

Chapter 17

“Today Maharaj Has Become Easily Accessible”

From Narayan Ghat, Swamishri set out on foot with the sadhus and devotees to Ambli Vali Pol and then to the Nar-Narayan Dev mandir for darshan. On the way, Arjungkaka said, “Although we are going to the Nar-Narayan Dev mandir for darshan, it is already late. Many devotees will come to our mandir for darshan, and if we are not there on time, everyone will go home.”

“But what about Thakorji’s darshan?” asked Swamishri. Then he said, “Don’t worry, we will reach our mandir, but we have to do darshan of Maharaj’s sanctified mandir, don’t we!”

Arjunbhai had no answer to Swamishri’s devotion.

After having darshan, Swamishri visited several homes before returning. When

Swamishri reached the mandir, one sadhu told him, “Many devotees had come for your darshan, but because you were late, they left.”

“They should have waited for us!” Swamishri said.

“They did wait for two hours. But then they got tired of waiting and left.”

In a divine mood, Swamishri declared, “There have been countless rishis and sages in the past who had performed austerities for 60,000 years and more but still did not attain God’s darshan. And these devotees lost patience in two hours! Today Maharaj has become easily accessible, but the *jivas* lack the desire for liberation!”

On occasion, Swamishri’s divine powers would thus be revealed.