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## Third Process of Devotional Service

### Remembering (Smaranam)

### When is Smaranam possible?

- 😊 After a person hears and chants regularly, his heart becomes cleansed. Then Smaranam or remembering is possible.
- 😊 At first it isn't possible to remember Krishna all the time because our hearts and minds are too busy thinking of material things. Just sit for five minutes and day dream; what sort of things do we remember? School, friends, television shows, movies, things we want, family, food we like... many things besides Krishna, right?
- 😊 But after we purify ourselves a bit, we notice that it becomes easier and easier to think of Krishna.
- 😊 A pure devotee of God never forgets Lord Krishna for a moment.

### Activities which will help us to remember Krishna: -

- 😊 We have Krishna in the form of a Deity which makes it much easier to fix our mind on Him.
- 😊 We can remember what the Deities are wearing, feed Them, worship them, decorate and dress Them, and sing for Them.
- 😊 To make the remembrance easier we emphasize more on reading and talking about Krishna.

*Activity: Think of aunt Devaki. But as you don't know her, it would be pretty hard for you to think about her. But the more I tell you about her life and her family, what she likes to do, her favorite food and colors, etc. the more you would feel like you know her and easier it is for you to remember her.*

*Similarly, one who doesn't know Krishna would find it difficult to remember Him. But, if we know what Krishna likes, who His friends are, where He lives and what He likes to do, it will be much easier to keep Him in our mind. Thoughts of Krishna will soon replace our materialistic thoughts.*

### How can we remember Krishna?

- Deity worship
- Reading about Krishna
- Hearing about Krishna
- By associating with Krishna devotees



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- 😊 Prahalad was the son of the great demonic king Hiranyakashipu.
- 😊 When Hiranyakashipu went to perform austerities in order to please Lord Brahma, the demigods stole his wife, Kayadhu. At that time she was pregnant.
- 😊 The demigods wanted to kill the child in the womb and thus destroy the dynasty of Hiranyakashipu.
- 😊 However, Narada Muni prevented them from committing such a sinful act. He told them that a great devotee of the Lord was going to take birth from her womb.
- 😊 Narada Muni gave shelter to Kayadhu in his ashram and allowed her to stay there until Hiranyakashipu came back from the forest.
- 😊 Everyday she would listen to the narrations of the pastimes of the Lord from the lotus mouth of Narada Muni.
- 😊 However, she would go to sleep while hearing the narrations. But her son, Prahalad who was conscious within the womb would attentively hear these transcendental pastimes of the Supreme Lord; he developed great devotion for Lord Krishna.
- 😊 Finally Hiranyakashipu came back from the forest after receiving the great boons from Lord Brahma.
- 😊 Narada Muni took Kayadhu back to her husband. By this time Prahalad had also taken birth and was a small child. He sent him to the ashram of Sanda and Amarka to get trained as a demonic king.
- 😊 Sanda and Amarka tried to teach various demoniac principles to Prahalad. He was a pure devotee of the Lord and was always absorbed in hearing and chanting His transcendental glories.
- 😊 When Hiranyakashipu came to know that his son was a devotee of Lord Vishnu, he became very angry. He ordered Prahalad to stop worshipping Lord Vishnu. However, Prahalad refused to follow the order of Hiranyakashipu.
- 😊 This made Hiranyakashipu furious and he tried to kill Prahalad by various means. But every time Prahalad was saved. Whenever he was in danger, Prahalad simply fixed his mind on the Lord and chanted His name.
- 😊 Hiranyakashipu became wild with anger. He demanded to know where this Lord was. Prahalad said He is everywhere.
- 😊 Hiranyakashipu then shouted that he would kill this Krishna. He swung his sword, striking a nearby pillar. When the pillar broke, a ferocious form of the Lord, half-man and half-lion, appeared. This was Lord Narasimha dev coming to protect His devotee.
- 😊 Lord Narasimha dev fought with Hiranyakashipu and when the time was right, He took him onto His lap and killed him.
- 😊 Through all the trials his father had put him through; Prahalad had simply remembered the Lord, not fearing anything.




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True or False if false then rewrite the right answer:-

 Smaranam is possible after a person hears and chants regularly and his heart becomes cleansed.

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 Krishna in the form of a deity makes it difficult to fix our mind on Him.


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 The more we know about some one it is easier to forget them.

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 Smaranam means worshipping.

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 Parikshit Maharaj is the famous personality for Smaranam (remembering).

Name the following:

Q. Do you think Prahalad's situation made it easier or more difficult for him to remember Krishna? Explain why.

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