

Chapter 23

Your Liberation Is Secured

On 19 November 1954, Swamishri arrived in Zarola. While Swamishri was delivering spiritual discourses here, Haribhai Purushottambhai asked, “In Vachanamrut Gadhada I 56, Shriji Maharaj has said that one can attain Akshardham upon taking the name of Swaminarayan in one’s final moments. In Vachanamrut Loya 7, Maharaj has said that liberation is attained by one who realizes God through experience. Meanwhile, in other Vachanamruts, Maharaj has said that liberation is attained by one’s refuge in God. Furthermore, in some Vachanamruts, Maharaj says that through the perfect practice of dharma, *jnan*, *vairagya*, and *bhakti*, one can attain *ekantik dharma*, whereby one attains liberation. What should we understand from these conflicting statements?”

Hearing his question, Swamishri smiled gently and said, “Since we have met Shastriji Maharaj and understood him as the gateway to liberation, we have already attained liberation. Everything is encompassed in this. So, don’t worry, and understand that your liberation is secured.”

Swamishri revealed the accessible and straightforward path to liberation. The Satpurush is the royal road to liberation. Swamishri’s words convinced Haribhai of this truth.