beli Ram learnt that the ghee was meant for Maharaj Ji's Kutiya he said very politely “It is my good fortune that my honest hard work will get rewarded if ghee is used in Maharaj Ji's ashram.” Bibi Bhago and Bibi Santi got that ghee and brought same to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! We have brought ghee.”

Maharaj Ji saw the ghee and then asked Sant Niranjana Dass Ji to take the ghee from them to keep safely and return the utensil to the ladies. Maharaj Ji also asked both ladies “What is the price of this ghee?” Bibi Bhago and Bibi Santi said “Maharaj Ji! We brought this ghee from Shri Beli Ram and he did not charge any money for this. He told us that he got this ghee because of Maharaj Ji's blessings and that he is very lucky that ghee would be used in this ashram.”

One day Maharaj Ji visited village Mannan while returning from village Kararhi and went to Bibi Santi's home. Maharaj Ji stayed there for a little while and then got ready to leave for Kutuya. Beli Ram was sitting under the shade of Pipal (*Ficus religiosa*) tree at that time. Bibi Santi told him to accompany Maharaj Ji to the Kutuya. Beli Ram conveyed his regards to Maharaj Ji and then followed Maharaj to go to Kutuya with Maharaj Ji. When they walked for some distance away from the village then Maharaj Ji asked, “Beli Ram! Why did you not come to Kutuya to take money towards the price of ghee?” Shri Beli Ram replied, “Maharaj Ji! It's all because of your blessings that you have given us everything. So there is no question of taking any money for ghee.” Maharaj Ji asked “Oy! What will your children eat as you have given all the ghee for the ashram?”

He replied, “Maharaj Ji! It is only you who provides us everything including food.” Maharaj Ji just kept silent. After some time Maharaj Ji changed his long walking stick from his right hand to his left hand and pointed it towards the sky. Maharaj Ji held the walking stick in his right hand again and started to walk forwards. Shri Beli Ram was walking just behind Maharaj Ji.

Shri Beli Ram Ji narrated further amazing developments to this writer as follows. He said “Maharaj Ji just opened his left hand fist and a currency note dropped out on the ground. Then Maharaj Ji closed that fist and reopened again when another currency note slipped down. New currency notes continued to fall on the ground likewise as Maharaj Ji kept walking ahead. Shri Beli Ram picked up each currency note carefully and very soon his lap was full of currency notes.

Shri Beli Ram then requested “Maharaj Ji! Please stop it now.” Maharaj Ji chastised him and counselled him saying “You should not have said like that.” No more currency note fell on the ground thereafter. When they reached Kutiya, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji sat down on his seat and Beli Ram placed all of the collected currency notes on Maharaj Ji's feet. Maharaj Ji said, “Beli Ram! It's all yours. Collect all of this money and make use of same in your home.”

Maharaj Ji then called Sant Garib Dass Ji and said “Garib Dass! Just pay the cost of two kilograms ghee to Beli Ram.” Shri Beli Ram pleaded with Maharaj Ji not to give him any more money but Maharaj Ji ensured that Shri Beli Ram was paid for that ghee by Sant Garib Dass Ji.

Later when Beli Ram was returning to his house, he met a revered Mahatma sitting on a cot on his way. Shri Beli Ram conveyed his regards to the revered saint and then narrated the entire incident. Mahatma Ji said, “You made a serious mistake. You should not have interrupted and asked Maharaj Ji to stop. You don't know what Maharaj Ji would have done today to ensure your prosperity.

(Balvir, Village Mannan)

199. When everything became Valuable

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went out for a walk. Shri Nanak Ji and his family members from village Mannan were working in their fields on the same route that Maharaj Ji followed. They used to grow groundnut and other crops. When they saw Maharaj Ji coming that side, all of them stopped their work and went to greet Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji told them to convey their regards from their work spot and carry on with their work. They expressed their desire to come close and pay their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. However Maharaj Ji chastised them and counselled them. Then they abided by Maharaj Ji's advice.

Later Maharaj Ji asked “Nanak! Have you threshed cowpeas?” He replied, “Yes, Maharaj Ji!” Maharaj Ji asked “How many bags full of cowpeas do you have?” Nanak said “Maharaj Ji! I may have total 12 bags of cowpeas.” Maharaj Ji asked “What is the price you wish to charge for cowpeas?”

Nanak replied very politely “Maharaj Ji! We will deliver as many bags in Kutuya as you need. You are the one who feeds the entire world. How can we ask for money for these few grains of cowpeas? Maharaj Ji! We only need your blessings.”

Maharaj Ji said “No Nanak! You worked very hard for so many months to grow this crop. This is all you have for your family. You must surely get payment for the same otherwise how will you meet household expenses?”

Then Shri Nanak replied “Maharaj Ji! If you are so kind then I may be paid Rs. 100/ per bag of cowpeas.” Maharaj Ji said “All right! Deliver all of these bags in Kutuya and receive payment from Garib Dass.”

Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji further asked “Nanak! How is your peanuts crop?” Nanak Singh replied, “Maharaj Ji! This time the production of peanuts is low whereas we had good crop of cowpeas.” Maharaj Ji said “Is it so? Don't worry! Everything will be fine.” There was a catch in what Maharaj Ji just said. Maharaj Ji had conveyed his blessings indirectly to Nanak. Maharaj Ji proceeded further thereafter.

The family members of Nanak delivered 12 bags of cowpeas at Maharaj Ji's Kutuya and Sant Garib Dass Ji gave them full payment for same. He got full payment for cowpeas at the rate indicated by him and his peanuts crop also fetched very good price in the market that season because of Maharaj Ji's kind blessings.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

200. Treatment for Eyes

Bibi Sibo from village Mannan fell seriously ill. Most of the villagers and even his family members hated her. It is said that everyone including close relatives abandon anyone in serious trouble. She suffered immensely as she was visually challenged. However she suffered worst pain and agony because of neglect and harsh words aimed at her by her relatives and everyone else. When she lost all hope and no one looked after her, she remembered benevolent Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She always remembered Maharaj Ji and prayed with utmost devotion.

Maharaj Ji very kindly responded to her prayers. One

night while she was resting, Maharaj Ji materialized in her dream and said “Don't make use of any eye drops to treat your eyes. Your eyes will be fine after some days.” Thereafter, the condition of her eyes started to improve slowly and she had normal eyesight within a few days. Her eyesight is fine even these days.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

201. You will have Multi-Storey House

Bibi Sibbo often worried because of her abject poverty. She was so poor that neither any shopkeeper was willing to sell anything to her on credit nor was any neighbour willing to lend her any money any time. They had apprehensions that she may not be able to repay the loan because of her poverty. Most often she had no money to buy even one kilogram wheat flour.

She was engrossed in such painful thoughts about her poverty one day when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji suddenly reached her house. She welcomed Maharaj Ji and paid her profound regards. Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry. I can see your multi-storey house. You have nothing to worry about.” Time changed for the better very soon and her poverty vanished. Her family owns multi-storey residential house and all of her family members are enjoying life very happily with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

202. Story related to Shri Hira

Shri Hira resident of village Ballan had his farm land and an open well with a Persian wheel for irrigation very close to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. One day Hira went to his farm with a pair of oxen very early in the morning to plough his land. When he had not even completed the first furrow with plough, he was shocked to see someone's dismembered legs, arms, head and other body parts scattered in his field.

Hira was terribly scared and unable to see that sight. Instead of having a close look, he panicked and hurried back to his home along with his oxen. He informed the villagers that dismembered body of someone was scattered in his field and perhaps someone committed the murder during the last night. Many people from the village rushed to his farm to check what

had happened. However when they reached there, there was no sign of any murder, dead body or dismembered limbs as mentioned by Hira. Some people said Hira had lost his mental balance. Some others said, "Hira has befooled them." They chastised him and then returned to their respective homes.

But Hira could not forget the frightening scenario that he had seen that morning. He kept wondering what happened to the dismembered dead body he saw that morning. As he remained preoccupied with such thoughts, he fell ill within a few days after that incident.

Omniscient Maharaj Ji then visited Hira's home and asked "Hira!! Why did you run away from your field on that day?" Hira was very surprised and further perplexed to hear Maharaj Ji's words. Maharaj Ji then took him into confidence and said "Oy Hira! It was none else but me that you saw that day. You should not have any fear or dilemma. If you don't believe this, then you should show me even one speck of blood in your field. If someone had been really murdered there should have been human blood all over in the field where you saw severed limbs."

Hira then understand everything very clearly and prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. He was absolutely fine within a few days thereafter with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

203. Shelter for the Deprived

The wife of a resident of village Subhanpur, Jalandhar was seriously ill. He got her treated by many doctors but she did not get well. They had done many rituals. When someone does not respond to treatment by doctors, people often approach some wizard or ritualistic tantric and he also tried such alternatives but his wife did not get well. Someone then told him about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that gave him some hope like a ray of sunlight in pitch darkness.

He went to the Dera on the very next day along with his wife on his bicycle. When they were short distance away from the Dera, the tube and tyre of his bicycle suddenly burst. He deemed that to be a bad omen and he was extremely sad. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was resting in chair at that time.

Maharaj Ji directed one of the devotees to help that couple and bring them inside the Dera.

Then that person went to them to bring them inside the Dera. He said “Maharaj Ji has sent me to escort you inside the Dera. They were extremely surprised to hear that as this was the first time they came to visit the Dera. They wondered how did Maharaj Ji knew about them and their problem.

At last that person parked his bicycle and went inside the Dera escorting his wife very carefully. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji then said “Don't worry! Your wife will get well soon. Your cycle will also be repaired. Just relax and don't be tense.” After this Maharaj Ji gave some medicine to that lady. She felt some relief after taking the medicine. Then Maharaj Ji gave her additional medicines to be taken at home and explained about the method of taking the medicine. Maharaj Ji also told her husband “Go to Tota Ram in village Mannan and get your bicycle repaired.”

Both of them later had their meals in the community kitchen of the Dera and then took leave of Maharaj Ji. They went to village Mannan as advised by Maharaj Ji and got the bicycle repaired from Tota Ram. They narrated complete details of their eventful first visit to the Dera and benevolence of Maharaj Ji. Then Tota Ram and some other people present there eulogized the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and told them about the unique glory of Maharaj Ji and said “Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is like God incarnate on earth for the emancipation of suffering people of this world.” The lady became absolutely healthy after taking the medicines given by Maharaj Ji for some days.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

204. Physician of Physicians

S. Karam Singh was a famous ayurvedic physician. People from faraway places used to come to him for treatment. His domestic conditions were also good. However God's will is supreme and Karam Singh suffered from leprosy. His family members, who loved him very much, started to hate him. His business also collapsed. No one spoke to him lovingly. They planned to send him out of the house.

He was extremely upset and very sad. He thought that he did everything for his family members but they wanted to abandon him. He thought that if his own family members did not like him then why should the outsiders like him. He was getting worried about his future day and night. Mental agony is worst than acute body pain.

He listened about Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's glory. He visited Dera with a fond hope to get well. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. He was very impressed and extremely happy to have a vision of Maharaj Ji's enlightened face radiating brilliance of devout meditation of God. It was extremely hot summer season with scorching unbearable heat. Maharaj Ji used to make arrangements to serve cold sherbet prepared with unrefined sugar to the visiting devotees during such hot summer. Whatever Maharaj Ji said always proved to be eternal truth like line etched on stone. Maharaj Ji said to Karam Singh "Take this jug and dissolve the unrefined sugar in cold water from the hand pump and drink that sherbet to your full satisfaction.

Because Karam Singh was also a physician, he was reluctant to take any sweet sherbet as he thought that to be unsuitable for health of persons suffering from such disease as leprosy. However, he followed Maharaj Ji's instructions, prepared the sherbet and then drank it.

In the evening it was getting dark gradually after sun set, began to be darker. Whereas he had not been able to have a wink of sleep for long period because of his illness, he was suddenly feeling very sleepy as his body pain subsided. It was as if a garden in ruins for decades abandoned by butterflies and bumble bees was suddenly coming to bloom with ample fragrance attracting butterflies and bumble bees in large swarms to return again to their lost paradise.

Karam Singh's eyes began to close down and he fell asleep very soon. He had such a pleasant, sound and refreshing sleep as he had never experienced during his illness or even prior to that. He was transported into an altogether different, beautiful and amazing world.

Fragrance of God's pious Naam was enriching the

environment all around early next morning when Karam Singh woke up after sound sleep. He could not believe his own eyes when he noticed that he had been miraculously cured of deadly leprosy disease during the night. There was not even a trace of leprosy or a scar on his body as if he had never been afflicted with leprosy. His heart was full of utmost devotion and great reverence for Maharaj Ji.

He fell down at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with profound reverence. His soul had abandoned all claims to wisdom and cleverness and he rightly took shelter at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. He was not moving his head away from the feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji lifted him up and said. "It is all because of benevolence of God and His grace. Everything is in the hands of almighty God."

205. Good that you Escaped

One of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji's devotees and a resident of village Raipur-Rasulpur district Jalandhar somehow got involved in a feud related to land since a very long time. His opponents were at the receiving end most of the time. Therefore the opposing party was waiting for an opportune time to teach him a sound lesson.

One day he was having a walk all alone besides the flowing canal. His opponents came to know about it as they always kept a vigil. They got together armed with a pistol and other weapons and surrounded him. He got terribly scared as he was alone and his opponents were in large numbers. One of the opponents said, "We shall not spare you today. We will surely kill you. You may remember anyone for the last time if you like."

He closed his eyes and remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji praying for his rescue. He visualized presence of Maharaj Ji from his heart with closed eyes. He conveyed his profound regards to Maharaj Ji. There was a sudden burst of energy and great courage within him. He thanked Maharaj Ji and then opened his eyes and bravely ran away very fast from there. His opponents fired with pistols from behind as they did not want to miss that opportunity. They were also worried that they would get implicated in criminal case if he escaped.

But none of the bullets hit him. They gave him a very hard chase firing at him many times but he miraculously escaped as all the bullets flew past him without hitting him. He ran so fast that all opponents were left far behind. It appeared that God was with him that day to protect him and he did not suffer even from a minor injury.

He did not run towards his house. Instead he ran towards Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. When he reached near the Kutiya, he saw Maharaj Ji from a distance standing in front of him. Then he ran even faster and fell down at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "O my son! It is good that you escaped and came here safely." Maharaj Ji lifted him up and encouraged him. Maharaj Ji said "Don't worry! Have courage and everything will be fine." The opponents did not dare to harm him after that day. The dispute related to land was over after a few years.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

206. Benevolence for Shri Chanan Ram

Once, Shri Chanan Ram's mother Bibi Thakari Ji from village Mannan, Jalandhar visited Kutiya to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Chanan Ram worked in armed forces at Meerut during those days. Bibi Thakari conveyed her regards to Maharaj Ji and prayed "Maharaj Ji! My son has two daughters. Kindly bless his family with a son."

Maharaj Ji asked, "Where is your son?" She replied "He is in Meerut and he is employed in the army." Maharaj Ji said "Practice meditation of God regularly. He will beget a son with God's grace in due course of time." Maharaj Ji's words came to be absolutely true as Shri Chanan Ram's wife gave birth to a son in due course of time.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

207. Kindly transform me into a Human Being

Satsang or a spiritual discourse was in progress in the premises of Kutiya of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji was sitting comfortably on the Tharha or the cemented platform. A large number of devotees were sitting in front of Maharaj Ji and everyone was listening with rapt attention and euphoric delight.

Maharaj Ji got up from his seat at the end of the spiritual discourse and Shri Chanan Ram walked towards Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked him “All right! Tell me if you wish to say anything specific.” He said with great humility “Maharaj Ji! Please transform me into a human being.” Maharaj Ji looked towards the devotees and asked them smilingly “Just look at this person. Is he not a man?” Then one of the devotees Shri Sohan Singh said “Maharaj Ji! He is not a human being yet. He is still an ass. Maharaj Ji! Only you can transform him into a human being.”

Maharaj Ji just smiled and asked Chanan Ram to come again at the specified time. Chanan Ram came to meet Maharaj Ji on the specified day and time. Maharaj Ji then very kindly blessed him with sacred Naam.

(Shri Chanan Ram, Village Manna, Jalandhar, 16th June, 2001)

208. Satguru the Saviour

Shri Chanan Ram had only one son whose name was Madan. One night he was sleeping on the roof top of his house. Shri Chanan Ram, his wife and his daughters were still awake on the ground floor as it was not yet too late in the night. They heard a very loud noise at that time. They thought that a nearby thatched hut had collapsed. However when they heard sharp noise of people around; they came to know that Madan Lal had fallen down from the roof. All members of the family ran out to see Madan. When they saw Madan, they were surprised and also very happy despite falling down from a fairly high roof because all of his body and limbs were fine except that he had a little pain in his back.

Shri Chanan Ram visited the Dera early next morning and conveyed his regard to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He then narrated the whole incident related to Madan's fall from the roof and his condition. Then Maharaj Ji said “Someone who wanted to throw him succeeded in his evil mission and his saviour protected him.” Then Maharaj Ji also advised him “Go to new grain market tomorrow morning. A physician comes there daily and you should bring some medicine from him for Madan.”

Shri Chanan Ram obeyed Maharaj Ji's advice and took Madan Lal to new grain market next morning to meet the

physician. He gave some medicines for Madan and some oil for local massage. Madan was absolutely fit and fine after a few days treatment.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

209. Banishing the Fear

Shri Chanan Ram worked as a watchman in Jalandhar Cantt. His duty hours were from 4 p.m. to 12 midnight. After duty hours he used to rest there only for some hours and then return home early next morning.

Once, Shri Chanan Ram's wife Shrimati Prakash Kaur fell ill. Shri Chanan Ram thought that he should return home as early as possible after completion of his duty hours so that he could look after his wife. With such thoughts in his mind, he rested only for a short while after his duty hours and then left for his village on bicycle during the night time itself.

When Shri Chanan Ram reached close to village Raipur – Rasulpur; he was confronted by some evil spirit and he was getting frightened. Suddenly he heard someone advising him to chant words of Naam. He looked all around to check if anyone was near who said that but he could find nothing but pitch darkness of night. Anyway he started to chant Naam in slow voice and all of his fear disappeared very soon.

When Shri Chanan Ram reached near village Mannan, he visualized Sant Sarwan Dass Ji walking approximately 100 yards ahead of him. He conveyed his regards to Maharaj Ji from his heart and continued to chant Naam. He soon reached home safely as his fear had completely vanished.

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj sent a message for him through Shri Pakhar Ram saying that Chanan Ram should visit Kutiya and meet Maharaj Ji. He reached the Dera very soon after receiving the message conveyed by Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji who was seated comfortably at his seat at that time. Maharaj Ji took him aside and said “Don't travel at night.” Shri Chanan Ram told a lie and said “Maharaj Ji! I don't travel at night.”

Then Maharaj Ji rebuked him and said “Did you not travel last night to return home after duty?” Maharaj Ji told him about everything he had experienced during his journey last

night. Shri Chanan Ram felt ashamed and highly embarrassed for his folly and he said, “Yes! Maharaj Ji! I travelled last night.” Then Maharaj Ji asked, “Why did you tell me a lie?” Then he replied with folded hands “I am extremely sorry for my mistake. Kindly forgive me.” Maharaj Ji then said “Okay! Don't travel at night in future.”

(Shri Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan, 16. 06. 2001)

210. From Example to Apparent Truth

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji reached village Biaspind while having routine morning walk. Maharaj Ji often visited some or the other village during his routine morning walk. Maharaj Ji often used to reach even a far away village just like that early in the morning and wake up devotees to remind them to pursue meditation of God. Maharaj Ji likewise met his devotees at Biaspind and advised them to practise meditation of God regularly.

Thereafter Maharaj Ji left Biaspind to get back to the Kutiya. Then some local devotees started saying that Maharaj Ji sometimes just flies to reach any destination. Some others thought that to be impossible. Some others said that they had heard so from someone. At last a learned man said “Let us check this out. Maharaj Ji has just left this place and should have covered very little distance. Maharaj Ji will return walking along the shorter route by the canal side. Two persons should travel fast on bicycles via main road to reach Kutiya quickly. If they reach Kutiya earlier than Maharaj Ji, who is travelling on foot, then it will be clear that Maharaj Ji did not take the aerial route to fly to Kutiya. However if you they find Maharaj Ji already in Kutiya when they reach there riding on bicycles; it will be evident that Maharaj Ji had indeed taken the aerial route to reach Kutiya before them.”

Accordingly two persons left immediately for Kutiya on their bicycles driving their bicycles very fast on the smooth metalled road. When they reached Kutiya they saw that Maharaj Ji was already sitting comfortably at his seat inside the Kutiya. Some devotees were also sitting in front of Maharaj Ji. They wanted to return when they saw Maharaj Ji sitting along with the devotees. However, Maharaj Ji called them back and

asked smilingly “What for did you come here? Is there anything specific?” They felt ashamed and embarrassed and therefore just kept quiet. However when Maharaj Ji asked them again then they explained the entire background truthfully. Maharaj Ji just had a hearty laugh.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan, 16.06.2001)

211. Guarding the Peanuts Crop

When the peanuts crop ripens and it is ready for harvest, then it requires good protection from human thieves. If the crop is not well guarded then other people uproot and pilfer the peanuts. The thieves collect mature pods of peanuts and throw away the uprooted plants along with remaining immature pods.

Shri Amarnath started growing peanuts in the fields in accordance with the advice of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He was so successful in growing peanuts with the blessings of Maharaj Ji that he raised groundnuts crop over 50 acres land during one season. He had grown peanuts on 50 acres contiguous piece of land. He built a small hut on the land to stay at site to guard the crop.

Peanuts crop ripened. He was the only person to protect his entire crop spread over 50 acres land. When he went to patrol one side of land then thieves used to uproot the plants and steal peanuts from other side. If he guarded other side then the thieves would steal peanuts from the opposite side. Shri Amar Nath was in great trouble and sadly frustrated.

One day he decided to stop keeping the vigil around his crop for a short while and visit Kutiya. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and then stayed there only for a short while because he was worried about the safety of his crop of peanuts. But when he returned from the Kutiya and reached his farm, he was pleasantly surprised because there was no evidence of any damage to his crop by the thieves as it used to happen while he guarded the crop.

According to Shri Amar Nath, “When he was in the field guarding his peanuts, then uprooting and stealing of peanuts certainly took place somewhere in the farm that was evident as thieves threw the uprooted plants after collecting ripe pods of peanuts. However whenever he visited the Kutiya to pay

regards to Maharaj Ji, there was no evidence of uprooting or stealing of the peanuts on those days. His crop used to be safe from thieves only because of benevolence of Maharaj Ji.

(Shri Amar Nath, Village Mannan, Jalandhar 13. 06. 2001)

212. An End to Shri Chanan Ram's Anxiety

Shri Chanan Ram had two highly educated daughters of marriageable age. He and his relatives tried to find out suitable matches for them and looked at many potential grooms but they did not succeed in finding boys to their liking. Sometimes the other parties did not agree and Shri Chanan Ram did not consent on some other occasions

The days passed by and Shri Chanan Ram was very upset and greatly worried because of several unsuccessful efforts. His anxiety mounted day by day and his pain and agony became unbearable over a period of time. He was completely broken hearted because of this failure and he finally gave up.

At last one day he thought in his mind that he would sit down for devout meditation of God and that he would not get up until Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji tells him to get up. He sat down for meditation with such determination in the evening. When it was around 2 a.m. his prayer was fruitful as he heard very clearly someone telling him “Don't worry! Everything will get sorted out within the Kutiya itself within a month.” He was extremely delighted to hear such assurance.

After some days, a family arrived at the Dera to meet Sant Garib Dass Ji. He prayed “Maharaj Ji! We are looking for a well educated girl for marrying our son who is highly educated. Kindly convey your blessings.” Sant Garib Dass Ji said, “There is an educated girl but she hails from a very poor family.” They replied “It does not matter as long as the girl is well educated.”

Thereafter, all members of the family went to meet Shri Chanan Ram at his residence. Both parties agreed for the alliance and one of the girls was married with the son of the visiting family. Later after some days second girl was married with the cousin of her sister's husband. Both of the married boys are well settled in their respective government jobs these days.

(Shri Chanan Ram, village Mannan Jalandhar 16. 06. 2001)

213. Message of Midnight

It was drizzling. The time was approximately 11 p.m. Sant Niranjana Dass Maharaj Ji was quite young during those days. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji woke him up and told him to go to village Noorpur on bicycle to convey a message and then return to Dera. Sant Niranjana Dass Ji left for Noorpur after taking the permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. When he came outside the Dera he saw a bright light in front of his bicycle a little distance away from him. That light continued to move forwards ahead of him to illuminate the passage till he reached Noorpur. Sant Niranjana Dass Ji conveyed the message given by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and returned to Dera. That bright light again moved in front of his bicycle to light the passage. When he reached the Dera that light also disappeared.

214. Wealth is Subservient to Saints

Whenever some of the devotees made an offering of large sum of money while paying regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji; Maharaj Ji used to return ask such devotees to take that money back. Maharaj Ji often used to say “Oy! What will your children eat? Buy something for your home with this money so that the children can eat it.” But when any devotee insisted that his offering should be accepted, then Maharaj Ji used to keep a small amount and return the balance money to the donor. Maharaj Ji used to give a mild slap to any devotee who made the mistake of donating some money even while seeking leave of Maharaj Ji in the evening time to return home. Sometimes Maharaj Ji also used his walking stick in such a case. Thereafter Maharaj Ji used to direct the devotee to pick up that money and buy something good for his children to eat. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji often used to say “There is never any shortage of money for the saints. The wealth actually follows the saints.”

*(Shri Pritam Dass and Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan,
25.06.2001)*

215. When hundred Rupees turned into four hundred Rupees

This incident happened with S. Pakhar Singh when he was serving in Leh – Ladakh. S. Pakhar Singh sent Rs. 100/ out

of his salary by money order for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji as donation for the Dera. Maharaj Ji received the money order sent by him. S. Pakhar Singh received acknowledgement from postman confirming payment of Rs. 400/ to Maharaj Ji. He was extremely surprised to see that acknowledgement that confirmed receipt of Rs.400/ by Maharaj Ji whereas he had sent only Rs. 100/ by money order.

Later when S. Pakhar Singh returned from Leh on short leave he visited the Dera and paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji asked him to sit nearby and checked about his wellbeing. Maharaj Ji said, “Pakhar Singh! I received Rs. 400 sent by you through money order.” Then Pakhar Singh said “Maharaj Ji! I sent only Rs. 100/. I am amazed how the postman paid you Rs. 400/ and I got an acknowledgement receipt also for Rs. 400? How could it be possible?” Maharaj Ji smiled and said “Sometimes the records of post office also get modified.” Thus Maharaj Ji gave his disciple credit for having sent Rs. 400/ instead of Rs. 100/ sent by him.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

216. Promotion of S. Pakhar Singh as Subedar

When S. Pakhar Singh got transferred from Leh- Ladakh to Jalandhar, he had been promoted as a Havildar. When he went home on leave then he told his wife that he would retire as a Havildar only. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji appeared in her dream and said “Pakhar Singh told you that he would retire as a Havildar. However he will be promoted as Subedar very shortly.”

She told Pakhar Singh next morning about her dream and Maharaj Ji's kind words about his promotion. But her husband said, “Dreams can't be true.” Later Pakhar Singh reported for duty at his unit in Jalandhar Cantt on completion of his leave period. Colonel of his unit then called him and said “Pakhar Singh! Congratulations! You have been promoted as Subedar. You have to go to Lucknow now.”

Pakhar Singh was pleasantly surprised as Maharaj Ji's words came to be absolutely true. Then S. Pakhar Singh visited the Dera and paid his profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji with utmost devotion and great affection. Maharaj Ji

was extremely delighted and said “Our Pakhar Singh has become Subedar now.” Maharaj Ji further said to him, “Pakhar Singh! You should go to Lucknow immediately.” Pakhar Singh was extremely surprised. Maharaj Ji again said “Don't ask me anything but you must leave for Lucknow at once.”

He obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and he left for Lucknow on the same day. Indo-Pak war of 1971 broke out on the next day and all the soldiers and army officers based at Jalandhar were deployed on the war front along the western border.

This is how Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji not only saved Pakhar Singh from deployment on the war front but he was also promoted with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. Pakhar Singh later said “I would perhaps have attained martyrdom in the war if Maharaj Ji had not sent me to Lucknow that day.”

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

217. Treatment of Pain and other Blessings

No one can understand the unique ways of saints as their actions are different from the normal deeds of human beings. True saints are like divine beacon of God who can fulfil all noble desires of their devotees. They need only love, affection and devotion of their devotees who should make their scarce human lives really fruitful by abiding by the directions of true saints. True saints represent persona of God and they help the souls of their devotees to attain eternal salvation and unite with God. It is not difficult for true saints to resolve all the difficulties, and address the sufferings and pain of their devotees. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was one such unique saint who was exactly like divine God. The following story relates to transformation of life of Shri Pakhar Singh, who hailed from village Naugajja, to be truly successful as personally narrated by him in his own words:

It was during the year 1956-57 when I joined the army. I used to suffer from acute in the waist region of my body. I got treatment at the very best and largest army hospitals but there was no relief. At last I lost hope and returned home on leave. On the very next day I went to Dera and paid my regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji asked “How

are you Pakhar Singh?" I replied "Maharaj Ji! Everything is fine except that I am suffering from severe pain in my waist region." At that time an Ayurveda physician also lived in the Dera. Maharaj Ji called that physician and said "Give him 10 tablets of this particular medicine." Maharaj Ji then said to Pakhar Singh "Take these 10 tablets. You will get well soon and your pain will disappear with these 10 tablets."

My pain really disappeared with the use of those tablets and I was absolutely fine whereas well known army hospitals had expressed their helplessness to cure my pain. When I visited the Dera for the second time, I prayed "Maharaj Ji! I have no son but I have 4 daughters. Please bless us with a son. We have consulted many doctors and taken their treatment but we are still longing for a son."

Maharaj Ji was merciful after listening to my prayer and took me and my wife on one side and advised me "Pakhar Singh! Bring this specific item from the city and hand over the same to me only personally." I handed over that item to Maharaj Ji on the next day. Maharaj Ji received that article from me and gave us to savour. Maharaj Ji did not say anything else at that time.

When my wife was pregnant for two months then we visited the Dera again and paid our regards to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, "Pakhar Singh! A son will be born in your house in due course of time." This is how we got a son with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji."

(Narrated to Balvir Mannan by Shri Pakhar Singh)

218. When Maharaj Ji accepted Shri Lehmbar Singh as a Disciple

This story pertains to the life time of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji when Shri Lehmbar Singh worked with the army during the year 1965- 66. His duty station was Meerut Cantt in Uttar Pradesh. Lehmbar Singh had never met Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. S. Sarwan Singh, hailing from village Ballan and another companion also worked with him in the army. They always talked about the grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They used to say that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Ballan is really a great and true saint.

When S. Lehmbhar Singh listened to Maharaj Ji's glory, then his heart was filled with lot of faith and utmost devotion for Maharaj Ji. A miraculous event took place thereafter. That was explained by Shri Lehmbhar Singh in his own words as follows:

The miracle was that I contemplated in my mind that if Sant Sarwan Dass Ji is truly an accomplished and perfect saint, then he should accept me as a disciple and provide me shelter at his lotus feet. Some days later, two persons came to my camp and they wanted to meet me while I did not even know any of them. They asked me whether I was Lehmbhar Singh. I replied in the affirmative. They said that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji from Ballan told them to meet Lehmbhar Singh staying in a camp at Meerut and that Maharaj Ji sent prasad through us with the instruction to give the prasad to him.

I took prasad from them. However I wondered that how Maharaj Ji could send prasad for me even though I had never met Maharaj Ji or gone to Maharaj Ji's ashram. It was a great miracle and enigma for me. After that incident, I used to feel very sad and I often thought about Maharaj Ji in my mind. I was desperate to have a vision of Maharaj Ji and I longed to become a disciple of Maharaj Ji. I used to pray to Maharaj Ji that I should be enabled to meet Maharaj Ji soon and initiated as a disciple.

While I was sleeping during the night four days after this incident, I suddenly realized that someone just hit me with a long walking stick and also ordered me to get up. I was hit likewise 2-3 times again and I got up. I saw a tall old man standing in front of me. I was wondering about the identity of that elderly person who hit me and woke me up. Before I could ask him anything, he went out of the room and walked away. I followed him but he suddenly disappeared while he was some distance away from me. I looked all around to find him but it was in vain. The same sequence of events happened continuously for 3- 4 nights when I was hit by the elderly person and asked to accompany him. Then I realized that the elderly man was none other than Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

Thereafter I applied for leave and left for Dera Sachkhand Ballan. When I reached there I was amazed to see the same tall old man who used to hit me with long walking stick and ask me

to get up. Maharaj Ji looked at me and had a hearty laugh and then said “Lehmbar Singh! It is good that you have come? I was just waiting for you? I do hope that you had a comfortable journey.” I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and tears flowed uncontrolled from my eyes. Then Maharaj Ji patted my back to convey kind blessings and told Sant Hari Dass Ji “This is Lehmbar Singh. He has come from a faraway place. Just see that some tea is served to him.” I had tea and later Sant Hari Dass Ji told me “Maharaj Ji went outside the Kutiya several times and looked around for someone. When I asked Maharaj Ji about this, Maharaj Ji said that one of his devotees Lehmbar Singh, who is a soldier, was expected to reach here soon.”

Thereafter I stayed at Maharaj Ji's ashram for 15-16 days. Thus Brahmigiani and truly perfect and accomplished great saint Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed me as one of his disciples.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

219. Protecting Lehmbar Singh's Wife and Children

This incident happened with my wife Shrimati Naseeb Kaur when we were travelling along with our son by bus to reach Ballan to meet Maharaj Ji. The roads had been badly damaged by heavy rain and the bus had also to cross a seasonal torrent that was flowing full to the brim. It was not possible for the bus to cross over to the other bank. There was a bridge nearby for the railway track across that stream. The bus conductor asked all passengers to get down from the bus and walk along the railway track to cross the stream. There were three other women also in the group apart from three of us. Those women were not going to Dera. I took the bag and walked fast on the track to cross over to the other side while my wife and my child followed behind me along with the three women. Being a soldier I reached on other side of the railway bridge quickly. My wife, our son and those women were still walking on the railway track almost midway from both ends of the bridge when we heard the loud whistle of a train arriving on the same track. I turned back and saw the train. I got extremely frightened as I thought that all of them still on the track would get crushed under the train. I closed my eyes and remembered

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. The train arrived very near to them. The other three women jumped from the railway track into the stream. But my wife did not jump into the water. She continued to walk at normal speed on the railway track holding the child unaware of the speeding train coming from behind. I kept standing away from the track with closed eyes.

While one of the women who had jumped into the stream broke her leg, second had a broken arm and the third woman also suffered serious injuries. When the train crossed the bridge and went past me then I opened my eyes. Then I saw my wife and child in the bushes where I was standing near the track. I lifted them and asked her “How did you manage to reach here? I saw the train when it was almost close to running over you.” Then she wept bitterly and said “I remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during those crucial moments and I heard someone “Naseeb Kaur! Move forwards and keep walking fast.” She further said “Meanwhile I was also being pushed forwards with a long walking stick placed behind my back. I don't know when I reached on this side of the bridge and how I fell down on these bushes. I was perhaps thrown away by strong turbulence in the wind caused by the speeding train along the track.”

When we reached the Kutiya, Maharaj Ji gave two blows with the closed fist at my back and then laughed and said “Oy! How is it that you don't know even how to take care of your wife and child? Why did you walk away alone leaving them far behind on the railway track?” Maharaj Ji then said to my wife “Naseeb Kaur! I hope you did not sustain any serious injuries. It is because of your past noble deeds that you escaped today.” She said “Maharaj Ji! We have been saved because of your kind benevolence.” Maharaj Ji said “You were coming to the Dera to meet me. Then how could I let you down and die unnatural death? Oy! No true saint would like to be blamed for any such serious mishap. People would have blamed a saint saying that someone was crushed under the train while going to meet the saint. I am always by the side of my devotees to help them. This is how Maharaj Ji protected Bibi Naseeb Kaur.

(Balvir Mannan, Village Mannan)

220. You may prepare Khir

This incident was personally witnessed by S. Ratan Singh son of S. Jawala Singh Samman hailing from village Muradpur Nariyala in district Hoshiarpur. Rattan Singh had been staying at Mumbai since 1940 but he often narrated what he saw during one of such visits.

Several devotees were sitting in front of Maharaj Ji one day when Maharaj Ji asked “Those of you who wish to drink tea should raise your hands.” Nearly 25-30 devotees raised their hands. Maharaj Ji then asked some volunteers to prepare tea and serve to all. Everyone had tea and then sat down. Then Maharaj Ji asked “Now tell me what you would like to eat. Bibi Hukma intervened quickly and said “Maharaj Ji! You may get Khir prepared that all of us will relish.”

Maharaj Ji said “All right! If all of you want to eat Khir then keep the water in a cauldron on fire and boil the rice.” Bibi Hukma again said “How can we prepare the Khir when there is no milk or sugar in stock?” Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry about anything and be ready to relish Khir. Meanwhile boil the rice.” After a little while 4-5 people arrived with buckets full of milk. Another man brought sugar for the ashram. All of the devotees present on the occasion were extremely surprised to see how Maharaj Ji managed to get both milk and sugar in such a short time. These two items are essential to cook Khir or sweet rice pudding. Maharaj Ji managed to get both items, which were not in stock, in no time in a miraculous way and nice Khir was prepared. Then Maharaj Ji said “All right! Now all of you can eat as much Khir as you may like

221. Inexhaustible Food

This incident was also witnessed and narrated by S. Ratan Singh. It was auspicious occasion of day of Sankranti or the first day of a month as per Vikram Samvat Calendar. Spiritual congregation and Gurbani recital were in progress at Maharaj Ji's Dera. Devotees were present in very large numbers as usual and listening to the Satsang with devout attention. S. Ratan Singh was assisting Sant Niranjan Dass Maharaj in supervising arrangements for the Langar or the community meals. Langar was prepared keeping in view the number of devotees normally

present on such occasions as in the past. Almost the entire stock of provisions available in the Kutuya was utilised to prepare the community meals. However the number of devotees who joined the congregation on that day quickly rose to approximately 250 – 300 compared to about 100 devotees who attended such functions in the past. Therefore Sant Niranjan Dass Ji and S. Ratan Singh told to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji about the large number of devotees and possibility of shortage of cooked meals. They said “Maharaj Ji! The cooked food may be sufficient only for half of the large numbers of devotees present in the congregation today.”

Maharaj Ji said “Let's go to the room where cooked food is stocked.” They accompanied Maharaj Ji to that room and Maharaj Ji recited a prayer to God related to the Langar or cooked meals. Maharaj Ji then asked Ratan Singh to bring a neat cloth. Rattan Singh fetched the cloth and Maharaj Ji asked them to cover the entire cooked items nicely with that cloth. Then Maharaj Ji told them and other volunteers “Do not remove the cloth cover from the Langar any time. Just lift this cloth a little upwards from one side and keep taking out portions of each dish and serve meals liberally to all devotees to their full satisfaction. There will be abundant food and no shortage of any item.”

Then we started to serve food to the devotees exactly as advised by Maharaj Ji and the devotees enjoyed the delicious meals. Maharaj Ji kept paying visits to the Langar area and dining place to see how delightfully all devotees were having food in several batches. Everyone enjoyed food to their entire satisfaction and to our utter surprise the room still had plenty of each item of food prepared in the community kitchen. Whereas, we were worried about the possible inadequacy of cooked food to begin with, but with the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji, the stock of food turned out to be inexhaustible even after serving meals to each and every devotee. This was indeed a unique and miraculous experience.

222. Blessing with Sons

S. Ratan Singh narrated the following story. I visited the Kutuya one day. Many devotees were sitting in front of Maharaj

Ji. One landlord brought some sacks of wheat on a bullock-cart. He and his first wife had no offspring. That is why he married another woman. His two wives were also with him. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. But his second wife also had no child. That landlord prayed to Maharaj Ji with folded hands and utmost devotion and said “Maharaj Ji! I had two weddings. But I have no child. Doctors confirmed that my first wife cannot bear any child. But even my second wife doesn't have a child.”

Maharaj Ji listened to his problem and gave an apple to his first wife. Then he said “Maharaj Ji! She is my first wife whom you have given an apple. However, doctors have said that she cannot bear a child. You should not give the apple to her. You should have given the apple to my second wife.” Then Maharaj Ji said “All right! I will give another apple to your second wife.” Both of them gave birth to one son each in due course of time with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. In this way Maharaj Ji modified the fate lines on the hands of both women and turned impossibility into certainty. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj was such an accomplished saint who pursued devout meditation of God and had unique powers to turn impossible into possible.

223. Race Competition and Horse Race

Shri Goni Ram son of Shri Ghulla Ram from village Biaspind, Jalandhar narrated a story as follows. I once made arrangements to organize Satsang or a spiritual discourse at my home. I arrived at Dera to escort Maharaj Ji my house for the Satsang. I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then requested Maharaj Ji to kindly grace the occasion of Satsang at my residence. Maharaj Ji very kindly accepted my request and got ready to accompany me to my home. Then I said to Maharaj Ji “Maharaj Ji! Shall I make arrangements to get a horse for you to travel or will you prefer to walk on foot?” Maharaj Ji said “We do not need a horse and we shall go walking on foot.” Then Maharaj Ji walked away from the Dera and I was following just behind.

However, when I came out the Kutiya then Maharaj Ji suddenly disappeared and I could not see Maharaj Ji anywhere. I thought that Maharaj Ji had gone far ahead of me. Therefore, I

ran taking shortcut route through fields so as to catch up with Maharaj Ji. But my hot chase was in vain and I could not see Maharaj Ji ahead of me. When I reached at Kishangarh then I saw Maharaj Ji standing there and waiting for me. As I came running with high speed, my heartbeat was very fast. Maharaj Ji kept his hand on my chest and asked “Oy! How much can you run to catch up with me?”

While Shri Goni Ram was contemplating to arrange a horse for Maharaj Ji to travel, Maharaj Ji demonstrated to him that Maharaj Ji could comfortably reach anywhere in no time without any conveyance or horse ride. This was a trivial issue for Maharaj Ji. Such unique feats are possible only for truly accomplished and perfect saints.

224. This Day is Auspicious

Shri Goni Ram told another story as follows. My brother was getting married. I visited the Kutiya to seek Maharaj Ji's advice about an auspicious date for the marriage of my brother. I mentioned the details to Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! My brother has to get married. Kindly advise me about any auspicious day for his marriage. Then Satguru Maharaj Ji told me about a suitable date day but my father didn't like that day. He said “Maharaj Ji! Can that date be shifted by 2-3 days?”

Then Maharaj Ji picked up his long walking stick and said annoyingly “The day that you have been already told is the auspicious day.” The marriage ceremony was held on the date specified by Maharaj Ji. Unfortunately someone in Goni Ram's family suddenly died two days later. It was the same day his father wanted to fix for the marriage. But Maharaj Ji had prohibited him from fixing that date as omniscient Maharaj Ji knew that someone from the family would leave this world on that day and that would have caused serious obstacle for the marriage ceremony. Accomplished saints know well in advance about the future events.

(Shri Goni Ram, village Biaspind, 25. 12. 2003)

225. Disobedience of a Saint

Shri Bishan Dass Ji from village Maherhu, Jalandhar renders voluntary services at Dera Sachkhand Ballan these days. He normally shoulders the responsibility to distribute

prasad. Brahamlin Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji was his maternal uncle. He was blessed with sacred Naam by Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He narrated the story as follows. I bought a new bicycle and went to Dera Sachkhand Ballan one day riding on bicycle along with my wife. It was the winter season and an extremely cold day. We spent the whole day in Dera and later in the evening sought permission of Maharaj Ji to return home. Maharaj Ji said “You should stay here only today.”

Bishan Dass's wife said immediately “Maharaj Ji! I have to milk the cows early in the morning.” Then Bishan Dass also said “I have to go for my work every day in the morning. Therefore, please permit us to return home.” Even though Maharaj Ji refused to permit us to return home thrice, we insisted on getting back. Then Maharaj Ji reluctantly allowed us to return home.

When we left the Dera to return home, we noticed that the tube of the new cycle was punctured. Then, we walked on foot and reached a cycle repair shop after walking for a long time. We got the tube repaired and then proceeded further on bicycle. We covered a short distance when the bicycle tyre suddenly burst. It was already getting dark by that time and we had to walk on foot. Both of us started blaming one another for disobeying Maharaj Ji's instructions to stay back.

We continued to walk on foot. As it was getting very dark we went to village Chohkan and stayed there with a relative for the night. We rested there for a few hours and got up very early in the morning. We borrowed a bicycle and the left for our home immediately. We had just travelled a short distance when my wife's dupatta got entangled in the chain and bicycle wheel. It took us a very long time to resolve that problem and move forwards.

By the time we reached home, it was already too late for me to go for work or for my wife to milk the cows. We disobeyed Maharaj Ji's advice and could not attend to any of the important tasks that we were contemplating to undertake after reaching home. Thus the excuses we made to take leave of Maharaj Ji misfired and we had to endure many hurdles on our way.

These incidents clearly prove that the disciples must obey the instructions of their revered Guru Ji. There is always some hidden truth in the words of learned saints. When we visited the Kutiya on next Sunday, Maharaj Ji said “Did you feel scared on last Sunday night while returning to your home? You suffered throughout the night and troubled me as well because I had to take care of you throughout the journey.”

(Shri Bishan Dass, Village Maherhu)

226. Rescue of a Devotee from Drowning

When I used to go from Maherhu to Jalandhar for work walking on foot, I had to cross a seasonal torrent called Kali Beyin as there was no bridge across the stream those days. There was very heavy rain fall one day and the stream was flowing full to the brim. I had to cross the stream while was returning home after work in the evening. I removed my kurta and pyjama and placed the same inside my shoulder bag and ventured to cross the stream. When I reached half way through into the stream; the water level rose up to my neck. I got scared and thought that I would get drowned in water and therefore I quickly retreated back. However I was carried away by strong current of water.

When I was about to get drowned, I remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed for my rescue. I noticed the branches of a tree protruding into the water and I was lucky to get hold of same with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. However lot of water had already entered my stomach and I was almost unconscious. My revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized there at that moment and pushed me out of the water with his long walking stick. Maharaj Ji said “Oy! Get up fast lest something should bite you.” I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and conveyed my sincere gratitude for rescuing me.

I reached home and shared the complete details with my family members. I visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya next day and paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said, “You often trouble me a lot and you do not obey my instructions.”

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji rescued me from drowning that day and saved my life in this way.

(Bishan Dass, Village Maherhu)

227. She will get Well

Bibi Mahinder Kaur and her husband S. Saudagar Singh are residents of village Nagra, Jalandhar. They are disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Bibi Mahinder Kaur said that her mother Bibi Bhago Ji who currently lives in U.S.A; is also a profound disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She has utmost devotion for Dera Sachkhand Ballan even these days.

When they lived in village Mannan, Bibi Mahinder Kaur fell seriously ill. She had two children. Her condition became so serious that there was very little hope of her survival. Her mother Bibi Bhago Ji was extremely sad and upset. She started prayers at home requesting Maharaj Ji to kindly save her daughter. She prayed “Maharaj Ji! Kindly save my daughter. If she was destined to die then she should have died earlier. Now that she has two children, they will have no shelter and protection of their mother if she dies. Therefore kindly be merciful and save her.” She continued similar prayers at home remembering Maharaj Ji all the time for 3 days.

Omniscient Maharaj Ji came to know about their plight and the prayers of the devotee for help. Then on fourth day, Maharaj Ji reached her home in village Mannan around 3 a.m. along with three devotees and knocked at the door. When Bibi Bhago Ji opened the door she was surprised and extremely delighted to see Maharaj Ji. She welcomed Maharaj Ji inside the house and paid her devout regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then she asked “Maharaj Ji! How is it that you came here so early in the morning?”

Then Maharaj Ji hit the ground hard with his long walking stick and said “Bibi! You have been praying and remembering me for the last three days. Your daughter is ill and you had been worried about her life. She will not suffer any more and she will get well soon. She will have two more children who will work abroad.” Maharaj Ji then returned to the Kutiya after conveying such nice blessings.

Maharaj Ji's words came true and Bibi Bhago's daughter Mahinder Kaur started getting well since that day. She recovered fully within a few days. Thereafter she had two more children in due course of time. Her children are leading happy

lives these days in England and Canada. Bibi Bhago is also staying abroad in America. She had full faith and confidence in the kind benevolence of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She remembered Maharaj Ji at an extremely difficult time and accomplished Satguru Ji rescued her daughter and conveyed kind blessings.

228. Bibi! I am always Present in this Dera

Bibi Mahinder Kaur Ji explained that when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji left this world for his heavenly abode then her mother Bibi Bhago Ji used to weep and remember Maharaj Ji all the time while at home or in the fields. One day Maharaj Ji appeared in her dream and said “Bibi Bhago! Don't weep while remembering me. I am always with you. I am always present in the Dera even these days. Whenever you get overwhelmed remembering me, you should visit the Dera.” Thereafter Bibi Bhago Ji felt fine with complete peace of mind as she was convinced that Maharaj Ji is always with his devotees.

229. Bibi! Your Child has gone to Play

Bibi Prakash Kaur w/o late Shri Sadhu Ram, from village Biaspind, Jalandhar, has been staying in England since long time. She was blessed with a son in England. However, unfortunately her son suddenly died. She lived an extremely sad and troubled life as she was unable to bear with the tragic loss of her son. Finally she wrote a personal letter to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji giving complete details about the birth of her son and his subsequent death.

Then Maharaj Ji wrote to a letter to her in reply that said “Bibi Ji! You should not weep and cry for your son. Your child has gone to play and he will come back.” She was extremely delighted to read the letter written by Maharaj Ji and she believed fully that Maharaj Ji's words would certainly be meaningful. She had complete peace of mind since that day full of hope. Maharaj Ji's words proved to be an eternal truth as she gave birth to a son in due course of time with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji.

230. When Devotees got back their Money

Bibi Ratni and her husband Shri Bhag Ram, from village Kala Sanghian district Kapurthala, were profound devotees of

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Bhag Ram was a businessman / trader of leather. He had lot of money due to income from his business. Bibi Ratni Ji explained that one day her husband was returning home and he was carrying Rs. 4500/ with him. That was a large sum of money for those days.

Some cheats hoodwinked him and managed to snatch the entire money from him in Jalandhar City. He came back to his home highly disappointed and upset. Then he told his wife Bibi Ratni about the whole incident. Then she was also extremely sad and upset. Both of them went to Dera to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj and then told Maharaj Ji how he was cheated by thugs depriving him of Rs. 4500/. Then Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry! You will get your money back.”

Later after some days, Shri Bhag Ram Ji came to Butan-Mandi, Jalandhar in connection with his business. Suddenly he saw one of the cheats who had robbed his money. Shri Bhag Ram Ji got hold of him and handed him over to the police. Then police interrogated him and also apprehended his colleagues. The cheats admitted their crime and Shri Bhag Ram got his looted money back. Thus he was able to get the entire money back with the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

231. Serve them Cold Sherbet

Bibi Prakash Kaur w/o late Shri Sadhu Ram from village Biaspind district Jalandhar has been resident in England for the last many years. One day Bibi Prakash Kaur came from England specifically to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji was sitting on the 'Tharha' the raised platform and Satsang or spiritual discourse was in progress. Some travellers who were walking along the canal road to their destination came to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya at that time. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down along with other devotees.

Maharaj Ji immediately said “Serve cold sherbet to these visitors immediately even though we do not cultivate any land.” When they listened to these words from Maharaj Ji they were amazed and ashamed. They prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and begged for pardon. They said “Maharaj Ji! Please forgive us as we made a grave mistake.”

All other members of the congregation present on that occasion were wondering why they were begging for pardon while Maharaj Ji had asked a devotee to serve them cold sherbet. Meanwhile the travellers were served cold sherbet. Then they revealed to the volunteers that when we turned towards this ashram then we were discussing amongst ourselves that let us go to the Dera and drink cold sherbet before proceeding further as people make donations to the saints who do not own any agricultural land for cultivation anyway.”

Omniscient Maharaj Ji thus knew about their wishes and thoughts even before they entered the Dera. Maharaj Ji surprised them and all others present in the congregation by telling publicly about their thoughts and discussions they had on their way. That is why they realized their serious blunder and prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and begged for pardon. The travellers then realized that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is truly an accomplished saint.

232. Protection during War

S. Nanak Singh Viridi son of S. Mehinga Singh from village Raipur Ballan is a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He worked with the Indian army and later settled down in Canada. S. Nanak Singh narrated his personal experience during the 1965 Indo - Pak war.

I was deployed at the war front in Jammu-Sialkot sector during the 1965 war. My duty was as an action commander in the army. It was a horrible battle and heavy firing was raging all around. Our army platoon laid siege all around a village of Sialkot district in Pakistan. However we were still facing gunfire from the enemy side. We moved ahead crawling on the ground when suddenly a bullet hit my left arm. While the bullet was targeted at my heart but my rifle aimed at the enemy deflected the bullet to hit my arm and lodged in the muscles. I remembered my revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji at that moment of time and said with devout emotions “Maharaj Ji! How has this happened to me?” Just then I heard Maharaj Ji's voice telling me “Nothing will happen to you. Oy! You should not panic.”

When I heard these kind words of Maharaj Ji, I felt as if I

had got a new lease of life. Then I moved forwards along with my colleagues to attack the enemy. There was lot of water ahead of us and we had to wade through the water. When my injured arm got drenched in water, I had acute pain in the arm where the bullet had lodged. My major commanding the unit ordered that injured soldiers should be evacuated and taken to hospital for treatment.

When I was being shifted to army hospital, Pathankot in an ambulance along with other injured personnel, suddenly a bomb fell in front of the ambulance but our van escaped without any damage with the grace of God. Then we were taken to Pathankot via an alternate route and finally shifted to army hospital, Ambala. The bullet was taken out from my arm after surgery. There were three persons in all in the room where I was admitted. The entire hospital was full of injured army personnel. Fierce war continued meanwhile. One aircraft passed over our hospital during the night. I said to my companion that Indian air force aircraft normally did not fly at night. That aircraft made another round and dropped bombs that hit the adjoining officer's ward resulting in loud explosion. I remembered Maharaj Ji and continued to chant Naam in my mind. There was a second air attack after a little while that smashed most of the hospital building except the small room occupied by me and my two other colleagues. Revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji thus saved my life for the second time. I have no words to express the grandeur of Maharaj Ji. My revered Satguru is always very kind to me even these days.

(S. Nanak Singh Viridi, Village Raipur Rasulpur)

233. We are with You

Giani Mehar Singh son of Shri Sadhu Ram Ji narrated this story as follows. Once we wanted to install a new tube-well in our farm land as there was no other source of irrigation. My father Shri Sadhu Ram requested Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji, “Maharaj Ji! Please make it convenient to visit our farm and tell us about the right auspicious time to install a new tube-well.” Then Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji said “We are with you! You should start work related to the new bore-well at 11 a.m. on the eighth day from today.”

Shri Sadhu Ram took Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji from Dera and to his farm at Ramdasspur on the date advised by Maharaj Ji to formally recite a prayer to start digging the soil for drilling the bore-well. At that time many people from nearby and far away villages had assembled there to meet Maharaj Ji. When Maharaj Ji arrived and got down then Maharaj Ji pointed towards the fields adjoining the road and asked “Who owns this land?” Then Sadhu Ram replied “Maharaj Ji! My land is ahead of this field. Let us move to the next plot.” Maharaj Ji then hit the soil with his walking stick in that land and said “Sadhu Ram! This land also belongs to you from now onwards.” Sadhu Ram replied “Maharaj Ji! If you are kind to bless me with this land as well then I shall buy this land from its owner.”

Thereafter Maharaj Ji reached Sadhu Ram's land and recited the prayer. Then Maharaj Ji went back to the Dera. When Sadhu Ram went to meet the owner of the land indicated by Sant Hari Dass Ji and told him about his interest to buy the land, then the owner agreed without any reservations and Shri Sadhu Ram got the land registered in his name on the same day. In this way Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true.

234. Big Bungalows shall be Constructed Here

Subedar Sohan Singh lived in village Chamiara and he was a very ardent devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He is a dedicated devotee of Dera Sachkhand Ballan even these days. He explained that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji protected him from many serious problems at difficult times personally. He narrated the details as follows.

Once, I made arrangements to hold a spiritual congregation at my home and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly graced the auspicious occasion. Maharaj Ji had meals at my house after the function and then said “I want to go to village Khojewal now and meet some of my devotees there.” We said “Maharaj Ji! We will drop you at village Khojewal.” But Maharaj Ji said that he would go there of his own. Then my brother and I went out to see off Maharaj Ji up to the road surrounding our village. Maharaj Ji then asked us to return home. We turned back and just looked behind and found that Maharaj Ji had disappeared in no time.

We made arrangements for the spiritual congregation again next year and requested Maharaj Ji to grace the occasion of the Satsang. Maharaj Ji had meals after the conclusion of Satsang and then my senior uncle requested to Maharaj Ji to kindly visit his land. Maharaj Ji very kindly acceded to his request. We used to take land on lease and raise crops like groundnut and beans. Most of the people used to be very poor those days. When Maharaj Ji arrived at their land Maharaj Ji said “What would you get as net profit from such a poor crop on leased land.” A tube-well was running there and Maharaj Ji took a handful of water and threw same towards the sun. Later Maharaj Ji thumped the ground with his right foot thrice and said “This land is yours now onwards.” Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true as within a short span of 6 months we bought that 7 acres land and got it registered in our names. We don't know from where we got adequate money to buy that land at that time.

We lived as a joint family and we made arrangements for Satsang during the third year as well and prayed to Maharaj Ji to grace the occasion. Maharaj Ji perambulated the entire premises of our house after the congregation and then hit the ground thrice with his right foot at a specific point. Maharaj Ji then said “There will be big bungalows here in due course of time.” With the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, we have no dearth of anything and all of the brothers have beautiful large bungalows to live at the same site.

(Subedar Shri Sohan Singh, Village Chamiara)

235. Your Work should have been Accomplished

Shri Puran Chand Madhar son of Shri Bhulla Ram from village Biaspind, Jalandhar and his wife Shrimati Raj Kaur Ji are profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. They rendered voluntary services for Dera Sachkhand Ballan and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for many years. Shri Puran Chand Madhar has been residing in America for the last 20 years along with all members of his family.

Shri Puran Chand Madhar and his wife Shrimati Raj Kaur say that grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji is indeed beyond description. They spent lot of time initially in the pious

company of Maharaj Ji. They narrated their personal experiences, unforgettable memories and unique phenomenon related to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during those days as follows.

We used to stay in our village Biaspind. I got a job at Delhi on completion of my studies with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. While I was working at Delhi, I got the wonderful opportunity with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to interact with Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Ji. I had close contacts with Baba Sahib Dr. Ambedkar for long time. Dr. Ambedkar Ji was spearheading a campaign those days for implementation of policy of reservations for the weaker sections of the society. I also received a letter related to this subject from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in my office. I too actively promoted that campaign with the active support of my office colleagues. This campaign was continued for 5 years.

I had told Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji also about this campaign. When I came to Punjab from Delhi on leave, I met Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji asked me about the wellbeing of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Maharaj Ji also asked me “What happened to that case?” I replied “Maharaj Ji! That case is still going on.” Maharaj Ji said “But your task should have been accomplished. I had been there only day before yesterday.” I was extremely surprised to listen to that because I was not aware of any such visit by Maharaj Ji to Delhi. It was an enigma to me how Maharaj Ji said that he had been to Delhi. After this Maharaj Ji asked “When are you scheduled to go back to Delhi now? I replied “Maharaj Ji! I have to go day after tomorrow.” Then Maharaj Ji said “All right! You may go and your task will get accomplished. However you should meet me before leaving for Delhi.” When I reached New Delhi, I went to my office. It was a great surprise for me to find a letter related to my promotion lying on my table. It was mentioned in that letter that I had been promoted as Progress Officer. I had been promoted to a higher rank than what was normally due. It was then that I realized the significance of Maharaj Ji's words and that everything had happened because of the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

236. When Baba Sawan Singh Ji, Dera Beas left for his Heavenly Abode

Once, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Delhi in response to the personal request of Shri Madhar who had requested Maharaj Ji to sanctify their house and bless the inmates at his home. When Maharaj Ji was in his home then Maharaj Ji asked him “Are there any other persons from Punjab who live close to you?” Shri Madhar replied “Maharaj Ji! Amar Chand and Karam Chand live in my neighbourhood with their families.” Maharaj Ji said “Okay! Just invite them to come here.” Shri Amar Chand and Karam Chand came to Shri Madhar's house and paid their regards to Maharaj Ji.

During the discussions they revealed that they were disciples of Baba Sawan Singh Ji, Dera Beas. Maharaj Ji suddenly said “You should have been there at Beas today.” They asked “Maharaj Ji! Is there anything extremely important there for which we should be at Beas today?” Maharaj Ji replied “Baba Sawan Singh Ji has just left this perishable world today to be one with God.”

Later within about half an hour another devotee of Dera Beas resident in Delhi came there and said to them “Baba Sawan Singh Ji has left this world for his heavenly abode.” Baba Sawan Singh Ji abandoned his perishable human body to be one with God exactly at the time when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had informed them a short while ago that they should have been at Beas at that time.

237. Go to Beas

Shri Shardha Ram Madhar, the elder brother Shri Puran Madhar, was a great admirer of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya very frequently and render voluntary services. He requested Maharaj Ji many times to kindly bless him with the sacred Naam but Maharaj Ji somehow declined his request every time.

Finally one day he made a firm determination in his mind that he would surely get blessings of sacred Naam from Maharaj Ji and he reached Kutiya with that resolve. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and humbly requested Maharaj Ji to grant him sacred Naam. However, Maharaj Ji once again declined to

accept his prayer. But as he had made a firm resolve in his mind, he said “Maharaj Ji! Why are you not willing to bless me with Naam?” Maharaj Ji replied “Go to Beas straight away! You are destined to be blessed with Naam by Dera Beas.” He said “One has to visit Beas and listen to the spiritual congregations several times before one can aspire to be blessed with Naam there. I have neither been to Beas nor have I ever listened to the preaching of saints of Dera Beas. Then how is it possible for me to be blessed with Naam there?”

Maharaj Ji replied “No one will ask you any questions and you will surely be blessed with Naam there at that Dera.” With such strong assurance of Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji, Shri Shardha Madhar went to Dera Beas and he was blessed with sacred Naam by Baba Charan Singh Ji, spiritual head of Dera Beas at that time, on the same day. In this way omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji knew very well that Shri Shardha Ram would get blessings of Naam at Dera Beas.

238. When a Devotee survived despite being Trampled over by Train

Shri Puran Chand Ji narrated the following amazing story. Shri Pala Ram resident of his village Biaspind was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. One day he went outside to bring fodder for his milch animals. A railway line passes close by to that village linking Jalandhar City with Pathankot. Shri Pala Ram was walking along the railway line casually without realising that he was walking inside the railway track. Suddenly a speeding train arrived from behind on the same track. Shri Pala Ram didn't realize that he was about to be crushed by the train. However he realized that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized from nowhere and promptly forced him to lie down flat in the centre of the railway track and the train passed over him without causing him any injury. Thus he had a miraculous escape and he was amazed to witness this miracle. He then started singing paeans of grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji publicly. He then straightaway went to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya with prasad and prostrated at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He explained about the entire incident to Maharaj Ji and said “Maharaj Ji! You only have

saved me today and I am alive because of your kind benevolence.” Maharaj Ji just smiled after listening to him.

Later one day, Shri Pala Ram was harvesting grass for his cattle from a field when he found a pot full of coins buried under the soil. He went straight to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya with that pot and presented all the money at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. He had immense respect and utmost devotion for Maharaj Ji because his revered Satguru had not only saved his life from certain death under the train but Maharaj Ji had also ensured that his body did not have even a scratch in that fateful accident.

(Shri Puran Chand Ji, Village Biaspind)

239. Treatment of Disease

Shri Puran Chand Madhar narrated this story related to him personally. Once while I was working at Delhi I fell seriously ill during the year 1950. The disease was so serious that I was not able to eat or drink anything. I could not even sit down and get up comfortably. I consulted many specialist doctors for treatment but there was no relief. Finally we came to our native village Biaspind.

When Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was explained about my serious illness, Maharaj Ji said “Don't go anywhere for his treatment. Just bring him here.” I was then taken to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. When Maharaj Ji examined my pulse, I felt that I got a new lease of life. Maharaj Ji said to a devotee “Go and fetch an earthen pot.” He brought a pot as directed by Maharaj Ji. Thereafter, Maharaj Ji put some clean water, some herb and one rupee silver coin in the pot. A little later, Maharaj Ji gave some of that water to me to drink. I was cured within a few days and my incurable disease vanished within a few days just by drinking that blessed water with the kind benevolence of Maharaj Ji.

(Narrated by Shri Puran Chand Madhar and his wife Shrimati Raj Kaur Madhar during a special meeting)

240. Visit again after one Year

Shri Amin Chand, hailing from village Raipur district Jalandhar, is currently resident in England. He is a devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. This story relates to the period prior to his migration to England when he used to visit Kutiya

very frequently to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. This true story also confirms that an omniscient accomplished saint never forgets even for many years whatever important he might have told his devotee once. Likewise Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always remembered about his word or advice related to any devotee.

Once, Shri Amin Chand had a strong desire to seek blessings of sacred Naam from Maharaj Ji. He met Maharaj Ji and requested “Maharaj Ji! Kindly grant me the treasure of sacred Naam.” Maharaj Ji said “You should chant Satnam regularly. I shall formally accept you as my disciple and bless you with Naam after one year.” He started chanting the word Satnam regularly for sometime as advised by Maharaj Ji. However after some days he ignored Maharaj Ji's advice and ultimately forgot about it. He did not even remember that Maharaj Ji had asked him to come again after one year.

But Maharaj Ji never forgot his word. So exactly after one year, Maharaj Ji sent a message to Ami Chand that he should visit Kutiya immediately and meet Maharaj Ji. Ami Chand knew nothing about the reason why Maharaj Ji sent for him as he had totally forgotten what Maharaj Ji had told him a year back. When he reached Kutiya, Maharaj Ji asked him “Amin Chand! Do you remember that last year I had advised you to see me after one year? I have to accept you as a disciple and bless you with sacred Naam today as promised by me.”

Ami Chand was extremely surprised to listen to this because he didn't remember anything. He realized his silly mistake and prostrated on Maharaj Ji's lotus feet. It was exactly one year from the day Maharaj Ji had assured him and Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji blessed him with sacred Naam on the promised day. Thus truly perfect saints always live by their word and they never forget their devotees.

241. Add a few Rupees to this and buy Liquor

Shri Ami Chand narrated another story as follows. One day, two persons came to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Both of them were addicted to drink alcohol. While they were coming to the Kutiya along the canal, they were talking to one another about some money to be

offered to Maharaj Ji. One of them said “I will make a small offering of two rupees while paying my regards to Maharaj Ji. The other person was very quick to respond and he said “You should pay your respects to Maharaj Ji without offering any money. Later we shall add 2-3 rupees more to the money thus saved and buy some liquor to drink.”

The first person then said “What you say seems to be absolutely correct. However one should not greet saints with empty hands.” They reached Maharaj Ji's Kutिया preoccupied with such discussions. The first person then paid his regards to Maharaj Ji placing two rupees as his donation. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji chastised him and said sternly “Just pick up this money quickly as I don't need your money. You can add 2-3 rupees and buy liquor as you had been contemplating on your way.” When those two persons heard these comments from Maharaj Ji; they felt ashamed and highly embarrassed. Both of them prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and begged for pardon. All other devotees present there on that occasion were also taken aback to hear Maharaj Ji's terse remarks. Later those two visitors confirmed to the inquisitive devotees that they were indeed discussing about buying liquor with that money while they were on their way to the Kutिया.

Omniscient Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was always able to know sitting at Kutिया what any individual or group of people may be contemplating or discussing while travelling to Kutिया. Thus Maharaj Ji knew about the personal discussions of those two visitors and both of them were made to realize their mistake and they apologised.

242. Sounding of Conch Shell

Shri Rajnish son of Shri Manak Chand from Amritsar was a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Rajnish Ji used to visit Kutिया along with his mother Shrimati Sital Kaur Ji to meet Maharaj Ji.

This incident pertains to the time when Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was getting ready to abandon his perishable human body to be one with God. Shri Rajneesh Ji stayed at the Kutिया along with his mother for two days and then they returned to their home in Amritsar. On the third night after their return to

Amritsar they heard loud sounds of the conch shells. All members of the family were surprised to hear the sounding of conch shells as they were unaware of the source of those sounds. Sounding of conch shells continued for quite some time and they were clueless about this amazing phenomenon.

Next morning their neighbours also asked them about the reason for sounding of conch shells at their home. Family members were further surprised when they heard from their neighbours as well that the sounding of the conch shells seemed to originate from their house during the previous night. A short while thereafter they got the shocking message that their revered satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had abandoned his perishable human body comprising of five elements and left this world for ever for Sachkhand - the realm of God. Only then they understood the significance of sounding of conch shells during last night. That was symbolic of Maharaj Ji's departure from this world to be one with God.

Shri Rajnish Ji is absolutely clear that Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji gave a clear symbolic indication of imminent departure from this world through sounding of conch shells and that Satguru Maharaj Ji will always be by the side of his disciples.

243. Everything Maharaj Ji showed has actually Materialized

S. Sucha Singh explained that when he lived in village Kararhi, he used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya very frequently and render voluntary services. He confirmed that there was only one room with veranda for Maharaj Ji in the Kutiya those days. There was a masonry platform called Tharha a few feet away in front of the veranda where Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji used to sit in devout meditation most of the time. There was one small room behind Maharaj Ji's room that was initially used by Sant Chetan Dass Ji. No one had ever imagined those days that there would be an elegant temple and many buildings at that premises in future.

S. Sucha Singh explained that one day he was pursuing meditation of God sitting in the Kutiya during those days. He then happened to see an elegant temple built inside the Kutiya

and that was named Sachkhand or the realm of God. He also confirmed to have visualized a beautiful building complex in front of the temple and a separate huge and beautiful congregation hall. He is certain that he clearly visualized the present day temple and other structures many years earlier with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

Shri Sucha Singh Ji said that he even had a vision of Shri Guru Ravidass Temple at Kashi Varanasi and he wonders how Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji showed him all important present day structures of Dera Sachkhand, Ballan during his Samadhi many years in advance of their actual construction. He also says that many more buildings will come up in future in the Dera Sachkhand Ballan complex.

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244. Eternally True Worlds

Shri Rajnish Ji explained that one day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Amritsar to participate in a spiritual congregation. His mother was also there to listen to Satsang and preaching of revered saints. When the programme was over, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji got ready to return to Ballan. However my mother Shrimati Sital Kaur prayed “Maharaj Ji! Kindly make it convenient to sanctify my house with your visit and bless my family members.” Maharaj Ji very kindly accepted her request without any reservations and accompanied her to their home. When they reached home, Maharaj Ji asked “Do you own this house?” Then my mother said “No Maharaj Ji! It was our own house once but we had to sell it because of financial problems. We now we live here on payment of rent.” Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry! You will get everything.”

The family business boomed thereafter with the blessings of Maharaj Ji. We bought the same house from the current owner at a cost lower than what we had realized. This miracle happened because of Maharaj Ji's blessings despite earlier reservations of the owner to sell that house.

245. Infinite Benevolence of Maharaj Ji for Shri Bangar Ji

Shri Swaran Dass Bangar son of Shri Devi Ditta hails from village Ballan, Jalandhar. However he migrated to

England many years back and lives in England with family members these days also. He is a very dedicated devotee of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Maharaj Ji has always been very kind and benevolent to Shri Bangar. He has always made liberal and meaningful contributions to all social welfare or religious projects undertaken by Dera Sachkhand Ballan from time to time. He serves the ashram in every manner with total devotion, dedication and financial contributions to serve the cause dear to his revered Satguru. He is a very ardent disciple of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and he organizes a free medical check up camp for treatment of eyes every year at Dera Sachkhand Ballan. He bears the total expenditure on such medical camp organized every year under the able guidance and blessings of Sant Niranjan Dass Ji the current spiritual head of the Dera and Sant Rama Nand Ji. This way he renders commendable services to the society.

Thousands of poor people benefit every year through free treatment of their eye ailments and many patients who lost their eye sight because of some serious eye ailment also got their eye sight back through successful surgery with the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Bangar is indeed very blessed as he has got this wonderful opportunity to serve the society with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Bangar perpetuates the sacred memory of his revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji through such medical camps every year.

Shri Swaran Dass Bangar narrated the further details as follow. Before migrating to England, I used to visit to Maharaj Ji's ashram daily to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. I had been longing to migrate to England and finally one day I express my desire before Maharaj Ji that I was keen to migrate to England. Maharaj Ji listened to me and said "You are quite lean and thin. If you are required to do some really hard work requiring strong physical strength and stamina, then how will you manage?" Then I replied "Maharaj Ji! I must go to England under any circumstances and only you can give me enough strength to handle the toughest work. I shall endeavour to execute any work with your kind blessings." Then Maharaj Ji

replied “All right! You will surely go to England and you will also get the work of your own choice.”

So I reached England within a few days after receiving blessings of my revered Guru Ji. When I reached there, I also got a simple work that did not need hard physical labour. Everything I did in England since then never involved in hard physical labour. I never had to face any problem or difficult time in England with the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji. I have a roaring business these days and all I have to do is to provide efficient management and leadership to my staff. I am extremely fortunate and very prosperous with the benevolent blessings of my venerated Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. I am leading a very happy and joyful life together with all members of my family.

It is because of infinite benevolence of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji that Shri Bangar always sings paeans of grandeur of his revered Guru Ji and commemorates the sacred memory of Maharaj Ji through organising medical camps for treatment of eyes of thousands of patients every year. Shri Swaran Bangar also donated a large sum of rupees one crore or ten million for the construction of a modern state of the art eye hospital at Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

246. Knowing about Thoughts of Mind

Shri Chaman Lal son of Shri Mangu Ram hails from village Lehilan in district Hoshiarpur. He is very senior officer of the Government of India based at Chandigarh these days. Shri Chaman Lal Ji is a very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He always makes very meaningful contributions through physical, mental and financial resources towards any religious, spiritual or social welfare programmes implemented by Dera Sachkhand Ballan from time to time. He also makes frequent visits to Dera Sachkhand Ballan and often stays there for many days during each trip to render voluntary services. He narrated further details personally as follows.

When I was staying at my village Lehilan and studying in school, I used to visit Maharaj Ji's Kutiya very frequently to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. I used to stay at Kutiya for several days to render voluntary services even though I was a

student those days. I used to travel on my bicycle from my village to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya in Ballan to have a glimpse of Maharaj Ji. Once I left my village for Kutiya on my bicycle. While I had covered only a few kilometres, I was confronted by heavy clouds in the sky threatening to rain any moment. Therefore I went to a friend's house en-route and I had to stay there for the night. Next morning, my friend also accompanied me to meet Maharaj Ji at Ballan.

When we reached Bhogpur, I bought some fresh guavas for offering as prasad for Maharaj Ji and my friend bought some apples. I then thought in my mind that Maharaj Ji would prefer to taste apples first and guavas being taken by me would remain unused. Harboursing such thoughts in my mind I reached Kutiya along with my friend. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was comfortably seated on the Tharha when we went inside. Both of us paid our profound regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and placed the guavas and apples before Maharaj Ji as our humble offerings.

We had just sat down when Maharaj Ji told a devotee "I feel like eating some guavas today. Just cut the guavas brought by Chaman Lal and serve to everyone." When I heard these delightful words of Maharaj Ji all of my dilemmas and doubts just vanished. I then realized that revered saints accept most delightfully any small offering made by a devotee with pure heart and honesty. I further understood very clearly that perfect saints always know about the inner thoughts of minds of their devotees in advance.

Shri Chaman Lal studied many religious scriptures during his stay for long periods at the Kutiya in the sacred company of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He also served as a teacher while staying at Dera Sachkhand Ballan before his selection for a job with the Ministry of Information, Government of India, New Delhi. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji arranged his marriage with Bibi Jatinder daughter of Shri Kirpa Ram, village Rasulpur Brahmana. With the kind blessings of Maharaj Ji, he worked with the Press Information Bureau and retired from the same department as Director, North Zone Chandigarh.

247. Becoming Guru Ji's Disciple

Shri Sewa Ram son of Shri Jaggu Ram hailing from village Bhakhriana in district Kapurthala was a profound devotee of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. His family members enjoy complete blessings of their revered Satguru Ji. He narrated further details as follows. I had been in search of a truly perfect Guru for long time. I used to meet lot of saints but I was not satisfied and impressed by anyone.

One day I visited my relative's house in village Suchipind and saw the photograph of a revered saint there. My relative then told me that the displayed photograph was of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. He saluted the photograph to pay his regards to Maharaj Ji and also expressed his desire related to search of a perfect Guru. When he went back to his home and slept for the night, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji appeared in his dream. He got up in the morning and remembered about the dream he had last night. He was extremely delighted as he thought that his keen desire to find a perfect Guru had been fulfilled. In fact he had resolved in his mind that he would have such a saint as his Guru Ji who would appear in his dream.

He was then keen to visit Ballan the next morning to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji as his desire had been fulfilled. However as he had never been to Dera Sachkhand Ballan earlier, he wondered how could he go to Ballan alone? Later he requested some young men of his village to accompany him but they declined to oblige as they had to go for work elsewhere. Then he decided to go to Ballan alone. When he got ready to leave and came out of his house he saw same boys returning that way as they did not get the work for that day. They accompanied Shri Sewa Ram to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya and all of them paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Sewa Ram then prayed to Maharaj Ji to accept him as a disciple and bless him with sacred Naam. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very kindly initiated him as his disciple and blessed him with the sacred Naam

248. Devotees from Tanda will reach soon with Laddus

Shrimati Vidya Devi and her family members from Mohalla Garhi, Tanda, are profound devotees of Sant Sarwan

Dass Maharaj Ji. They used to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan from time to time to meet Maharaj Ji. Bibi Vidya Devi narrated her personal experience related to Maharaj Ji as follows. All members of my family and I had profound devotion and utmost respect for Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Sometimes Maharaj Ji used to reach our home very early in the morning and then have meals at our house. We used to feel extremely surprised wondering how Maharaj Ji managed to reach our house such long distance away so early in the morning.

I had six daughters. I once mentioned to Maharaj Ji about her six daughters. Then Maharaj Ji said “Don't worry. Just relax. They will not take away anything from you.” Thereafter I lost four daughters one after the other over a short time span. After some time four girls died. Later I was blessed with a son in due course of time. We went to meet Maharaj Ji after our son's birth and Maharaj Ji conveyed his kind blessings to my son. Later one day, I requested Maharaj Ji to kindly bless me with one more son so that I could have a pair. Maharaj Ji replied “Bibi! There is only one moon amongst many stars in the sky.” However, I kept on insisting with Maharaj Ji again and again on many occasions to kindly convey me blessings to beget one more son. Later after a long time Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji appeared in my dream. Maharaj Ji handed over a young baby to me and disappeared.

Thereafter, I was blessed with a second son in due course of time. Later after a few weeks, we went to meet Maharaj Ji with a box of laddus to share our joy of begetting a second son with Maharaj Ji. While we left from Tanda, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji came to know sitting in his Kutiya at Ballan that Bibi Vidya was on her way with laddus to celebrate the joy of begetting her second son. Many other devotees from different locations had also reached the Kutiya on the same day with similar happy news about their new born sons. Therefore lot of laddus were being distributed to members of the congregation when Maharaj Ji announced “All of you should wait as more laddus from Tanda are also on the way. All of you must savour those laddus also before returning home.”

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249. You can Enter U.K.

Shri Ram Chand Virdi from village Raipur, Jalandhar was very dedicated devotee of Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He lives in England these days with all members of the family. He often visits Dera Sachkhand Ballan even these days. He narrated this incident one day as follows.

I used to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan to meet Maharaj Ji and recite Gurbani about 30-35 years back before migrating to England. One day, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked me “You often come to the Dera. Tell me if you have any specific wish.” I said “Maharaj Ji! I want to go to England.” Then Maharaj Ji kept quiet for quite some time and then said “Yes! You will go to England.”

After sometime I filed an application for migration to England. I received a communication from High Commission of United Kingdom along with documents related to immigration sent by them. Then I took those papers to Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji held the papers in his hands and looked at those. Then Maharaj Ji opened the fifth page of those documents and asked me to read what was written on that page. I was delighted to read clearly written on that page “You can enter U.K.” When Maharaj Ji heard that good news, Maharaj Ji at once said “All right! You can now go to England for sure.” This is how I was able to go to England and settle down there on my work.

(Shri Ram Chand Virdi, Raipur Rasulpur)

250. Blessing with Land

Shri Jagar Ram son of Shri Maya Ram is resident of Mohalla Ramdasspur, Phillaur, Jalandhar and a very dedicated disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He narrated this story as follows. I had business related to leather and I used to visit Dera Sachkhand Ballan very frequently.

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Phillaur to participate in a Sant Sammelan or spiritual congregation. At the end of Sant Sammelan Maharaj Ji very kindly visited my residence and recited a prayer to God while standing inside my house. While returning after blessing and sanctifying my house, Maharaj Ji just stopped to look at a vacant plot of land adjoining my house. Maharaj Ji asked me “Jagar Ram! Is this land also

owned by you?" I said "No Maharaj Ji! This is not my land." Maharaj Ji asked, "Don't you dry the leather here?" He replied, "Yes Maharaj Ji! I spread the leather here to dry same." Then Maharaj Ji said, "Then it's your land." Later we purchased that land within a short period of time with the blessings of Maharaj Ji.

Once we wanted to purchase some agricultural land. I borrowed money from someone to make the part payment in advance after striking the deal. Then I came to meet Maharaj Ji and prayed "Maharaj Ji! I want to buy some land." Maharaj Ji said "All right! You may buy the land." Then I submitted "Maharaj Ji! I have paid some money as advance somehow with complete faith in your kind benevolence. However we don't have money to get that land registered after paying the balance amount." Maharaj Ji replied "Don't worry! You will definitely purchase the land; there will be virtual rain of money on that day."

My business flourished thereafter and I had enough money in short span of time. Therefore I paid the balance amount and got the land registered in my name within just two months. All members of my family now lead very happy and prosperous lives with the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

(Shri Jagar Ram Ji, Mohalla Ramdasspura, Phillaur)

251. They would have killed You

Shri Saran Chand son of Shri Beli Ram from village Aiyapur (Tanda) is a profound disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Whenever he had a keen desire to meet Maharaj Ji, he used to travel from his home alone by his bicycle and reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya at Ballan. One day he prepared a garland of flowers for Maharaj Ji in the evening as he thought that he would go to Dera very early in the morning to meet Maharaj Ji. He went to sleep thereafter. But as he was very excited to meet Maharaj Ji as soon as possible, he woke up at 10 p.m. He then took his bicycle and left his house to go to the Dera. When he reached near village Chalang, he listened to the loud sound of the siren of the train that passed Chalang railway station around 11 p.m. He then realized that the time was around 11 p.m. He

was extremely surprised and he wondered how he thought that it was morning and therefore he left from his house.

But he did not want to return. He remembered Maharaj Ji and resumed his onwards journey by bicycle to reach Maharaj Ji's Dera. As he covered a short distance, the wheel of his bicycle got jammed. That was a very desolate place with lot of tufts of kana grass (*Saccharum munja*) and other bushes. He had required tools with him and he opened the wheel and repaired it. Then he again started his onwards journey by his bicycle. However the bicycle wheel jammed again. He opened the wheel once again and repaired it. When he wanted to move forwards the wheel jammed again. Shri Saran Chand said that he opened and repaired the wheel several times but when he wanted to ride his bicycle and resume the journey the wheel jammed again every time.

Feeling tired and highly frustrated he then gave up and thought of waiting for the sun to rise so that he could get his bicycle repaired from an experienced technician. Meanwhile it was already early morning by that time and he noticed three persons with swords in their hands moving out of the bushes at a short distance away from him. They were robbers but luckily for Saran Chand, they did not see him. Saran Chand got up after the robbers were out of his sight and he took his bicycle to leave that place. He was then surprised to see that his bicycle was fine and functioning without any flaw. The jammed wheel was also fine and his bicycle was running smoothly.

He then resumed his journey towards Maharaj Ji's Dera wondering all the time why his bicycle wheel jammed every time he wanted to resume journey after repairing the faulty wheel. He was also bewildered and greatly amazed how the jammed wheel of his cycle started to function smoothly without any repair. With such thoughts in his mind, he ultimately reached the Dera in due course of time. When he paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji then Maharaj Ji reprimanded him and said "Oy! I had to protect you throughout the night and you virtually forced me to guard you like a watchman on night duty. Those three persons were dacoits. They would have killed you." Saran Chand was terribly

shocked to listen to all details from Maharaj Ji and he prostrated at Maharaj Ji's lotus feet and said "Maharaj Ji! You really protected your devotee." Omniscient Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji always protected his devotees as Maharaj Ji saved Shri Saran Chand.

252. Vision of Ganga Ji with Maharaj Ji's Blessings

This story was told by Shri Somnath from village Ramdasspur. One day an old man hailing from Faridpur came to the Dera. He was a disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. He paid his respects to Maharaj Ji and said "Maharaj Ji! My wife has died and I want to take her ashes to Ganga. I shall also be able to see Ganga as I have never seen her earlier." Maharaj Ji replied "Oy! If you want go to see Ganga, you can have her vision right here in this Dera." He said "How can I see Ganga here? Ganga is in Haridwar."

Maharaj Ji replied "Ganga lives right here. You should stay here tonight and then I shall ensure that you see Ganga." Maharaj Ji gave a pot to the old man and asked him to bring that pot after filling same with water drawn from the hand-pump. He brought the water in that pot. Then Maharaj Ji said "Go along with Somnath and keep this pot of water in that room." Somnath accompanied the old man. When they went inside the room they were amazed to see that Ganga Ji was already there in that room. There was dazzling bright illumination all around her as if there were 12 suns shining brilliantly in the room. The old man became unconscious when he had a glimpse of Ganga. Somnath also had an amazing view of Ganga Ji. Then he helped the old man to regain his consciousness and both of them came out of the room. Maharaj Ji said to that devotee "Did you see Ganga or do you still want to go to Haridwar?"

The old man said, "Maharaj Ji! You have everything under your command and I will not go anywhere now." Thus the old man and Somnath had a vision of Ganga Ji in Dera Sachkhand Ballan by Maharaj Ji's grace.

253. Oy! Have Tea and Return Home

Shri Pakhar Ram from village Mannan, who lives in Jalandhar in these days, is a very devoted disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. According to Shri Pakhar Ram Ji he

used to render voluntary services for the Dera as a mason. He said that his wife was pregnant when she fell ill suddenly.

According to him someone advised him to get his wife treated by a ritualistic faith healer. He somehow readily agreed with his suggestion and got ready to visit that place for treatment of his wife. He had to pass by Maharaj Ji's Kutiya to reach his destination. When he reached near the main gate of Kutiya, he saw Maharaj Ji sitting on the 'Tharha' or the raised platform. He stopped at the gate and paid his salutations to Maharaj Ji from a distance. Maharaj Ji called him inside and asked 'Oy! Where are you going?' Then he said that his wife was ill and he was going to meet a faith healer for her treatment." Maharaj Ji said "Go to the community kitchen and have tea first."

He obeyed Maharaj Ji's instructions and had tea. When he returned back after drinking tea, Maharaj Ji said "Now go back straight to your home." Then he returned to home still concerned about his wife's health. When he reached home, he was extremely surprised to see his wife. She was absolutely fine and she was sweeping the courtyard. She got well with Maharaj Ji's grace and she was able to carry out all routine household work.

His wife gave birth to a baby girl in due course of time but it was a premature delivery well before the normal time. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji arrived at their home on the same day after the child's birth. He welcomed Maharaj Ji and all members of the family paid their regards at Maharaj Ji's lotus feet. Thereafter he informed Maharaj Ji about the premature birth of the baby after seven months of pregnancy. Maharaj Ji conveyed his blessings and said "Don't worry! This girl is like Lakshmi. She will be highly educated and she will make immense progress. She will serve the family members very well.

Maharaj Ji's words proved to be absolutely true. She leads a prosperous life and lives in England with Maharaj Ji's kind blessings. She has everything. We are also affluent and leading happy lives. This is all because of the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

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254. Meditation in the Air

Bibi Naseeb Kaur w/o S. Darshan Singh from village Ballan lives at Sirsa in Haryana these days with her sons. She explained that her parents were the devotees of Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj. She narrated the story further as follows. My mother used to serve meals personally to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji during his childhood. That is why the whole family was very close and dear to Maharaj Ji and all of them have very high devotion for Maharaj Ji and the Dera of Maharaj Ji.

Maharaj Sarwan Dass Ji used to sit down for meditation of God under a 'Phalahi' (*Acacia modesta*) tree at their farm and remain under perfect Meditation for long periods. Normally all trees of that species have very large number of small thorns. But that Phalahi tree, under which Maharaj Ji used to sit in Meditation, miraculously shed all thorns and remained without thorns as long as it was standing in our fields. This has been obviously because of the influence of devout meditation of God by Maharaj Ji.

One day during my childhood, I went to that place where Maharaj Ji used to meditate and remain in perfect state of Meditation for hours. I was surprised to see that Maharaj Ji was about 2-3 feet above the ground and he was in the state of perfect Meditation in the air. I was bewildered and I quickly ran away to my home after seeing Maharaj Ji in that state. Whenever I remember that incident even these days, I see the same unique scenario in front of my eyes.

My respected mother used to tell us that during the seven generations of the family, our ancestors always begot only one son in each generation. When my mother begot a son and a daughter over a period of time, then she wished that she should have one more son. When she was pregnant for the third time then one day she stood on the way that Maharaj Ji normally used to take for his early morning walk. Omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji already knew about the inner thoughts of her mind. Maharaj Ji very kindly conveyed his blessings to my mother and said "You will be blessed with a son this time." She gave birth to a lovely son in due course of time with the benevolent blessings of Maharaj Ji and thus the tradition of one

son for each generation that lasted for seven generations was changed by Maharaj Ji. Subsequent generations also have two or more sons each with the kind blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

(Bibi Naseeb Kaur, Sirsa, Haryana)

255. Turning a Noose into a Thorn

Shri Bhag Ram Ji had been rendering very dedicated voluntary services in the Langar or community kitchen of Dera Sachkhand Ballan since the times of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He used to stay at Maharaj Ji's Dera. He narrated this story as follows.

Earlier I used to go for work from my residence. One day I left my home for visiting Maharaj Ji's ashram and I thought in my mind that it would be very nice if Maharaj Ji gave him the opportunity to have a vision of Maharaj Ji just outside the Kutiya. When I reached close to the Kutiya, I was amazed to find Maharaj Ji standing just outside the gate. However Maharaj Ji suddenly disappeared very soon. Anyway I was convinced that Maharaj Ji knew about the thought inside my mind and Maharaj Ji very kindly fulfilled my desire to have a vision of Maharaj Ji outside the Kutiya.

While I was going for work on another day, a sharp and long thorn pierced through the flesh and got stuck in my foot. It got embedded so deep into the flesh that I could not pull it out despite best efforts. I then headed straight for the Dera to meet Maharaj Ji. I paid my regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji said "I know that a long thorn has got stuck in your foot. This is because of some wrong deeds of your past life. However you are extremely fortunate that a certain noose has been turned into just a long thorn with God's grace." This how my revered Satguru condoned my past sins and converted a noose into a thorn and emancipated me.

256. Saving Shri Channan Singh

Shri Bhag Ram Ji, who rendered devoted services in the community kitchen of the Dera, narrated the following incident one day. He explained that Shri Channan Singh Ji, hailing from village Khadiala, was a very profound disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Once he organized Satsang or a spiritual

discourse at his home with the permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He invited Maharaj Ji to kindly grace the occasion. Maharaj Ji agreed to visit his house on the fixed day. But Maharaj Ji was extremely busy with some other important work on the day of Satsang. Then some people said that perhaps Maharaj Ji might not come.

Shri Channan Singh was extremely sad and greatly upset to hear this from the devotees. He declared that he would end his life if Maharaj Ji did not grace the occasion. He then left his house with the firm resolve to reach Ballan quickly and escort Maharaj Ji to his house for the spiritual discourse function. However a Cho or a seasonal torrent on his way was flowing to the brim with very fast current of water.

Meanwhile Maharaj Ji also left for his house by jeep and Maharaj Ji said to his driver "Hurry up! Drive as fast as you can as the seasonal torrent on Chanan Singh's way is overflowing and he may drown in that water if we don't reach there timely. We should reach that Cho before Channan Singh ventures to cross the same." Maharaj Ji reached Channan Singh even before he reached the torrent that was in spate. Maharaj Ji asked him to board the jeep and went to his house. In this way Maharaj Ji saved the life of Channan Singh also fulfilled his cherished desire.

257. Get the Embankment Built from Me

Shri Belli Ram Ji resident of village Dhepur, Jalandhar used to organize Satsang or a spiritual congregation every year at his house. He used to invite many revered saints to grace the occasion of Satsang. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and many other revered saints including Sant Braham Dass Ji from Chaheru, Sant Hari Dass Ji from Bajwarha, Sant Prem Dass Ji from Bohan, Sant Bhoot Dass Ji from Barhian, Sant Mela Ram Ji from Mahilpur and Sant Varkha Dass Ji often used to grace the occasion of Satsang.

Once, Shri Belli Ram invited Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to visit his house in his village Dhepur. Nasrala Cho or seasonal torrent often used to flood the villages along its banks those days during heavy rains. This Cho had flooded village Dhepur even on the day on which Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji

was scheduled to visit Shri Beli Ram's house. The roads were full of water and there was no way to reach his house from the main highway. Then Shri Belli Ram and Shri Raj Mall arranged to stack wooden beams to facilitate Maharaj Ji to reach the house walking over those beams.

Maharaj Ji looked at the flowing flood water and said "You want an embankment to be built to prevent flood waters from the Cho to inundate your village. Get that embankment made from me today." Flood water never disrupted life in Dhepur since that day. State government built very strong embankments along both shores of the seasonal torrent to prevent the rain water from flooding the nearby villages even during heavy rains.

258. You will be Successful Now

Captain Prakash Singh visited Dera Sachkhand Ballan one day. He narrated this story as follows. An affluent devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, resident of Jalandhar, visited Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. He was accompanied by his young and charming six years old daughter. They paid their regards to Maharaj Ji and sat down. Maharaj Ji called that girl and asked "My daughter! In which class do you study at present?"

She said "I study in class one." Maharaj Ji asked, "If I write something on your back, then can you guess and tell me what I wrote?" The girl said "Yes, I shall try." Then Maharaj Ji wrote one word on her back and asked her what alphabet was written?" She replied "K." After this Maharaj Ji wrote something again and asked her what was written? The girl replied "A." Maharaj Ji wrote next alphabet again and asked her to identify same. She said 'Maharaj Ji! You wrote K.' Then Maharaj Ji wrote something more and asked her to tell what was written. She replied "A." Then Maharaj Ji said if we join all the four that will read 'Kaka" and that Gurmukhi word means an infant male child.

Her parents were also longing for being blessed with a son. However they were reluctant to make a specific request to Maharaj Ji for such blessings. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji very well knew about their cherished desire and Maharaj Ji very kindly fulfilled their noble wish by blessing them through this

unique way. The family was blessed with a son in due course of time.

259. Bibi! He is Absolutely Fine

Captain Prakash Singh Bagha from village Dhuga Kalan in Hoshiarpur district is a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He worked with the Indian army. He used to visit the Dera from time to time to meet Maharaj Ji. He was deployed at Naina-Kot border during the 1971 war with Pakistan. As the fierce battles raged his unit ran short of arms and ammunition. He was assigned the responsibility to make immediate arrangements for replenishment of weapons and ammunition from Pathankot base. He left for Pathankot along with another captain and two soldiers to get the weapons and ammunition. He narrated further story as follows.

While we were returning with the weapons, we had to switch off the lights of the vehicle carrying weapons at night to escape enemy attack. Unfortunately their van collided with another vehicle coming from the opposite direction. The captain and two soldiers accompanying me were injured badly. I too suffered minor injuries. My wife felt very scared even though she was at home. She went to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji next morning. She paid her regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then prayed "Maharaj Ji! My husband is fighting at the war front. I felt very scared last night." Maharaj Ji said "Don't worry my daughter! Your husband is absolutely fine. Nothing wrong will happen to him. I have just seen him."

With the blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, I escaped serious injuries and I was successful in delivering the weapons and ammunition at my unit camp site well in time the same night. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji not only saved us that night but India also won the war inflicting a humiliating defeat on Pakistan. When India won the war Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji went to Wagha border to distribute sweets amongst the victorious Indian army soldiers.

(Captain Prakash Singh Ji, Village Dhuga, Hoshiarpur)

260. Saving Devotees Abroad

Shri Bakhshi Ram from village Dolike has been living in England for the last 56 years. He explained that he lived in

Singapore prior to migrating to England. He narrated the story as follows. While I was in England, my wife informed me about the glory of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji through a letter. After working in England for 12-13 years I made arrangements for visa and travel of my wife and children to join me in England. I received them from Airport I reached the airport by car well in time to receive them. I bought some orange juice for them and waited for their arrival.

After few minutes my wife and children came out of the airport and I welcomed them. Then I gave the bottle of orange juice to my wife and asked her to drink. She was reluctant as somehow she thought that perhaps it was wine. I said to her “Drink it! It is not wine. It is orange juice.” Then my wife said “Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji sent a message for you not to drink alcoholic drinks and wine now onwards.” Then I said “Just leave that. You are un-necessarily concerned to obey the directives of saints.”

Thereafter we left the airport for our residence by car. While we covered just a short distance; our vehicle suddenly overturned. I suffered serious injuries and became unconscious. The vehicle was badly damaged. When I regained my consciousness, I saw my wife and children standing on one side of the road and they were absolutely fine. I asked my wife “Are you okay?” Then she replied “When our car overturned, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji immediately took us out the car and we did not know what had happened. Fortunately we did not suffer even a scratch with the grace of Maharaj Ji.”

After that serious accident, I regretted my mistake, unwarranted behaviour and uncalled for comments about saints. I had learnt a bitter lesson. Later, I wrote a letter to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji admitting my grave mistake and arrogant behaviour and praying for forgiving me. Maharaj Ji very kindly replied to my letter condoning my mistake and conveyed his blessings to me and all members of my family.

261. Withering Crops

This miracle narrated in this story was witnessed personally by Shri Bakhshi Ram with his own eyes. It was extremely hot and dry weather during the summer season.

Possibility of rain was remote and conditions of severe drought prevailed. Some farmers from village Ballan came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. At that time Maharaj Ji was sanding just outside the main gate of Kutiya. They conveyed their regards to Maharaj Ji and Maharaj Ji asked them about their well being.

They said “Maharaj Ji! We are fine. However our crops are withering away because of intense heat and long dry spell without any rain. Kindly be merciful so that it rains soon as our crops will dry and fail otherwise.” Maharaj Ji heard them and then raised his long walking stick towards the sky. As Maharaj Ji waved his walking stick in the air, the farmers were amazed to see some dark clouds in the horizon in otherwise dazzling bright sunshine. Very soon thereafter, small amount of dark clouds lashed the area with heavy rain and the fields all around were full of water. All of the farmers were very amazed to witness this unique feat as Maharaj Ji responded to their prayers and fulfilled their desire. They conveyed their sincere gratitude to Maharaj Ji and returned back to their homes happily.

(Shri Bakhshi Ram Ji)

262. Oy! Why did you Vacillate?

Shri Saran Chand went to Tanda one day to buy some sugar for Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Sant Garib Dass Ji, Raj Mall Ji and Bhag Mall Ji also accompanied him. All of them took their bicycles and reached Tanda and purchased sugar. While they were returning back from Tanda with sugar, Saran Chand's bicycle tube got punctured. There was a shop nearby close to Kala Bakkra railway station. He gave his cycle to shopkeeper to repair the punctured tube. However he had no money in his pocket at that time. He didn't ask for money from Sant Garib Dass Ji, Shri Bhag Mall Ji and Raj Mall Ji as he was concerned that they would say that Saran did not have any money even to get a punctured tube repaired.

He kept standing silently wondering how he would make payment to the shop keeper for repairing his bicycle tube. Meanwhile he remembered his revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Suddenly a 25 paise coin fell in front of him. He was amazed to see that and he quickly picked up that coin

and gave that to the shopkeeper. He did not share these details with his colleagues. Thereafter all of them returned to the Dera with sugar. When they reached the Dera and paid their regards at the lotus feet of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, then Maharaj Ji asked “Oy Saran Chand! Why did you waver and panic there? Why did you not tell Sant Garib Dass Ji or Raj Mall that you didn't have money to pay for the repair of the tube?” Sant Garib Dass Ji, Raj Mall, Bhag Mall and Saran Chand were extremely surprised to listen to these words from Maharaj Ji.

In this way, when any devotee remembers Satguru Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji with devout heart at the time of any emergency or grave difficulty, then Maharaj Ji always responds instantaneously and addresses the problems of his devotee in no time.

263. Sant Hari Dass Ji

Shri Swaran Dass son of Shri Marha Ram from village Kaboolpur did everything in accordance with prior approval of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Swaran Dass and his brother Dhanna Ram had common agricultural land in the village. They wanted to get a tube-well installed in their land during 1975. Shri Swaran Dass requested Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji to kindly mark the specific spot for sinking the tube-well. Maharaj Ji accompanied him and marked the spot after recital of a formal prayer to God. But Shri Dhanna Ram said that he didn't want the tube-well at that specific spot and he insisted to have the tube-well at another place. So they prepared the bore for the tube-well on the alternate spot chosen by Dhanna Ram. But there was no underground water at that spot and their efforts were in vain. Finally they installed a tube-well successfully exactly at the same place that was marked by Maharaj Hari Dass Ji. They get plenty of water from that tube-well even these days.

(Shri Niranjana Dass son of Swaran Dass Ji, Village, Kaboolpur, Jalandhar, 6.7.2003)

264. When Sant Hari Dass Ji addressed Dilemma of Bibi Paramjit

Shri Tulsi Singh and his wife Bibi Maha Kaur, from village Boora, were very profound devotees of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Their daughter Paramjit is married with a

soldier named Gurnam Singh of village Manakdheri. At that time Bibi Paramjit Kaur's family was very poor.

One day, Sant Hari Dass Maharaj Ji visited village Khadiala near Bulloval. Shri Tulsi Singh and Bibi Maha Kaur were also there. They requested Maharaj Ji to kindly visit their daughter's home at village Manakdheri during the return journey. Maharaj Ji reached her house in village Manakdheri by jeep along with Shri Tulsi Singh, Bibi Maha Kaur and some other devotees. Bibi Paramjit welcomed Maharaj Ji and other guests and paid her regards at Maharaj Ji's lotus feet. As she was very poor, she thought in her mind that it may be beyond her means to make arrangements for tea and snacks to be served to Maharaj Ji and other guests who came with Maharaj Ji.

Omniscient Sant Hari Dass Ji was quick to know about her dilemma and Maharaj Ji wanted to offer her an easy alternative. So Maharaj Ji said "We shall not have tea today. We shall have '*Kachi Lassi*' – milk diluted with lot of water as that has cooling effect during summer. This is how Maharaj Ji read my mind's thoughts and addressed my dilemma. I was delighted to hear Maharaj Ji and I served the drink of their choice to everyone without any difficulty.

(Bibi Paramjit Kaur w/o Shri Gurnam Singh, Village Manakdheri 6.07.2003)

265. They have to be blessed with Sons

Shri Om Prakash son of Shri Kabal Singh hails from village Jaetewali in Jalandhar district. He is currently resident of Rameshwar Colony, Jalandhar City. He serves as S.C.O in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited at Jalandhar.

Shri Om Prakash explained that his father Shri Kabal Singh Ji was a great admirer of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. Shri Inder Dass from Sarmastpur had taken Shri Kabal Singh Ji to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for the first time. Shri Kabal Singh and Shri Inder Dass Ji worked together. One day they went to Kutiya and paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Thereafter Shri Inder Dass said, "Maharaj Ji! My friend Kabal Singh works together with me. Kindly accept him also as one of your disciples."

Then Maharaj Ji asked "Kabal Singh! Do you have any

children?" He replied, "I have two daughters." Then Maharaj Ji looked at Inder Dass and said "Inder Dass! He will also make a demand for having a son. Even if he does not make such specific request, I shall have to bless him with sons because you have brought him to this Kutiya." Simultaneously, Maharaj Ji very kindly conveyed his blessings and said "Kabal Singh! Your sons will become highly educated and later they will be senior officers." Kabal Singh was extremely delighted to hear these pleasant words.

Maharaj Ji's words proved to be eternal truth and Shri Kabal Singh's family was blessed with three sons over a period of time with the benevolent blessings of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. All of them studied very well and progressed to become officers as per Maharaj Ji's blessings. The first is named Om Prakash as already mentioned above. Second son is Shri Joginder Singh who is Deputy G.M. in Finance Department at Hoshiarpur. The third son is Shri Uttam Chand and he is a Joint Secretary in the Secretariat at Chandigarh. In this way all of the three brothers are extremely well settled holding very high positions with Maharaj Ji's grace.

266. Tell me if you forget

Bibi Jeeto w/o Shri Jeet Ram lived in village Bulandpur, Jalandhar. She was very profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. She narrated this story as follows. My husband Shri Jeet Ram was a disciple of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji who blessed him with sacred Naam. However I had not yet been granted sacred Naam. My husband used to drink alcoholic drinks. One day I thought in my mind that my husband often drinks wine even after getting blessings of Naam from Maharaj Ji. Therefore I must pray to Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji to help him to abandon drinking. So she sat down to pray to Maharaj Ji and she kept remembering and praying to Maharaj Ji throughout the night.

Omniscient Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji knew very well sitting in his Kutiya that someone has been remembering me and praying for help. So Maharaj Ji conveyed me a message through a devotee that Maharaj Ji wants my husband Jeet Ram to visit Kutiya and meet Maharaj Ji. However when he got that

message he was reluctant to go to Kutiya and meet Maharaj Ji. Then I told him firmly that he must go to Kutiya as desired by Maharaj Ji. Thereafter he changed his mind and agreed to visit Maharaj Ji. Then both of us reached Kutiya and we paid our regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji told my husband “Oy! Why don't you reform yourself? Your wife had been remembering and praying for help throughout the night.” Maharaj Ji counselled him suitably and advised him to shun the bad habit of drinking. Later I was also blessed by Maharaj Ji with the grant of sacred Naam one day. When I sat down for meditation during the night somehow I forgot some words of the sacred Naam. I asked my husband to help me to recall and remember the sacred words of Naam but he flatly refused to help me. He said “You were not blessed with Naam along with me. Hence, why should I tell you?”

I was extremely sad. Anyway I just sat down for meditation and kept remembering my revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji throughout the night. Then Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji materialized at my home and stood in front of me very early in the morning. Maharaj Ji asked me “Just chant the words of Naam and tell me if you forget any.” I explained to Maharaj Ji. Then Maharaj Ji just kept his hand on my head and conveyed his blessings. Thereafter I remembered everything very easily and I said “Maharaj Ji! Now I remember everything very clearly with your kind blessings.”

267. Do not close down your Factory

Shri Piara Ram Badhan son of Shri Ram Rakha hails from village Adikali, near Nurmahal. He stays in England these days along with all members of his family. All family members are profound devotees of Dera Sachkhand Ballan. Shri Piara Ram Badhan is the President of Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Trust, U.K. This trust made major contributions for the establishment of Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Hospital at Kathar and Shri Guru Ravidass Gate in Kashi, Varanasi. The trust also makes significant contributions to most of the social services programmes spearheaded by Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

Shri Badhan explained that he had the good fortune to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji for the first time in 1957 at

the time of his marriage. He did not get another opportunity to meet Maharaj Ji. He developed fond devotion for Dera Sachkhand Ballan when he met Sant Garib Dass Ji during Maharaj Ji's visit to England.

Shri Piara Ram Badhan has his own factory in England. He stated that he incurred very heavy losses once in his business. He decided to close down his factory. Incidentally, Sant Garib Dass Ji was in England at that time. Shri Badhan met Sant Garib Dass Ji and Maharaj Ji asked him about his business. Then Shri Badhan explained "Maharaj Ji! I have my own factory. However that manufacturing unit is running into heavy losses these days. So I am going to close it." Maharaj Ji replied "Do not close down your factory. You should continue to run it. Your business will flourish in due course of time."

Shri Badhan narrated further developments as follows. I took leave of Maharaj Ji and returned to my house in my own car. While I was on my way home I noticed that another car was continuously chasing my car. However I did not know anything about the occupants of that car. When we reached home, that car also reached at our house. I was surprised to see my factory manager getting down from that car. I asked him anxiously "What is the matter that you had to come here?" He replied "You have got orders worth millions of pounds." I was extremely delighted and amazed to listen to that good news. This extremely positive development was surely because of benevolent blessings of Sant Garib Dass Maharaj Ji. My business, which was on the verge of closure, got a new direction and all of the past losses quickly vanished. I am now fully dedicated to Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

268. Whenever you sit down in Meditation and remember me, I shall Materialize

One day S. Kabal Singh Ji came to Dera to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He conveyed his regards to Maharaj Ji with great devotion and prayed "Maharaj Ji! I want to see in your real persona." Maharaj Ji replied, "I am in front of you. You can see me." However Kabal Singh kept insisting that he would like to see true persona of Maharaj Ji. Such dialogue continued for approximately half an hour.

Finally, Maharaj Ji said “Kabal Singh! Sit in lotus position with crossed legs on the floor and close your eyes.” He did the same. Extremely bright rays of light radiated from all over the body of Swami Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji which were far brighter than sunlight. There was brilliance like lightening all around. Maharaj Ji then said “Kabal Singh! Whenever you sit down in Meditation and remember me, I shall materialize.

Time kept ticking and one night Kabal Singh was resting on the roof top of his house. It was already 2 a.m. past midnight and he was not getting sleep. He then sat down for meditation and soon attained the state of Meditation. He remembered Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He had closed his eyes. Suddenly he saw a sphere of extremely bright light in front of him. That light disappeared also in no time. When he opened his eyes, he realized that the light of the moon and stars was very dim compared to that unique light he had just seen with closed eyes. Then he remembered Maharaj Ji's words that “When you remember me sitting in the state of Meditation then I shall materialize and you can have my vision.”

269. These Children will never Deceive

S. Kabal Singh Ji, who lives in Phagwara these days, came to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji one day. He paid his regards to Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! We have no child at our home. Please bless us.” Then Maharaj Ji just smiled and said “You are fine just like this.” After a little while, Maharaj Ji very kindly said “You will have two children in due course of time and they will never deceive you.”

S. Kabal Singh Ji said “Maharaj Ji! I am unable to understand the real significance of your kind words.” Then Maharaj Ji replied “You will understand everything automatically in due course of time.” S. Kabal Singh worked with the Indian army for 22 years and later he was employed with a bank for 19 years as a security guard. One day he was sitting alone at home after his retirement in the evening. He got a letter about his pension from the nationalized bank where he worked. He also received a separate letter about his pension from the army.

S. Kabal Singh then smiled because he had learnt about

these two sources of income or two sons who never deceive him and bring money for him every month. These two earning sons are with him today also.

270. I shall savour your Patasas also

One day, S. Kabal Singh Ji bought some 'Patasas' specially made sugar crystals from Kishangarh for offering as prasad while going to meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He paid his regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. At that time one more devotee came. He placed a box of 'Barfi'- a sweet made from concentrated milk, before Maharaj Ji and paid his regards to Maharaj Ji. Then, Maharaj Ji took a piece of 'Barfi' from the box and savoured it. S. Kabal Singh, who brought 'Patasas' for Maharaj Ji, wondered in his mind why Maharaj Ji did not savour any Patasa from his humble offering.” Soon thereafter, Maharaj Ji took out one Patasa and savoured it delightfully. Maharaj Ji said “Kabal Singh! Just relax and don't worry. Just see I have relished a Patasa.” Maharaj Ji had easily read the inner thoughts of Kabal Singh's mind.

271. Supernatural Powers are Subservient to Naam

One day S. Kabal Singh Ji, his wife Bibi Piaro Ji and her father Shri Uttam Chand Ji left their village to visit the Dera and meet Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. All three of them got down from the bus at Kishangarh bus stand. Devotees had to walk from Kishangarh or Ballan bus stand to Maharaj Ji's Kutiya those days as other means of transport were not available. They talked about Maharaj Ji's glory throughout their journey on foot from Kishangarh to Kutiya. Shri Uttam Chand said “Maharaj Ji has won over 'Annapurna' and that is why there is no dearth of food grains or anything else in the Kutiya any time. Everyday many types of delicious dishes are prepared and meals are served to all visitors.”

All of them reached the Kutiya after about half an hour. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was comfortably seated on the 'Tharha' or the raised platform remembering God. They paid their regards at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji and then sat down in front of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji asked Kabal Singh “Who is this person with you?” He replied “Maharaj Ji! He is my father-in-

law.” Then Maharaj Ji just smiled and said “Kabal Singh! Just explain to your father-in-law that *Ridh-Sidh Naame ki Daasi* i.e. All supernatural powers are subservient to Naam or devout meditation of God.” Maharaj Ji further said “Even the entire wealth of this world is not equal to the sacred dust of the lotus feet of saints.”

The old man Shri Uttam Chand fell down at Maharaj Ji's lotus feet. Maharaj Ji very well knew about his thoughts and what he said during the journey. Maharaj Ji removed his doubts and enlightened all devotees about the virtue of Naam and extraordinary powers of true saints.

272. We thrashed the Boy

S. Kabal Singh Ji worked with the Indian army. His home was close to Dasuya but he lives in Phagwara these days. One day his wife Bibi Piaro got down from the bus at Kishangarh bus stand and she then started to walk to reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya. Bibi Ji was youthful during those days. A boy riding on his bicycle met her on the way and offered her a lift on his bicycle. He asked her to sit on the pillion seat but she refused. The boy started going forwards ahead of her and the backwards behind her. She told him sternly “Brother! Go away and I shall reach Maharaj Ji's Kutiya myself walking on foot.” However the boy's intentions were not clear and he continued to hover around.

Then she remembered her revered Satguru Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and prayed for help. Suddenly the boy tumbled down and crying loudly he fell down along with his bicycle on the other side of the passage. Meanwhile, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji got up from his seat and came outside the main gate of the Kutiya. Sometime later while Maharaj Ji stood at the main gate; Sant Hari Dass Ji came to Maharaj Ji and prayed “Maharaj Ji! Please come inside and be kind to us. Large numbers of devotees are waiting anxiously to have your vision.” Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji “One of my devotees is on her way to the Kutiya. She is coming from a very faraway place and I have to wait for her arrival here. You should go back and look after the congregation of devotees. I shall also be there very soon.” A little while later Bibi Piaro arrived and she was

amazed to see Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji standing near the gate. When she paid her regards to her revered Guru Ji, Maharaj Ji asked her “Dear daughter! Did that boy trouble you? Are you all right?”

Then she replied “Maharaj Ji! That boy harassed and irritated me for some time. But very soon he tumbled and fell down along with his bicycle.” Then Maharaj Ji smiled and said, “I thrashed that boy to teach him a lesson. Now he will behave well with everyone.” Bibi Piaro prostrated at the lotus feet of Maharaj Ji after listening that. She had realized how her revered Satguru takes care of his devotees and protects them.

273. Thieves will strike Today

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was sitting on the 'Tharha' – the raised platform in the Kutiya and Shri Sital Dass Vaid and many devotees were also sitting in front of Maharaj Ji. Maharaj Ji said “Sital Dass! Just convey my message to Sant Hari Dass that he must keep all doors of rooms and kitchen locked properly as the thieves will strike today.” Sital Dass conveyed Maharaj Ji's message to Sant Hari Dass Ji. During the night there was lot of noise as people were shouting that the thieves had arrived in the village. People could not sleep throughout the night and some of them climbed up the roof tops, holding long sticks in their hands, to keep a strict vigil. Despite such vigil the thieves managed to steal a goat from one of the houses and went away. Thus, it is rightly said that the sayings of the saints never go in vain. Shri Sital Dass Vaid fell down on the feet of Maharaj Ji with profound devotion.

274. Dalip Singh Ji will come Today

Shri Dalip Singh Ji who was an expert mason and his family members owned agricultural land in Uttar Pradesh. The family cultivated that land to raise crops. The beautiful and elegant temple that we see in Dera Sachkhand Ballan was designed and built by Shri Dalip Singh. He was a profound devotee of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji.

One day Baba Dittu Ram, Shri Sital Dass Vaid, Shri Swaran Singh from Ballan, Shri Fakir Singh and Shri Mehinga Ram and some other devotees were sitting in front of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and enjoying the pleasure of the company of revered saint. Maharaj Ji said “Sital Dass! Mason

Dalip Singh Ji will come here today. So you must stay here and meet him.” However Shri Sital Dass Vaid was very keen to go home. He sought permission of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji and left the Kutiya to return home. When he reached near the canal then he saw that Shri Dalip Singh was sleeping under a Shisham (*Dalbergia sissoo*) tree along the canal bank. As he had travelled a long journey, he fell asleep by the canal side. Sital Dass Vaid somehow was under the impression that Shri Dalip Singh could not reach Kutiya so early in the morning from Uttar Pradesh. That is why he did not take Maharaj Ji's words seriously. However the words of perfect saints always mean eternal truth. Therefore Maharaj Ji addressed the dilemma of Sital Dass's mind.

275. You don't need Milk and Butter

One day Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji was conducting a spiritual discourse for the benefit of devotees. Thereafter, Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji asked Sant Hari Dass Ji to go to a particular house in village Ballan and bring some milk for the ashram. Sant Hari Dass Ji immediately responded “Yes Maharaj Ji! I shall go right now.”

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then said “Sital Vaid! You should go to the house mentioned by me in village Raipur Rasulpur and bring some milk.” Sital Vaid did not take Maharaj Ji's words positively and he wondered why Maharaj Ji was sending him early in the morning to beg for milk. When Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sital Vaid reached near the main gate of the Kutiya, Maharaj Ji called them back. Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji then said “Come back and there is no need for you to go anywhere and beg for milk. Devotees from two houses are already on their way to the Kutiya with milk. Further supplies of milk will follow. Now onwards there will be no need for us to ask anyone for milk. People will supply plenty of milk for this ashram everyday now onwards” Now everyone can see how prophetic and true those words of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji are as there is never any dearth of milk in Dera Sachkhand Ballan.

276. I was Mistaken

Once, a learned Mahatma, who mostly spoke in Hindi language and was a great thinker, came to meet Sant Sarwan

Dass Maharaj Ji. He used to walk around in the Dera every morning and chant 'Om'. He never used to convey his salutations to Maharaj Ji but only say 'Om'. However whenever he came across Maharaj Ji, Maharaj Ji invariably greeted him by chanting 'Om' even before he could say anything.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji held revered saints of all faiths and religions in high esteem and also respected their followers having allegiance to different religions. So Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji had high regards even for the visiting saint who chanted 'Om' most of the time. But that Mahatma often criticised the saints. During those days, Sital Vaid Ji used to stay at the Kutiya and he rendered various services to the ashram. As desired by Maharaj Ji, Sital Vaid Ji looked after the sage and he used to spread a cot with bedding for the saint to rest. Maharaj Ji mostly used to sit on the Tharha or the cemented platform.

Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji took good care of the saint and often arranged to get meals served to him in a separate room. Maharaj Ji always used to savour same food that was prepared in the community kitchen for all devotees. Sometimes Maharaj Ji would tell him “You will not have tea or sherbet. Therefore you can have some almonds.” Such courteous and affectionate behaviour of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji with the visiting saint had very profound positive impact on him. He got transformed with the passage of time and one day he said to Maharaj Ji “Swami Ji! When you take same meals and tea prepared in the community kitchen with all devotees, I shall also sit with the devotees now onwards to have tea and meals.”

Thereafter he happily sat down along with the other devotees in the dining place and enjoyed to have food and tea with everyone. While initially he often criticised saints, he started to sing paeans of grandeur of Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji. He eulogized the glory of Maharaj Ji everyday all the time and never got tired of that. That was a major transformation. So one day, Sital Vaid and some other devotees asked him “Swami Ji! You often used to criticise saints earlier but how is it that now you are full of praise for Maharaj Ji? What is the matter?” Then that Mahatma said “That was a serious mistake on my part. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji is a true saint and a perfect Brahmgiyani.”