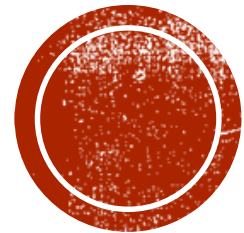


THE CROWN JEWEL OF SHAHEEDS

Sri Guru Arjan
Dev Jee





ਸਾਰਗ ਮਹਲਾ ੪ ਘਰੁ ੩ ਦੁਪਦਾ ੧ੳ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ॥

One Universal Creator God. Realised By The Grace Of The True Guru:

ਕਾਹੇ ਪੂਤ ਝਗਰਤ ਹਉ ਸੰਗਿ ਬਾਪ ॥

O son, why do you argue with your father?

ਜਿਨ ਕੇ ਜਣੇ ਬਡੀਰੇ ਤੁਮ ਹਉ ਤਿਨ ਸਿਉ ਝਗਰਤ ਪਾਪ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

It is a sin to argue with the one who fathered you and raised you. ||1||Pause||

ਜਿਸੁ ਧਨ ਕਾ ਤੁਮ ਗਰਬੁ ਕਰਤ ਹਉ ਸੇ ਧਨੁ ਕਿਸਹਿ ਨ ਆਪ ॥

That wealth, which you are so proud of - that wealth does not belong to anyone.

ਖਿਨ ਮਹਿ ਛੇਡਿ ਜਾਇ ਬਿਖਿਆ ਰਸੁ ਤਉ ਲਾਗੈ ਪਛੁਤਾਪ ॥੧॥

In an instant, you shall have to leave behind all your corrupt pleasures; you shall be left to regret and repent. ||1||

ਜੇ ਤੁਮਰੇ ਪ੍ਰਭ ਹੇਤੇ ਸੁਆਮੀ ਹਰਿ ਤਿਨ ਕੇ ਜਾਪਹੁ ਜਾਪ ॥

He is God, your Lord and Master - chant the Chant of that Lord.

ਉਪਦੇਸੁ ਕਰਤ ਨਾਨਕ ਜਨ ਤੁਮ ਕਉ ਜਉ ਸੁਨਹੁ ਤਉ ਜਾਇ ਸੰਤਾਪ ॥੨॥੧॥੭॥

Servant Nanak spreads the Teachings; if you listen to it, you shall be rid of your pain. ||2||1||7||



ਆਸਾ ਮਹਲਾ ੫ ॥ ਗੁਰ ਪੂਰੇ ਰਾਖਿਆ ਦੇ ਹਾਥ ॥

Giving His Hand, the Perfect Guru has protected the child.

ਪ੍ਰਗਟੁ ਭਇਆ ਜਨ ਕਾ ਪਰਤਾਪੁ ॥੧॥

The glory of His servant has become manifest. ||1||

ਗੁਰੁ ਗੁਰੁ ਜਪੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗੁਰੁ ਧਿਆਈ ॥

I contemplate the Guru, the Guru; I meditate on the Guru, the Guru.

ਜੀਅ ਕੀ ਅਰਦਾਸਿ ਗੁਰੂ ਪਹਿ ਪਾਈ ॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

I offer my heart-felt prayer to the Guru, and it is answered. ||Pause||

ਸਰਨਿ ਪਰੇ ਸਾਚੇ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ॥

I have taken to the Sanctuary of the True Divine Guru.

ਪੂਰਨ ਹੋਈ ਸੇਵਕ ਸੇਵ ॥੨॥

The service of His servant has been fulfilled. ||2||

ਜੀਉ ਪਿੰਡੁ ਜੇਬਨੁ ਰਾਖੈ ਪ੍ਰਾਨ ॥

He has preserved my soul, body, youth and breath of life.

ਕਹੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਗੁਰ ਕਉ ਕੁਰਬਾਨ ॥੩॥੮॥੧੦੨॥

Says Nanak, I am a sacrifice to the Guru. ||3||8||102||



ENGAGEMENT OF SRI GURU HARGOBIND



- Chandu Shah was a minister in the Mughal court, a Hindu, he lived in Lahore and went to Delhi frequently for his work
- He had sent out a Brahmin and a barber to find a suitable match for his daughter (Sda Kaur) to arrange her betrothal/engagement
- The Brahmin and barber had met all Chandus conditions of Khatri caste, wealthy and powerful family when they visited Amritsar
- Upon their return and confirmation of their find and subsequent agreement with Sri Guru Arjan Dev Jee – Chandhu was supposed to send gifts to confirm the engagement.
- Chandu: *“Oh priest what have you done? You have tried to join the brick of a mansion with that of an impoverished home! They are saints and I am a Minister- did you not think of anything? But what can I do now? I don’t have a second groom to wed her to.”*
- The Sikhs of Delhi heard Chandus disrespectful comments and requested Sri Guru Arjan Dev Jee to reject the engagement



ENEMIES COMBINE



- Chandu was seething after the engagement was called off as he had been shamed
- Prithi Chand wrote to Chandu and told him he daily prays for his well being. He said they should combine to oust Sri Guru Arjan Dev Jee from being the Guru
- Chandu replied saying he wanted Sri Guru Arjan Dev Jee killed or to force the acceptance of the engagement of his daughter to Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib
- Chandu starts slandering Guru Jee to Emperor Jahangir & Sulbhi Khan is dispatched to enquire about why Guru Jee is running rackets of thieves. Sulbhi Khan dies on route when encountered by soldiers his uncle Sulhi Khan owed money to.
- Prithi Chand agreed to come meet Emperor Jahangir in person at Lahore at the insistence of Chandu to poison him against Guru Jee further
- Prithi Chand dies on the way when he gets cholera at the village Heri, he sends a message to his Meharban to remain a sworn enemy of the Guru



EMBEDDING POISONOUS SLANDER



- Jahangir agrees to call Sri Guru Arjan Dev Jee to his court at the insistence of Chandu to seek clarification on a number of things.
- Khusro exiled son of Jahangir came to Guru Jee at Tarn Taran, Guru Jee gave him gifts as they felt sorry for him, Jahangir had said no one should entertain him etc
- Chandu told Jahangir about Khusros visit and spread lies that Guru Jee was supporting him to start a rebellion against his father
- Soldiers sent with a fine of 200,000 Rupees to Guru Jee, Guru Jee said he will come to Lahore. The soldiers had become impressed & told Guru Jee that Chandu was out to get them executed
- Publicly Jahangir later blames Chandu for everything that happened but his true thoughts are revealed in his memoirs (on next slide)



JAHANGIRS MEMOIRS



*“In Gobindwal, which is on the river Biyah (Beas), there was a Hindu named Arjun, in the garments of sainthood and sanctity, so much so that he had captured many of the simple-hearted of the Hindus, and even of the ignorant and foolish followers of Islam, by his ways and manners, and they had loudly sounded the drum of his holiness. **They called him Guru, and from all sides stupid people crowded to worship and manifest complete faith in him. For three or four generations (of spiritual successors) they had kept this shop warm. Many times it occurred to me to put a stop to this vain affair or to bring him into the assembly of the people of Islam.***”

*At last when Khusaru passed along this road this insignificant fellow proposed to wait upon him. Khusaru happened to halt at the place where he was, and he came out and did homage to him. He behaved to Khusaru in certain special ways, and made on his forehead a finger-mark in saffron, which the Hinduwan (Hindus) call qashqa (tika) and is considered propitious. **When this came to my ears and I clearly understood his folly, I ordered them to produce him and handed over his houses, dwelling places and children to Murtaza Khan and having confiscated his property commanded that he should be put to death.**”*



GURGADDI & LEAVING FOR LAHORE



- Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib appointed the next Guru at 8/9 years old, 15th May 1605
- All Sikhs are to:
 - to recognise the same light in Sri Guru Arjun Dev Jee to be in Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Jee;
 - follow a new warrior spirit that will be instilled by Sri Guru HarGobind Sahib Jee that will protect righteousness.
- Sri Guru Arjan Dev Jee said they must sacrifice themselves for a new warrior spirit to emerge
- They depart the next morning for Lahore with five – Bhai Bidhi Chand Jee, Bhai Piraana Jee, Bhai Langaha Jee, Bhai Jetha Jee and Bhai Paira Jee



GURU JEE AT JAHANGIRS COURT



- In the court an announcement was made by Wazir Khan that, *“God himself Sri Guru Arjun Dev Jee has arrived.”* Wazir Khan had arrived prior to Guru Sahib and had a very high throne prepared for them to be seated upon.
- On meeting, the first questions Jahangir asked Sri Guru Arjun Dev Jee were:
 - Who is greater Hindus or Muslims?
 - Who will go to Heaven and Hell?
 - Who does God prefer?
 - Which religion speaks the truth and which is false?



DISCUSSION



1. Who is greater Hindus or Muslims?
2. Who will go to Heaven and Hell?
3. Who does God prefer?
4. Which religion speaks the truth and which is false?



ਰਾਮਕਲੀ ਮਹਲਾ ੫ ॥

Raamkalee, Fifth Mehla:

ਕੋਈ ਬੋਲੈ ਰਾਮ ਰਾਮ ਕੋਈ ਖੁਦਾਇ ॥

Some call Him, 'Raam, Raam', and some call Him, 'Khudaa-i'.

ਕੋਈ ਸੇਵੈ ਗੁਸਈਆ ਕੋਈ ਅਲਾਹਿ ॥੧॥

Some serve Him as 'Gusain', others as 'Allaah'. ||1||

ਕਾਰਣ ਕਰਣ ਕਰੀਮ ॥

He is the Cause of causes, the Generous Lord.

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਧਾਰਿ ਰਹੀਮ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

He showers His Grace and Mercy upon us. ||1||Pause||

ਕਹੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਜਿਨਿ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਪਛਾਤਾ ॥

Says Nanak, one who realizes the Hukam of God's Will,

ਪ੍ਰਭ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਕਾ ਤਿਨਿ ਭੇਦੁ ਜਾਤਾ ॥੫॥੯॥

knows the secrets of his Lord and Master. ||5||9||



TEACHINGS



- Sri Guru Arjun Dev Jee stated that anyone from any religion who followed this way of:
 - Living in God's Will;
 - Continuously reciting God's name;
 - Detaching themselves from their body;
- Would attain 'BrahmGian' (divine wisdom of God)



JAHANGIR'S DEMANDS



- Jahangir made the following requests to Guru Jee too:
 1. Jahangir: *“In Sri Aadh Granth Sahib Jee is there praise of Muslims?”*
 2. Guru Jee replied with the relevant quotes, such as **‘A true Muslim has a compassionate heart’ (1084)** but Jahangir still couldn’t comprehend the message of the Gurus.
 3. Jahangir: *“Include my name (Jahangir) and the year of my rule in Sri Aadh Granth Sahib Jee,*
 4. *State it is okay for Sikhs to convert to Islam in Sri Aadh Granth Sahib Jee*
 5. *Say Hindus are ‘kaafirs’ (non-believers of God) and will go to hell*

Guru Jee refused to comply with these requests



TORTURE BEGINS



- Chandhu convinces Jahangir to allow him to take Guru Jee to his house & punish them. The 5 Sikhs & Guru Jee taken there by Mughal soldiers
- Chandu threatened Guru Jee to accept the wedding proposal, Guru Jee replied
- *“You called the house of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Jee a pit and called your daughter a brick of a mansion (ornamenting it) and claimed that we were too low for you (in status for the marriage). So, you should seek those so-called ‘high’ (egotistical) people for your daughter and let us stay with the lowly (humble). I still refuse this proposal. As for me calling you a dog, I did not. If you call yourself a dog then so be it - you are a dog. However, if a Sikh has called you a dog, then a Sikh is the same image as me, and therefore, you are a dog.”*



TORTURES



- Day 1 - Deprived of food, water and not allowed to sleep
- Day 2 boiled alive for many hours, Bhai Piraana could not take the sight of Guru Jee being boiled alive, so came out of the cell in his astral body said he will destroy them all etc – Guru Jee stopped him from intervening
- Day 3 – burning hot sand, made to stand on it & sand poured over them
 - Bhai Langaha & Bhai Piraana cried out for Guru Jee to step on their chests instead and they would lie on the sand
 - As Guru Sahib lifted their lotus foot to step onto the sand, they turned to Chandu and said *“Listen, you foolish person, you speak without thinking of the circumstances – you will reap the fruit of your own actions and when I step onto this sand, the roots of your dynasty will be destroyed and you will have to suffer terribly here and in hell (in the afterlife).”*
- Day 4 made to sit on hot plate (tavvi) – Chandals cry out when they realise what’s happening



DAY 5 & SHAHEEDI



- Chandu offered the marriage proposal again
- The all-knowing Guru, realising Chandu's over-confident ego, intelligently replied that as their body had been extremely burnt over four days, they wanted to go to the river Ravi to bathe and come back fresh to continue this conversation with Chandu. Maharaj also asked for the five Sikhs to come with them so they too could bathe.
- 10 soldiers sent with them
- Bhai Piraana supports Guru Jee whilst they walk, their body has blisters all over
- Bhai Langaha washed Guru Jee's feet when at the river
- Guru Jee did Ishnaan came out and read Sri Japji Sahib
- Sri Guru Nanak Dev Jee with Bhai Mardana & Bhai Bala came & did Kirtan
- Maharaj put a sheet over themselves and ascended to Sachkand, some say Maharaj walked into the River Ravi



DEHRA SAHIB, LAHORE



Tahir Iqbal





THANKS FOR LISTENING

Any questions

