



## Mumukshutva – The Prerequisite Of Liberation

May the divine grace and choicest benedictions of the Guru grant you the fullest fulfilment of your heart's aspirations, the fullest fulfilment of your life's supreme objective, so that you become liberated beings to whom grief, sorrow and delusion are strangers, (to whom) bondage makes no meaning, death makes no meaning! That is the goal. That is the objective. May you thus be established in a state of awareness of your immortal nature and of illumination!

To be liberated in this birth is the supreme goal. Is it possible? We can definitely say that it is not impossible. That is assurance enough. All the great ones have proved that Liberation is possible by attaining it themselves, and then (only) they have proclaimed that it is possible. What one has attained, all can attain. You are made for it.

The keen desire to attain this supreme Experience, to experience this great Bliss has been highly lauded and recommended by our ancients. This keen longing or *mumukshutva* is not considered to be a desire for getting something, for obtaining something. For, it is in giving up desires for everything else that one qualifies for such a great Experience.

It is actually a complete giving away of everything totally, as was the supreme renunciation that Prince Siddhartha did to become an ascetic in the forest, a *tapasvi*. It was the supreme renunciation that Raja Bhartrihari did, that King Gopichanda did. They had everything that belonged to royalty; they ruled over kingdoms. But then, they knew that God had sent them here to attain this supreme Experience; that the prime purpose for which He blessed us with this great endowment of a human status was precisely for the attainment of this great Experience. Losing everything that the world has to give, they gained something that was everlasting – Bliss beyond compare, Peace that passeth understanding, life that is perennial, everlasting.

This renunciation is far from being a negative turning away from the world. This renunciation is precisely fulfilling God's supreme will. God Himself will approve of your action. He will shower grace upon you. This is the truth. May we pray to Supreme Almighty to give us the strength and courage, the clear vision and the resolution to keep following this glorious path to God-realisation! May Gurudev's teachings help us to attain the great Experience! God Bless you all!

God Bless You!

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