

## WORDS OF WISDOM

A few slokas from 'Bhaja Govindam' by Swami

Adi Sankaracharya :

1. *Bhaja Govindam Bhaja Govindam*

*Govindam Bhaja Moodha mathe!*

*Samprapte Sannihite Kale*

*Nahi Nahi Rakshathi Duikrinj karane*

“Pray to Govinda (meaning God) – continue praying God. Your knowledge / expertise, grammar is not going to save you when your time come for death. (Only love of God will save you).”

2. *Dinamapi Rajani sayam pratha.*

*Sisira vasandou Punaryatha:*

*Kala : Kreedathi Gajhathyayoo –*

*Stadapi na munchathya Shavaayoo:*

“As days and nights, seasons and years, Time is going without stopping. And our life time keeps on reducing. This is the play of time. But the passions and worldly desires continue to bind the human beings. (The rope is tight and nut loosening even a bit) only love of God and prayer with devotion can loosen the knot and liberate the soul.”

3. *Angam galitham palitham mundam*

*Dasanaviheenam Jatham tundam*

*Vridho yathi grihitua dandam*

*Tadapi na munjathyashapindam.*

“Even after reaching old age and the body having lost all strength and energy, hair turned white become toothless and needing the help of a walking stick, humans are still unable to discard desire (for worldly pleasures) and fall into pitiable state. Only love of God and prayer can save (such people).”

4. *Punarapi Jananam punarapi maranam*

*Punarapi jananee jadhare*

*Iha samsare khalu dusthare*

*Kripaya pare pahi murare!*

“Human beings can be liberated from the repeated births and deaths, miseries and sufferings only by God. So pray to God who alone can save you.”

5. *Geyam githa nama sahasram*

*Dhyayam sripathi rupamajasram*

*Neyam sajjana samge chitham*

*Deyam deenajanaya cha Nitham.*

“Read devine songs of God, control your mind, meditate on God, Be in the company of good and wise people, Practice ‘Dana’ – sacrifice of wealth – money and materials for the needy.



\* Note : See the article about Adi Shankaracharya on pages 25-29