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**Om Sri Sai Ram  
Prasanthi Sandesh**

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Prasanthi Sandesh, Sai Pearls of Wisdom welcomes you. Thank you very much for your time.

The topic for this session is '*Daya Sagara Sai*' – 'Sai, the Compassionate Lord.'

Let me bring to your notice some of the episodes related to this topic. Wherever in the world there are people with good thoughts, engaged in good work, Bhagavan Baba fulfils all their aspirations irrespective of whether they are aware of Baba's name and form or not. Yes, irrespective of that! If you have good thoughts and if you are engaged in good work, that's enough for Bhagavan.

Here is an example to illustrate this fact. Smt. Bharathi Mai of Ambika Niketan lives in Surat in Gujarat. Ever since her childhood, she felt intense love for Lord Krishna. After having spent 10 years continuously in worship of Krishna, the Lord blessed her with a *darshan* and guided her to commence worship of Shakti.

Accordingly, she spent the next 10 years in worshipping Shakti. Pleased with her sincere efforts, Amba Matha – Devi manifested in front of her and gave a directive that Bharathi Mai should construct her a temple. To fulfil this directive of Devi, Bharathi Mai collected an amount of 1 Rupee per person, constructed the Devi temple and installed an idol of Amba Matha – Amba Matha, Devi!

Along the side of the temple, a cow shed, a *Veda Patashala* to accommodate 50 students was also constructed. In addition to this, several dispensaries and old people's homes for the aged and the sick were constructed at various places. All this was done in accordance with the directive of the Divine Mother - Amba Matha, Devi!

Well, around the same time something wondrous happened. A message written in *Vibuthi* appeared on a wall of the house of a Sai devotee who lived nearby. It read, "Study the life story of Bharathi Mai!" Initially Bharathi Mai did not believe this. But when

she saw the constant flow of *Vibuthi* appearing on the wall, she bowed in reverence in front of Swami and installed a photograph of His in the shrine at her house. After this, she realized that a part of *Naivedyam* which she offered every day used to disappear. It was a sign from Swami that He was accepting it.

One day, the students of *VedaPatashala* expressed their desire to go for Swami's *darshan*. Accordingly, they all came to Prasanthi Nilayam. Swami asked them to chant the *Veda Mantra*. He appreciated their efforts, blessed them and gifted them with clothes. He gave *darshan* to Bharathi Mai in the form of Devi Amba Matha, her desired deity. She totally surrendered to Swami and also expressed a desire.

A large hospital was being constructed at Surat by the Jain community and she aspired to construct a diagnostic centre with modern facilities attached to it. Swami blessed her and guided her to travel to UK and USA. During her visit abroad, devotees of Swami residing there helped her to collect the desired amount within 2 weeks and she was able to fulfil her aspiration. Smt. Bharathi Mai believes all this was possible only due to Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Sai Baba's Grace, the One who fulfils all the good aspirations of His devotees – wonderful, wonderful miracle indeed!

In fact, it was Sant Jnaneshwar who said, "Swami, shall I call you *Saguna* – attributes, or *Nirguna* – attribute-less? Shall I call *Saakar* – form-full or *Nirakara* – formless? But Govinda, in any form I may worship, You are one and the same!" When the formless Divinity assumes a form, He incarnates as God in human form. This *Saguna Roopa* of His comes to earth for the welfare of mankind.

Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba has incarnated on earth for the same purpose and is constantly engaged in the welfare of the mankind.

Bhagavan Baba says, "I am not a *Naik*, meaning leader, but I am only a *Sevak*, a servant. I am a servant; I am a servitor. I am born to serve!" And in accordance with this statement, He serves not only those who worship Him but serves all mankind.

Swami says, "My life is My message!" and right from childhood the *Kalyana Guna* of Bhagavan Baba has been translating His words into deeds. The little Sathya was ever engaged in giving food and clothes to the needy. As Bala Sathya Narayana, He started the *Pandari bhajan group* and attracted not only the residents of Puttaparthi but also the folks from the neighbourhood. Through this bhajan group, He inspired people to tread the right path of devotion and also beckoned them to keep their homes, their surroundings and their minds clean. He taught them that the pure vibrations that were emitted through *Nama Sankirtan* keep deadly diseases away.

After the declaration of His Avatarhood, He started monumental projects in 3 spheres of education, healthcare and drinking water supply, to fulfil the promise given by Him to His Mother Eswaramma. The entire world is acknowledging Him and lauding these projects today. Anyone can avail these benefits completely free of cost. Tasks on such mammoth scale are possible only to God, who is *Kalyana Gunakari*, whose virtues are beneficial!

In the earlier times, when the crowds of devotees were not so large, the *bhajans* at Prasanthi Nilayam were held every morning and evening for a duration of 1 ½ hours; (after the) end of *bhajan*, 3 *Arathis*: one – *Pavana Purusha Saiesha*; two – *Om Jai Jagadeeshwara Hare*; the third one - *Karyo Karunanidhe*, they were sung. After *Arathis*, the head priest of the temple used to hail in a loud voice, “*Bolo Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba Ki Jai! Bolo Puttaparthi Mahatma Sri Satchitananda Moorthi Ki Jai!*” and all the devotees used to repeat “*Jai!*” in a loud chorus.

Later, after Swami’s mission stepped up, the duration of *bhajan* was reduced and Bhagavan Baba asked for only one *Arathi* to be sung. A few years later, Swami told everyone that instead of ‘*Jai*’ after that *Arathi*, everyone should say, ‘*Loka Samastha Sukhino Bhavantu*’ thrice and end the session with ‘*Om Shanti! Shanti! Shanti!*’ meaning thereby that all beings in all the 3 worlds be happy; let all attain peace!

Swami also has said, “Whenever you sing to Me with a pure heart and sacred selfless thought, I always keep My gracious glance upon you.”

If a person has done a great sacrifice during his lifetime or any good deeds in his previous births, Swami especially showers His Grace on him. Is it possible for anyone to survive without God’s Grace? Impossible! Such benevolent thoughts can come only from *Kalyana Guna, Kalyana Guna* – Bhagavan Baba who constantly thinks about the welfare of mankind. Swami also lays emphasis on the fact that each one must fulfil his duty without expecting any rewards. One has to always suffer the consequences of good and bad *karma* collected over past births. Swami says that, “*Thyaga Roopa Karma* – sacrifice destroys the bondage of *karma* and frees us.”

The story dates back to the year 1935. There lived a couple in a village called Kikkeri in Mandya district of Karnataka, who were ardent devotees of Shirdi Sainath. They had one son. When this boy was about 12- 13 years of age, both husband and wife passed away and the boy was orphaned. Since there was no one to look after him, he left home and joined a group of wandering *Sadhu Bairagis*. He visited many places of pilgrimage along with them.

While travelling in this manner, in 1953 he arrived at Puttaparthi. He read the Telugu letters inscribed on the arch of the main entrance – ‘Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, Prasanthi Nilayam’ and felt attracted to the word ‘Bhagavan’. A thought crossed his mind that he should test the power of this Bhagavan. Having spent a lot of time with *Sadhus*, he was now familiar with *Tantric Vidya*, but instead of progressing on the spiritual path, he had developed many vices in the company of the *Sadhus*. The name of this young man was B. Halagappa and this was his first *darshan* of Bhagavan Baba. A few years after his visit to Puttaparthi, Halagappa journeyed to the *ashram* of Swami Sivananda at Rishikesh. He met Swami Shraddhananda and spent some time in the *ashram*.

During his stay, he heard about Sri Sathya Sai and His visit to Rishikesh. Swami Shraddhananda told him, “Your future can become happy only with the blessings of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba.”

Halagappa stayed at Rishikesh until Swami Shraddhananda attained *Samadhi*. Then he travelled southward and went to Puttaparthi. Once again, he took Bhagavan Baba’s *darshan*. But he felt that Baba completely ignored him. This was a new experience for him as he felt that *Sadhus* and *Sanyasis* always attracted people and got attention. He went back confused, unsure! After a few days later, when he heard that Swami was at Whitefield, he went there. This time Swami did not disappoint him. Along with *Darshan*, Swami also blessed him with *Sambashan*.

Baba told him, “Instead of wandering aimlessly, go and find a job!” Halagappa obeyed Swami’s directive and found a job as a labourer in the sugar factory at Pandavapura. He started attending bhajans at a devotee’s house in Mysore. Then one day suddenly he lost his job. After that, an intense desire to visit Puttaparthi arose in him and he left for the *ashram*. When he reached the railway crossing at Penukonda, he heard Swami calling out to him from a car which was waiting at the railway crossing. Halagappa was overjoyed.

As he reached the car, Swami told him, “Go back home. Your job is now permanent!” Saying so, Swami placed a 20 *rupees* note in his hand. Halagappa was ecstatic. He spent every Rupee from it on enjoyment and returned to Pandavapura.

On reaching home, he was told his job was now permanent at a daily wage of Rs. 2/- In those days this was not a small amount; but for Halagappa’s needs and vices it was not enough. He was also used to get the urge to travel to Puttaparthi often. So he was always short of funds. By and by, taking advantage of crowds at Puttaparthi, he started stealing there.

Once he had gone for Swami’s *darshan*, Halagappa overstayed. The money was over. But he had a remedy for that! He stole a devotee’s suitcase and he hid it near the banyan tree on the hillside. The devotee made a big hue and cry about his suitcase being stolen. So Swami assured him saying, “Your suitcase will be returned to you!”

Halagappa was standing among the devotees who were waiting for Swami’s *darshan*.

Sri Kasturi came to him and told him, “Go inside! Swami is waiting for you!”

When Halagappa went to Baba, He rebuked him harshly with strong words and told him to return the suitcase to the devotee. As Swami manifested *Vibuthi* for him, Halagappa thought Swami would also give some money. But this time, He did not do so. As he came out, Sri Kasturi gave him enough money for the railway fare to travel back home.

Halagappa returned, but his troubles worsened. He got married and expenses mounted. He could not go for Swami's *darshan* as and when he wanted. He had no option but worship Swami's photograph at home and cry silently in his heart.

Finally after a long lapse of time, he went to Puttaparthi for Guru Poornima in the year 1963. On reaching there, he heard that Swami had suffered a paralytic stroke.

Sri Kasturi told him, "Swami has taken somebody's illness upon Him!"

When Halagappa saw Swami, he wondered to himself, "Can one who is God be in such a condition?"

Just then Swami asked for some water to drink. He drank a sip and sprinkled some with His right hand and on the affected parts of His body and in a moment, He was back to normal and stood up! He even started giving His Divine Discourse! He spoke elaborately on the three Sai incarnations. The incident had an impact on Halagappa's mind.

He thought to himself, "If Swami is really God, tomorrow He will give me *Padanamaskar* and blessing, and then I will give up all my vices!"

The next day Halagappa's thought translated into reality; happily he went back to his village but now he was completely a transformed man. In a few days, *Vibuthi* started falling from Swami's photograph in his house and Amrith started oozing non-stop just from a ring and a pendant of Swami. Halagappa's home turned into pilgrim centre for devotees.

Halagappa started an orphanage in his house and started looking after destitute children. Along with his own children, he provided education to all these destitutes and also inculcated good and values in them. With the sincere efforts in this direction, he set an example for others to follow.

All this came about only because Swami destroyed the bondage of heart of Halagappa's past *karma* and showered His grace on him.

So this is the quintessence of this session.

Thank you! We will meet again! Sai Ram!