

Chapter 16

Vaidyo Narayano Harihi—God Is the True Physician

During the auspicious days of the new year, devotees would flock to Swamishri for his blessings. Many youths and devotees would remain in Swamishri's service during these holidays.

Bhagwanbhai Thakarshi of Manavadar would come to Gondal and serve in the Annakut festival every year. He had been suffering from a mild case of eczema on his leg, but while he was in Gondal, he experienced a severe flare-up. As a result, his legs were covered in painful, itchy, watery blisters that prevented him from walking or engaging in any service. He informed Swamishri of his condition.

Swamishri said, “Aksharprakash! Suggest some medicine for Bhagwanjibhai.”

Bhagwanbhai quipped, “Why should he suggest any medicine when Yogi Maharaj is present before us? He can cure this with just a divine glance.”

His humorous remark carried a recognition of Swamishri’s glory. Swamishri laughed and said, “Burn sesame seeds and apply their ashes to the affected area along with the holy water from Akshar Deri.”

Bhagwanbhai objected, “But Bapa, eczema gets worse due to contact with water.”

Swamishri replied, “This water is from Akshardham. Go, it won’t get worse.”

To everyone’s amazement, Bhagwanbhai’s eczema was cured in just a few days, and he rejoined in the preparations for the Annakut festival as before. Bhagwanbhai realized that the true physician is God and his holy Sant. Swamishri would often cure people using the pretext of such homespun remedies.