



## S.K.S. SWAMINARAYAN TEMPLE (LONDON) – BAL YUVAK MANDAL

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### VASO GAAM'S JAMNAABAAI

Jamnaabai was the daughter of dadabhai, a staunch Bhramin devotee of Vaso village. Her devotion exceeded her father's devotion. Jamnaabai went into a samaadhi whenever she sang kirtans. Some people doubted her devotion and claimed that she was pretending. They told this to Dadabhai. But since himself he was a staunch devotee, he had full faith and confidence on her daughter. Therefore upon hearing people's talks he simply laughed.

Once some people came to stay at Dadabhai's house and were suspicious about Jamnaabai's devotion. All the guests said to Dadbhai that she should go into a trance (samaadhi) and ask Maharaj His prediction about the next monsoon. She slipped into a trance and went to Bhagwan Swaminarayan. Shriji Maharaj was in Gadhpur at that particular time. It was early morning time. Shriji Maharaj had just taken bath and was drying Himself up.

Jamnaa bowed to Shriji Maharaj and asked, "Maharaj please tell me whether this monsoon is going to be a favourable one or not?" Shriji Maharaj put a conter question, "Why do you need to be worried for that?" Jamnaa said, "Maharaj I am least worried. I am asking on behalf of other people." Maharaj then replied, "Tell them that it will be good and favourable."

Jamnaa prayed to Swaminarayan Bhagwan just before she left to give her something as grace. Shriji Maharaj had just taken a bath. He had hardly anything to give her as grace. He had put on wet dhoti and was drying Himself up with a towel. Shriji Maharaj gave her the wet towel as a grace. Jamnaabai returned from the trance (samaadhi). When she opened her eyes, she saw a towel in her hand. Jamnaa told the people whatever had happened. Their doubts finally dried out. For those who were truly inquisitive among them, accepted Shriji Maharaj's grandeur and became devotees.

Jamnaabai had attained such a higher state through her devotion that she was able to reach out to Shriji Maharaj whenever she desired. She used to give a running commentary to other devotees about Shriji Maharaj like when He was in an assembly or He was on a holy visit at some devotee's house or enjoying food or was at rest. Such a divine and outstanding accomplishment was available to only a few devotees like Jamnaabai.

One more incident of lively competence to Jamnaabai is there. Once, some guests had come to her place for some social obligation. They heard about Jamnaabai's trance (samaadhi) and her live approach to Shriji Maharaj. They then reacted sharply and said, "This is all non sense! Such things cannot happen! We can believe if and only if we witness and experience it ourselves."



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They then suggested, “Jamnaa should prepare food and offer it to Bhagwan Shree Swaminarayan. We will only believe if we witness the Lord taking something from the dish.”

Jamnaa prepared the food and the dish was placed before the idol. She prayed to God, “Oh merciful God of mine! Please come and grace me.” Then she closed her eyes. Others were suspicious to see what would happen. They were not so blessed that God could give them darshan easily. But Jamnaabaai was a true and sincere devotee. He would surely do something to preserve and enhance self-esteem of His devotee Jamnaabaai. He finally showed His miracle and many different types of food disappeared from the dish. The jug of water also was halved. Finally, all the guests eyes finally openend as they witnessed the miracle of Shree Hari.

Shriji Maharaj blessed Jamnaa with a garland of flowers at that time keeping Himself unseen. But the garland was seen by others. Garland of God is not available to all. It is only available to those who are blessed by Purna Purshottam Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan.