

customer who watched these miracles entrusted his cloth to the dyer and requested him to dye it as he liked.

Our mind is the cloth. Iswara is the dyer and dyeing tub. He gives us what we pray for. The best that we can do is not to ask Him for anything but give ourselves over to Him. He in His turn gives Himself to us.

— Sri Ramakrishna

Access to the minor gods is rather easy; but access to Iswara is not so easy. An idea to this effect may rise in the minds of people. But the Lord clarifies this position :—

Worship of Iswara is the Easiest — 26-28

पत्रं पुष्पं फलं तोयं यो मे भक्त्या प्रयच्छति ।

तदहं भक्त्युपहृतमश्नामि प्रयतात्मनः ॥ २६

पत्रम् पुष्पम् फलम् तोयम् यः मे भक्त्वा प्र-यच्छति ।

तत् अहम् भक्ति-उप-हृतम् अश्ना-मि प्र-यत्-त-आत्मनः ॥

*patraṁ puṣpam phalaṁ toyam*

*yo me bhaktyā prayacchati ।*

*tad ahaṁ bhakty upahṛtam*

*aśnāmi prayatātmanaḥ ॥*

पत्रम् *patraṁ* a leaf पुष्पम् *puṣpam* a flower फलम् *phalaṁ* fruit तोयम् *toyam* water यः *yaḥ* who मे *me* to me भक्त्या *bhaktyā* with devotion प्रयच्छति *prayacchati* offers तत् *tat* that अहम् *ahaṁ* I भक्त्युपहृतम् (भक्ति उपहृतम्) *bhaktyupahṛtam* (*bhakti upahṛtam*) offered with devotion अश्नामि *aśnāmi* eat (accept) प्रयतात्मनः (प्रयत आत्मनः) *prayatātmanaḥ* (*prayata ātmanaḥ*) by the pure-minded

Whoever offers Me with devotion, a leaf, a flower, a fruit or water, I accept that, the pious offering of the pure in heart.