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### INTRODUCTION:-

Srimad Bhagavatam says (11-5-38) that menwho were born in Krita and other earlier ages long to be born in Kali Yuga for it is in Kali that great devotees of the Lord appear.

कृतादिषु प्रजा राजन् कलाविच्छन्ति संभवम् ।

कलौ भद्रु भविष्यन्ति नारायणपरायणाः ॥

True to this statement the history of India is marked by the appearance of a galaxy of great devotees and saints from time to time. They had attained the ultimate goal of life. Out of compassion for others who are stuck in the mire of samsara they offer solace by words that soothe and offer a way out of the predicament. Swamy Ramdas was one such great devotee who graced this land and showed the path of devotion. He lived in the Maharashtra state in the 17th century. His intense devotion to Lord Rama and hard spiritual practices got him the darsan of Lord Rama. He had composed several works which are very popular. The story is that his mother tried to grt him married but without success. His mind was steeped in devotion to Lord Rama. There was no way for him to get involved in family life. On one such occasion he tried to run away fro home. His distraught mother cried and asked if he has been possessed by any spirit that he is behaving in this manner. The young Ramdas said that indeed he has been possessed by a spirit. In the verses that follow he described Lord Rama who had taken hold of his mind leaving no room for any other thought. मातुर्भूतं स येव मे । This incident should bring to our mind the description of child Prahlada in Srimad Bhagavatam (7-4-36) Even as a child he had no desire to play with toys and dolls as children of his age do, but his mind was possessed by the spirit called Sri Krishna. He did not see the world as we see it. Such was the case with Swami Ramdas also.

न्यस्तक्रीडनक्रो बालो जडवत्तन्मनस्तथा ।

कृष्णग्रहगृहीतात्मा न वेद जगदीदृशम् ॥

as being possessed by Sri Krishna. Now let us see verses that describe the spirit that had seized Swami Ramdas.

वैकुण्ठीकः पुरा भूमौ योऽयोध्यायामवातरत् ।  
कौसल्यायाः स्तनं पातुं मातर्भूतं स अवे मे ॥ १ ॥  
कौशिकस्याश्रमं यास्यन् यो दृष्ट्वा पथि दारुणाम् ।  
ताटकां निजघानाशु मातर्भूतं स अवे मे ॥ २ ॥  
यस्य पादाब्जसंस्पर्शाद् गच्छतो विपिनाध्वना ।  
शिलाऽमलाऽभूल्ललना मातर्भूतं स अवे मे ॥ ३ ॥  
जन्कस्य पुरं गत्वा यो बभञ्जैश्वरं धनुः ।  
उपयेमे य वदेही मातर्भूतं स अवे मे ॥ ४ ॥  
सन्त्रस्तो भार्गवो यस्माद्धनुर्यस्मै समर्पयत् ।  
यस्मिन् न्यघात् स्वकं तेजो मातर्भूतं स अवे मे ॥ ५ ॥  
कृतप्रतिश्रवाद्धश्येत् कैकेय्यै न पिता मम ।  
धृति योऽभूदरष्यौकः मातर्भूतं स अवे मे ॥ ६ ॥  
यतुर्दशसमा भ्राभ्यंस्तपस्वी यो वने स्थितः ।  
लक्ष्मणेनान्वितः नित्यं मातर्भूतं स अवे मे ॥ ७ ॥  
सुग्रीवो रक्षितो येन वाली स्वर्गातिथिः कृतः ।  
बबन्धे सेतुना सिन्धुः मातर्भूतं स अवे मे ॥ ८ ॥  
रावणं सकुलं हत्वा योऽभ्यरक्षद्विषीषणाम् ।  
अभूमुयत् सुरान् बन्धात् मातर्भूतं स अवे मे ॥ ९ ॥  
आदाय यश्च वामाङ्गीं च्याल सरयूतटम् ।  
सङ्गतो भरतेनाभून्मातर्भूतं स अवे मे ॥ १० ॥  
हृदयं सर्वभूतानां रामराज धृति श्रुतः ।  
श्लाघ्यते रामदासेन मातर्भूतं स अवे मे ॥ ११ ॥  
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