

SWEETNESS OF TONGUE

One thing that distinguishes a human being from rest of the beings is voice. A man can speak; can give vent to his thoughts distinctly. But other beings in the world are not gifted ones this way. Tongue though the animals possess but they are unable express through it. The tongue has two-fold work to perform, one is to help in eating, and the second is to help in speaking. An animal can do only the former work and not the latter work, whereas the human being does both of them.

In life for the progress of humanity there is an important job carried out by tongue is vitamin M, i.e. Influence. It means sweetness in tongue. Whatever you speak should be sweet and not harsh. This is very essential. This must be done invariably in life.

There are persons who speak so lovely that everyone admires. They utter words as if flowers are being rained. And, on the contrary, there are persons who speak harsh words and they appear as if nails are being scattered.

Emperor Akbar's court was crowded to the fullest. All of a sudden the Emperor put a question before his courtiers "Where is nectar?" the reply was variously given. Some said it lives in the mango; other said it lives in a sweet dish called Halva, and so on and so forth. But Akbar was not satisfied. At last he pointed towards Birbal and he replied, "The nectar resides in tongue". And the next question he posed immediately, "What is the most lethal poison and what is its place?"

Someone replied Cobra and another replied 'scorpion' and so on. At last Birbal replied, "The most lethal poison is of voice and it lives in tongue." Akbar again enquired, "How it is that one and the same place could be a place for both Nectar and Poison?"

Birbal replied, "Sir, I would show you at a proper time."

After sometime one day Birbal arranged party at home on the occasion of his birthday. Birbal invited the queen also. Birbal gave a warm welcome to her. He eulogized her merits. The queen was so happy that she uttered "Birbal's tongue is full of nectar, indeed."

The queen sat to dine. She was offered all that she liked. The queen was immensely happy with Birbal. After dinner when she was about to depart, then Birbal uttered a few words, "What sort of glutton is this queen? She has eaten everything." The words did not go unheard by the queen. She got annoyed at once and went straight on the way to her palace. After sometime he also reached there. He noticed the queen was upset. And he enquired the reason. The queen said all that happened. Birbal was summoned over there and he was questioned as to why did he dare insult the queen? Thereupon Birbal replied – "Sir, my effort was no other than just to substantiate the fact what I did earlier, viz. both nectar and poison reside in the tongue only. Akbar became pleased.

It is very much true that sweet words carry nectar. They are lovely. They are liked by one and all. A man of few words is the best man.

The role of reticence cannot be over emphasized in this connection. One should practice it as much as possible.

It should be plain and clean

And, above all, lovely.

An English author has pointed out to this effect very correctly: -

'A tongue is but three inches long yet it can kill a man six feet high.'

The man who speaks sweet words is liked by one and all in the world. And he who speaks harsh words, speaks harsh words, speaks unthoughtfully, invites troubles and is most disliked generally. He has to repent ultimately.

There are quarrels in a family generated by the wrong use of tongue only and such quarrels take long period to heal.