

God's Words to Guru Gobind Singh Jee

ਅਕਾਲ ਪੁਰਖ ਬਾਚ ॥ ਚੌਪਈ ॥

ਮੈ ਅਪਨਾ ਸੁਤ ਤੇਹਿ ਨਿਵਾਜਾ ॥

ਪੰਥ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰਬੇ ਕਹੁ ਸਾਜਾ ॥

ਜਾਹਿ ਤਹਾਂ ਤੈ ਧਰਮੁ ਚਲਾਇ ॥

ਕਬੂਧਿ ਕਰਨ ਤੇ ਲੋਕ ਹਟਾਇ ॥੨੯॥

*I(God) have honored you as my son. You are installed
to propagate the path of Dharma (the Panth).*

*You go there to spread the Dharma (righteousness)
And and refrain people from evil actions. 29.*

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The supreme Lord sent Sahib Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji to the world as an instrument to propagate the path of Dharma, or righteousness and stop people from committing acts of evil, as explained through the verses:

Guru Gobind Singh Jee's Acceptance & Request

ਦੋਹਰਾ ॥

ਠਾਢ ਭਯੋ ਮੈ ਜੋਰਿ ਕਰ ਬਚਨ ਕਹਾ ਸਿਰ ਨਿਆਇ ॥

ਪੰਥ ਚਲੈ ਤਬ ਜਗਤ ਮੈ ਜਬ ਤੁਮ ਕਰਹੁ ਸਹਾਇ ॥੩੦॥

I stood up with folded hands and bowing down my head, I said: "The path of Dharma(Panth) shall prevail only in the world, with THY ASSISTANCE."30.

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Guru Gobind Singh Ji thus obeyed the command of God and blessed the world with his divine presence on January 5th, 1666 in Patna, Bihar India to begin his holy mission of spreading righteousness. He held the utmost faith that his mission would be successful through the assistance of the supreme Lord as stated in the verses.

Propagate Dharma and root out the tyrants

ਹਮ ਇਹ ਕਾਜ ਜਗਤ ਮੇ ਆਏ ॥

ਧਰਮ ਹੇਤ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਪਠਾਏ ॥

ਜਹਾਂ ਤਹਾਂ ਤੁਮ ਧਰਮ ਬਿਥਾਰੋ ॥

ਦੁਸਟ ਦੋਖੀਅਨਿ ਪਕਰਿ ਪਛਾਰੋ ॥੪੨॥

God has sent me into this world to propagate Dharma (righteousness). The Lord asked me to spread Dharma, vanquish the tyrants and opponents of Dharma(righteousness). 42.

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What was his mission?

At the time of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji's visit to the world, evil tyrants were plundering and taking advantage of the helpless and poor people of India. Guru ji, through his limitless mercy, sought to raise these people up from constant oppression and poverty and give them the courage and backbone needed to fight against the evil rulers of the time. Thus from the oppressed and beaten rose a new order of saint-soldiers called the Khalsa Army, who fought for righteousness and fair treatment for everyone, not only Sikhs. Through Khande-de-pahul he instilled a martial spirit in them such that nothing could come in their way or deviate them from the path of dharma. This is explained through the verses.

Do not worship other than God

ਪਖਾਣ ਪੂਜ ਹੋਂ ਨਹੀਂ ॥

ਨ ਭੇਖ ਭੀਜ ਹੋਂ ਕਹੀਂ ॥

ਅਨੰਤ ਨਾਮੁ ਗਾਇ ਹੋਂ ॥

ਪਰਮ ਪੁਰਖ ਪਾਇ ਹੋਂ ੩੫॥

I do not worship stones, nor do I believe in any religious meaning of outfits. I sing the Name (of the Lord) limitlessly, by which I meet the Supreme.35.

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Guru Ji had utmost conviction in the worship of only one God and strictly condemned any other false forms of worship such as the worship of stones, the pursuit of God merely through the wearing of religious outfits, and the worship of idols. He had limitless faith in reciting the name of the Supreme Lord limitlessly to attain Oneness with God.

Do not establish God in anything.

ਭਜੋਂ ਸੁ ਏਕ ਨਾਮਯੰ ॥

ਜੁ ਕਾਮ ਸਰਬ ਠਾਮਯੰ ॥

ਨ ਜਾਪ ਆਨ ਕੋ ਜਪੋ ॥

ਨ ਅਉਰ ਥਾਪਨਾ ਥਪੋ ॥੩੭॥

I recite only the Name of the Lord, which is useful at all places. I do not meditate on anyone else, nor I establish God in anything. 37.

Guru jee said:

Recite only the Name of the Lord, which serves all purposes. Do not recite anyone's Name nor establish God in anything.

Do not Call me God

ਜੋ ਹਮ ਕੋ ਪਰਮੇਸਰ ਉਚਰਿਹੈ ॥
ਤੇ ਸਭ ਨਰਕ ਕੁੰਡ ਮਹਿ ਪਰਿਹੈ ॥
ਮੇ ਕੋ ਦਾਸ ਤਵਨ ਕਾ ਜਾਨੋ ॥
ਯਾ ਮੈ ਭੇਦ ਨ ਰੰਚ ਪਛਾਨੋ ॥੩੨॥

Whosoever shall call me the Lord, shall fall into hell. Consider me as God's servant and I am one with God.32.

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While Guru ji was truly a messenger of God on Earth, he warned us not to worship him as the Lord Himself. Through the following, verses, Guru Sahib ordained that those who called him the Supreme Lord, Waheguru, would be condemned to hell. Guru Sahib considered himself as merely a humble servant of the Lord.

Do not have faith in religious articles

ਜਟਾ ਨ ਸੀਸ ਧਾਰਿਹੈ ॥

ਨ ਮੁੰਦ੍ਰਕਾ ਸੁਧਾਰਿਹੈ ॥

ਨ ਕਾਨ ਕਾਹੂ ਕੀ ਧਰੈ ॥

ਕਹਿਓ ਪ੍ਰਭੂ ਸੁ ਮੈ ਕਰੈ ॥੩੬॥

I do not make matted hair on my head, nor do I put rings in my ears. I do not pay attention to anyone else, all my actions are according to what God told me.36.

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The path that Guru Gobind Singh Ji propagated was simplistic in nature and involved only the devotee's humble prayer to God. Any other ritualistic or unnecessary worldly action in futile attempts to please God was strictly rejected such as deliberate tangling of one's hair, earrings, or any other religious outfits as explained through the verses

Do not become religious by merely wearing religious outfits

ਦੋਹਰਾ ॥

ਭੇਖ ਦਿਖਾਇ ਜਗਤ ਕੋ

ਲੋਗਨ ਕੋ ਬਸਿ ਕੀਨ ॥

ਅੰਤ ਕਾਲ ਕਾਤੀ ਕਟਿਓ

ਬਾਸੁ ਨਰਕ ਮੋ ਲੀਨ ॥੫੬॥

Those who exhibit religious outfits in the world to win people on their side, will reside in hell and the sword of death will chop them. 56.

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Guru jee stated that those who exhibit religious outfits in the world to win people on their side, will reside in hell and the sword of death will chop them.

Recite only God's Name Limitlessly

ਬਿਅੰਤ ਨਾਮ ਧਿਆਇ ਹੋਂ ॥

ਪਰਮ ਜੋਤਿ ਪਾਇ ਹੋਂ ॥

ਨ ਧਿਆਨ ਆਨ ਕੋ ਧਰੋਂ ॥

ਨ ਨਾਮ ਆਨ ਉਚਰੋਂ ॥੩੮॥

*I recite only God's Name limitlessly and attain
The Supreme light. I do not meditate on anyone
else, nor do I repeat the Name of anyone else.
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The most important aspect of the path of Dharm propagated by Guru Gobind Singh Ji is remembering God through reciting God's name. Guru Gobind Singh Ji clearly ordained that there is no other method of salvation other than God's name.

Bin har naam na baachan paehay

Recite God's Name and leave all other empty deeds

ਕਿਉ ਨ ਜਪੋ ਤਾ ਕੋ ਤੁਮ ਭਾਈ ॥

ਅੰਤ ਕਾਲ ਜੋ ਹੋਇ ਸਹਾਈ ॥

ਫੋਕਟ ਧਰਮ ਲਖੋ ਕਰ ਭਰਮਾ ॥

ਇਨ ਤੇ ਸਰਤ ਨ ਕੋਈ ਕਰਮਾ ॥੪੯॥

O my Brother! Why do you not recite name, who will help you at the time of death? Consider the empty deeds as illusory, because they do not serve our purpose of life.49.

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These verses further reinforce Naam Jaap and Warn us to stay away empty deeds.

Summary

- ***Follow the path of Dharm (Righteous)***
 - *Take Khande-de-Pahul & Recite only God's Name*
 - *Do Good Deeds and Refrain from doing evil acts*
 - *Take arms against evil tyrants*
- ***Do not become religious by merely wearing religious outfits and articles, because:***
 - *These are empty deeds*
 - *God stays away from the outward looks*
 - *Following this pathway is the Gateway to hell*
- ***Believe in one and only one God***
 - *Reject idol worship and rituals*
 - *Do not establish God in anything*
 - *Recite God's Name limitlessly*

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Read

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖਾਲਸਾ ॥
ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫਤਹਿ ॥

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We are all the descendants and true beneficiaries of Guru Sahib's legacy. Not only did Guru Ji communicate his teachings, he also followed them and felt the worldly pain and loss of staying true to the path of dharm. Although he may have lost all of his family, he never acknowledged such a loss for he considered the Khalsa to be his true sons, daughters and family. Today, as we celebrate his Prakash Utsav, let us strive to be worthy descendants of such a legacy and be proud of our faith.

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖਾਲਸਾ ॥

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫਤਹਿ ॥