

Bibi BASANT LATA KAUR Jee

When the Mogul forces laid siege around Sri Anandpur Sahib, some Singh Singhnia deserted Guru Sahib. Guru Gobind Singh Jee told Bibi Basant Lata Kaur Jee to leave the fort, as there would be terrible hardships in the coming months. However Bibi Jee refused, saying that she would not leave her Guru whatever the circumstances will be.

After some months of real difficulties, hunger and hardship of living, at the request of his Sikhs Guru Gobind Singh Jee decided to leave Sri Anandpur Sahib. Evading the Mogul forces, Guru Gobind Singh Jee and his Sikhs reached the river Sirsa. It was the winter months, and due to the cold weather and fast flowing river current, the Sikhs got scattered. Guru Gobind Singh Jee got separated from Mata Gujjer Kaur Jee, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Jee and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Jee. Bibi Basant Lata Kaur Jee was with Mata Gujjer Kaur Jee at this critical time, leading Mata Jee's horse through the River Sirsa. Mata Jee's horse led her to the other side of the river, but Bibi Basant Lata Kaur Jee got swept away by the cold but rapidly flowing river water. As the river carried her for some distance, she fell unconscious due to the horrendously cold water. Finally her body was washed up on the side of the riverbank.

A Mogul soldier, Samund Khan, seeing Bibi Basant Lata Kaur Jee unconscious, took advantage of her vulnerability and took her to his house. When she regained her consciousness, he asked her to accept Islam and become his wife. He said if she accepted his wishes, she would have all the fortune pleasures that she could ever dream of. Bibi Jee replied: "I could have left my Guru months ago and not had to endure such hardships at Sri Anandpur Sahib, I will never leave my Guru." Samund Khan was taken aback by Bibi Jee's response, but thought leaving her locked up and hungry in a cell for eight days would easily break her resolve.

Bibi Basant Lata Kaur Jee's health was already in a bad state, but throughout her stay in the cell, she resolved to make Gurbani as her moral support. She sat cross-legged on one spot, but with deep concentration and faith in Waheguru Jee, she did recitation of Sri Sukhmani Sahib for those eight days. No fear about the future could remove her concentration from Guru Sahib Jee and Gurbani. When Samund Khan came to Bibi Jee after eight days, her resolve was nowhere near broken. This left Samund Khan seething with anger. Evil thoughts crossed his mind. He started to move towards Bibi Jee. Bibi Jee realized the situation, and started praying to Kalgidhar Dasmesh Pita.

Samund Khan was saying in an antagonizing and sarcastic manner "what your Guru going to do for you now? Are you ready to accept Islam now?" Bibi Jee responded "My Guru is always with me, you cannot do anything to me." "Don't make false saying ... your Guru is nowhere to be seen," he said in a taunting manner, as he moved further towards Bibi Jee. Bibi Jee started to do Ardaas to Guru Sahib with even greater pyaar and faith. Suddenly, out of nowhere, Bibi Jee said "My Guru is here." Samund Khan was now within touching distance of Bibi Jee. He said, "I cannot see him ... you're imagining things." Bibi Jee said, "you will not be able to see him ... you're a sinful person, full of the five demons. Only those with high spirituality can see him. My Guru Jee is here with me."

At this instance, Samund Khan tried to move further towards Bibi Jee, yet his body had now frozen. Although he could see with his eyes and speak with his mouth, all his body's muscle had frozen, as if he was a statue. After a few moments, he was getting freaked out and became so scared that he realized if it continued he would not even breathe more. Bibi Jee had realized what her Guru Jee had done. She asked, "I thought you said my Guru would not save me? I thought you said he was not here?"

After a few minutes of being frozen like a statue, he started begging Bibi Jee to do Ardaas to unfreeze him. Bibi Jee said that her Ardaas would only happen if Samund Khan promised to be a decent God-fearing person. Samund Khan readily agreed. Bibi Jee did her Ardaas, and Guru Gobind Singh Jee unfroze the Mogul soldier. For the following few weeks, having seen the spirituality, faith and Gursikhi life of Bibi Basant Lata Kaur Jee, he served Bibi Jee very well whilst Bibi Jee continued doing her Bhagti. He then took Bibi Jee personally to town of Dina Kangoor to re-unite Bibi Jee with Guru Gobind Singh Jee's Singh Singhnia.

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