

# Chapter 16

## **Divine Darshan to Ishwarbhai Daji**

After Shastriji Maharaj passed away to Akshardham, some of the older devotees were unable to wholly develop faith in Swamishri as the manifest form of Shriji Maharaj. They would say, “Swamishri does not possess the spiritual prowess that Shastriji Maharaj did. He doesn’t show any miracles. Shastriji Maharaj used to put people into samadhi. If Swamishri is the manifest form of Shastriji Maharaj, then he should also put people into samadhi.” Some sadhus and devotees were indulging in such talks. The younger brother of Ashabhai of Purushottampura, Ishwarbhai Daji, was one such person.

After Shastriji Maharaj reverted to Akshardham, Ishwarbhai remained conflicted primarily because of his commitment to the Sampradaya. He was concerned that the Sanstha would stop growing, and the devotees

would lose enthusiasm. These and many other thoughts left him troubled.

He came to Ahmedabad to meet with Swamishri. He was sitting alone in a room, brooding. Swamishri understood his state of mind and cast a glance at him. Immediately, Ishwarbhai had a divine vision. He saw Shriji Maharaj seated in Akshardham surrounded by Gunatitanand Swami, Gopalanand Swami, Shastriji Maharaj, and infinite liberated souls. Shastriji Maharaj gave him some sanctified sugar crystals and said, “Daji! Why are you depressed? Shriji Maharaj is ever-present in Satsang through Jogi Maharaj. There is not an iota of difference between me and Yogi Maharaj! So you should become attached to him through thought, word, and deed.”

When Ishwarbhai returned from samadhi, he saw sugar crystals in his hand. He wanted to tell everyone about his experience, but when he recalled the limitless bliss of Akshardham, he experienced such joy that his voice would choke up and tears of happiness would roll down his

cheeks! He began to perform *dandvats* to Swamishri. Swamishri laughed and said, “Daji! That’s enough.”

Ishwarbhai Daji replied, “No, Swami! Until now, I had not understood your greatness! You are the manifestation of Shastriji Maharaj on Earth. I have experienced all of this in samadhi.”

He shared his experience of samadhi within the Satsang community and helped others understand Swamishri’s greatness. To help Dajibhai realize that Shriji Maharaj is manifest today in Swamishri, Shastriji Maharaj had left sugar crystals in his hand following samadhi.