

Chapter 15

The Fruit of Pleasing Jogi

One evening around this time, Mathurbhai, Aksharpurushottamdas Swami, and several other sadhus and devotees were seated around Shastriji Maharaj. Shastriji Maharaj told Mathurbhai, “Nowhere can a sadhu like this Jogi be found—not just in the dioceses of Vartal and Ahmedabad, but not in the entire Brahmanand. So, you should please him. You had promised to donate the Puri Farm, and Akshar Swami and Yogi Maharaj are both aware of this. So, make sure you keep your promise and earn the blessings of Yogi Maharaj. If you please Yogi Maharaj and obtain his blessings, then even if you were destined for failure for the next hundred births, you would attain success in this very birth—such is his greatness. Moreover, he is very compassionate. I had no desire to come to Atladara, but I came in order to please him.”

Then Yogi Maharaj proclaimed, “Mathurbhai will donate the Puri Farm to the *sanstha*,” and crowned the declaration with a resounding “Jay!” Hearing this, Shastriji Maharaj said, “Jogi Maharaj crowned the proclamation with a ‘Jay’! So to support him, I had to come here, didn’t I!”

Mathurbhai was overcome with emotion thinking, “Yogi Maharaj is this great of a sadhu! That Swami came here to keep his word to him and for my benefit!” Mathurbhai prayed to Shastriji Maharaj and Yogi Maharaj, “Swami, I am yours, and all my wealth is yours.”

Shastriji Maharaj continued to create such occasions in which he could spread Yogi Maharaj’s glory. Otherwise, Shastriji Maharaj had drawn back from the affairs of this world and directed his entire consciousness into Maharaj. If someone addressed him, he would not reply. Even when critical decisions had to be made, he would merely indicate his directive with a gesture and remain absorbed in turning the *mala* while lying on his side. But, whenever

there was some mention of Jogi, he would begin to speak with enthusiasm.