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Srivasa Thakur



Srivasa Thakur – the fifth member of the Panca Tattva, lived in Navadvipa before the advent of Lord Chaitanya. Srivasa lead his brothers Sri Ramai, Sri Nidhi, and Sripati in their devotional lives of singing Krishna's names, bathing thrice daily in the Ganges. Meeting with Sri Advaita Acharya Prabhu, they studied Bhagavatam and prayed for an incarnation of the Supreme Lord. Srivas Thakur is Narada. Narada Muni's friend Parvata Muni appeared as Srivas' younger brother Ramai. Srivas' wife Malini Devi was Krishna's wet nurse friend of Sachi Devi. She served Nimai as a nurse.

When Lord Vishvambhara appeared, the hearts of all the Devotees were filled with parental affection (vatsalya bhava). Gaurachandra loved Malini and Srivasa as a second mother and father.

Srivasa Angan was located two hundred yards north of Nimai's house. Everynight Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu and His dearest friends would enjoy ecstatic kirtans here and taste the mellows of Vrindavana. At his house, Lord Chaitanya enacted the various pastimes such as the Mahaprakasha Lila. Vrindavana Das Thakur's mother, Narayani Devi was the neice of Srivas Thakur. Seeing the niece of Srivasa Thakura present before Him, Prabhu called to her, "Narayani! Call upon Sri Krishna with tears in your eyes." Immediately this little girl, only four years of age began to cry out, "Hari! Krishna!" while shedding tears incessantly.

There was one maidservant in Srivasa Thakura's house by the name Dukhi. Every day she used to bring water from the Ganga for Mahaprabhu's bath. One day Gaurasundara asked Srivasa, "Who brings this water?" "Duhkhi brings it," Srivasa replied. "From today her name is Sukhi." Thus the Lord indicated that those who serve the Lord and the Lord's Devotees are not dukhi (sad); rather, they are sukhi (happy). In this way, Lord Chaitanya showered his mercy upon Srivas Pandit.

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare**

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