



## The Lord's Promise

We bow in devotion with gratitude and thankfulness to the worshipful presence of Gurudev, who silently, invisibly sustains our spiritual life. O Lord, grant us with Thy wisdom teachings so that we may move with the understanding that the primary purpose of our having been sent here is to attain our highest good, to achieve our supreme welfare, transcending all limitation that hold us bound!

Lord Krishna proclaimed: "*Yogakshemam Vahaamyaham* – I safeguard all that My devotees possess and I provide for him all that he requires; I look after him with regard to his secular, material needs as well as with regard to his higher spiritual needs". [Gita 9.22] He looks after the needs of those who have turned to Him, made Him the centre and goal of their living, and think of Him constantly.

The great promise of the Divine is continuously fulfilled in the case of sincere seeking souls. All things may change, the world may be a different world with different conditions, but the Divine Word prevails. The promise goes on being fulfilled in the lives of millions who seek the Divine.

But the discriminating soul should receive this gift with awareness, "I must make the highest use of what has been given to me". Therefore, our life itself will be a perennial thanksgiving with a grateful heart. Therefore, let us recognise the boundless bounty and grace that has been showered upon us. Let us rejoice in the ever-recurring truth of the great promise of the Lord. Let us recognise His presence, His divine hand. Let us recognise His fulfilment of His pledge a hundred thousand times, again and yet again in our lives and in the lives of all sincere seekers. Let us therefore engage ourselves in utilising to the full the precious benefits from the fulfilment of His promise in the form of this centre of Yoga and Vedanta and crown ourselves with supreme blessedness. That is the least we can do. Then our lives will indeed be truthful and fulfilled.

God bless us to have right perception! God bless us to understand what we possess! God give us the wisdom and grant us insight to profit thereby to the maximum extent and crown ourselves with supreme peace and joy, peace and joy!

May God Bless You All!

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