

cern of the *Jivatman* is and ought to be to get himself merged in the *Paramatman*. With this great end in view, the *Jivatman* ought to get his mind ever fixed on the Lord.

If you happen to be blessed with a vision of the Lord, what would you ask of Him? Would you appeal to Him to provide you with facilities to build hospitals, schools, water tanks and alms houses? All these philanthropic activities seem great to us as long as we are removed far away from God. But when we are in communion with Him, all these fade away into insignificance. We ought to pray to the Lord, therefore, not for doing good to the world but for reunion with Him. We ought to beseech Him for devotion, dispassion and discrimination. By loving the Lord we rise from the human to the Divine. Through devotion to the Lord, we get fixed in the conviction that we are the children of His, who is all immortality, all blessedness, all love and all wisdom.

— Sri Ramakrishna

The blessedness born of *Bhakti* is as follows :—

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मच्चित्तः सर्वदुर्गाणि मत्प्रसादात्तरिष्यसि ।

अथ चेत्त्वमहङ्कारान्न श्रोष्यसि विनश्यसि ॥ ५८

मद्-चित्तः सर्व-दुर्गाणि मद्-प्र-सादात् तरिष्यसि ।

अथ चेत् त्वम् अहम्-कारात् न श्रो-ष्यसि वि-नश्य-स्यसि ॥

*maccittaḥ sarvādurgāṇi matprasādāt tariṣyasi* ।

*atha cet tvam ahaṁkārān na śroṣyasi vinakṣyasi* ॥

मच्चित्तः *maccittaḥ* fixing the mind on me सर्वदुर्गाणि *sarva durgāṇi* all obstacles मत्प्रसादात् *matprasādāt* by my grace तरिष्यसि *tariṣyasi* (thou) shalt overcome अथ *atha* now चेत् *cet* if त्वम् *tvam* thou अहङ्कारात् *ahaṁkārāt* from egoism न *na* not श्रोष्यसि *śroṣyasi* (thou) wilt hear विनश्यसि *vinakṣyasi* (thou) shalt perish