

Brahman-become: not that he is yet freed and become the Absolute, but is firmly grounded in the knowledge that he is Brahman. His attainment of freedom is described in the next verse.

Supreme devotion: the devotion stated in VII—17.]

भक्त्या मामभिजानाति यावान्यश्चास्मि तत्त्वतः ॥
ततो मां तत्त्वतो ज्ञात्वा विशते तदनंतरम् ॥५५॥

XVIII. 55.

यावान् What यः who च and अस्मि I am मां Me भक्त्या by devotion तत्त्वतः in reality अभिजानाति (he) knows ततः then मां Me तत्त्वतः in reality ज्ञात्वा having known तदनंतरं forthwith माम् into Me विशते (he) enters.

By devotion he knows Me in reality, what and who I am; then having known Me in reality, he forthwith enters into Me.

सर्वकर्माण्यपि सदा कुर्वाणो मद्यपाश्रयः ॥
मत्प्रसादादवाप्नोति शाश्वतं पदमव्ययम् ॥५६॥

XVIII. 56.

सदा Always सर्वकर्माणि all actions कुर्वाणः doing अपि even मद्यपाश्रयः taking refuge in Me मत्प्रसादात् by My grace शाश्वतं the eternal अव्ययं immutable पदं state अवाप्नोति (he) attains to.

Even doing all actions always, taking refuge in Me,—by My grace he attains to the Eternal Immutable State.

चेतसा सर्वकर्माणि मयि संन्यस्य मत्परः ॥
बुद्धियोगमुपाश्रित्य मेच्चित्तः सततं भव ॥५७॥

XVIII. 57.

चेतसा mentally सर्वकर्माणि all deeds मयि in Me संन्यस्य resigning मत्परः having Me as the highest