



Case Study

Chapter -10: Divine Glory

One day Sage Narad went to Lord Vishnu and asked who his best devotee is. For this Lord Vishnu answered that the farmer Sukarma is his best devotee. Saint Narad who chants Lord Vishnu's name all the time was very disappointed to hear this, but wanted to see this best devotee of his Lord. Lord Vishnu said, "Narad, you have the power to visit any world, so go to the earth to see Sukarma for yourself. But before you go, please take this small pot of Divine milk from the Divine cow. Please make sure that you don't drop even a drop of milk and bring it back to me in the same condition". On hearing this Sage Narad was very cautious and got the milk pot in his hand & was very focused on it, forgetting even to chant the Lord's name. On reaching earth, he saw Sukarma who just got up from his sleep early morning and said "Hai Ram" with extreme devotion. He then went to farming the land and was fully concentrating on the work. During the lunch time, before eating, Sukarma again said "Hai Ram" with utmost devotion, ate the food and went back to his work. In the evening, Sukarma returned to his home, spent time with his wife and kids, helped the neighbors with whatever he can and then went to sleep saying "Hai Ram" deep from his heart one more time. Narad was astonished to see that the best devotee of Lord Vishnu chanted the Lord's name only thrice a day.

1. Why did Lord Vishnu consider Farmer Sukarma as his best devotee ahead of Sage Narad?
 2. Who according to you is the best devotee of Lord Vishnu from the story? A) Sage Narad B) Sukarma. Why?
 3. How many times a day, do you think of God?
 4. When do you mostly think of God A) At times of happiness B) At times of sorrow? Why?
 5. When should you think of God?
 6. How difficult is your life compared to other people in the world? Are you having any special difficulties that others are not having?
- Should you be like Sage Narad forgetting about God when in time of stress and difficulties, (or) like Sukarma?