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PROPOSAL FOR GHANSHYAM MAHARAJ'S MARRIAGE

Once *Suvasini bhabhie* thought that time was now right for *Ghanshyam* to be engaged for His marriage. She then put the suggestion forward to *Ghanshyam Maharaj's* brother (*Rampratapbhai*). Her husband agreed with her suggestion. At that very moment, *Rampratapji* wrote and sent the letter to ***Nihal Mishra*** of ***Khambhariya village***, inviting him, and his daughter to their house.

As soon as *Nihalji* received the letter, he made his way to Ayodhya with his daughter ***Chandrakalaa***. *Ghanshyam* was surprised to see the visitors. So he just left home immediately, and did not turn up for lunch.

Ghanshyam then returned home in the evening, and everyone was relieved. *Suvasini bhabhie* heated the food, and was serving *Ghanshyam*. *Ghanshyam* was physically there, but his mind was else where. He had 1-2 bites and said, "*Bhabhie* this is your last meal that I am ever going to have."

Bhabhie started laughing and thought that *Ghanshyam* was saying about having the last meal because he was shy. *Ghanshyam* did not want to get married nor get into the grahasth ashram. Instead he had manifested on this planet to redeem souls. But, he thought how could I explain this to *bhabhie*? He simply, washed his hands, and proceeded towards His room.

Rampratapbhai followed him in His room, and tried to convince him to get married, and meet *Nihalji*. But *Ghanshyam* kept on saying no. *Rampratapji* said, "*Ghanshyam* listen to me, you are young and that is why you are speaking from ignorance. Oh *Ghanshyam* it is very rare to find such a kind of good and noble family. Please try and understand."

Ghanshyam said, "No! brother, I am not talking from ignorance. I am telling you the truth, the reason I have come here is not to materialise, and my work is to save all the souls from their worthless maya. *Rampratapbhai* thought, no point convincing Him today, may be I shall target Him tomorrow, and he left the room at that very point.

Ghanshyam was now left alone, and He thought that He should now start accomplishing His main aim, and redeem all the souls from the worthless maya they are attached to, and bless them with His divine abode (Akshardhaam).

Therefore; ***Ghanshyam Maharaj*** left home the next day ***early Friday morning*** and this was on ***samvat 1849 ashadh sud 10***. Thus, He was **11 years, 3 months and 1 day** old when He left home for van vichran.