

Whatever happens, happens for the good

We should always believe that even if events happen against our wishes, they are still the will of God and have happened for our betterment. A minister in the court of a king used to believe this. Once the king cut his finger and all his courtiers expressed their consolation. This minister, on the other hand, told the king that all of God's actions are for the betterment of people. This angered the king and he secretly decided to have the minister killed.

Later the king and his minister went to hunt in a forest. The king took the minister & ventured deep into the forest while leaving their other companions behind. After a while they felt thirsty and located a well. The king ordered his minister to draw water from the well for him. The minister drew some water and offered it to the king. After this when the minister proceeded to draw water for a second time the king tossed him into the well.

The king proceeded from that place but it was beginning to get dark and the king lost his way. He decided to tie horse to a tree and get some rest near a tribal village. As he was thinking about this he was suddenly surrounded by the sound of beating drums and captured by the tribe. They wanted to sacrifice the king to appease their deity. When they were about to do so, they were asked by their priest to inspect the King's body to ensure that all his body parts were intact. They noticed the cut on the King's finger and then the priest decreed that an injured human couldn't be sacrificed to their deity. As the result the king was let go.

The king reflected on this incident after being released and realized the truth in his minister's belief. He realized that having cut his finger actually saved his life. So, the king went to the well and rescued his minister. He apologized to the minister and informed him about his realization in the truth of the minister's statement. At the same time, the king expressed his doubt as it was obvious to him how having cut his finger had saved him from being sacrificed but it wasn't clear to him how being thrown into the well had benefited the minister. To this the minister replied that if they both had been together then the tribesmen would have sacrificed him instead since he did not have any injuries. That is why it is said -

"Ram jyon rakhe tyon rahiye.

Jo kuch kare bhala kar mano,

kabahun bura na kahiye"

(Live as Ram chooses to keep you. Take whatever he does as being done for good, never complain about it being bad)

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