

SINGH - THE LION

KIRAT

It was 30 minutes to Amrit Vela; my mother as usual woke me up. She said that, "The best time of the day is here, let's start our day by remembering the almighty Waheguru, chanting his name and thanking him for the night that has passed and the day that is in front of us." I along with my father, mother and little brother did the Nitnem and remembered him in all grace.

Waheguru blessed me with a superpower that made me understand the animals and how to converse with them.

One day, our school planned a trip to a zoo and all the children were really excited. I thanked Guru Ji for this opportunity and all of us went to the zoo.

NARRATOR

All these children little children went to the zoo and enjoyed themselves while Kirat was able to use her blessed power and could converse with the lovely creatures of what Waheguru can make.

GRATITUDE MONKEY

We are grateful to God, for we are saved from that terrible jungle where that proud lion lives. Here, we receive all sorts of foods and we can play safely here with our little ones.

KIRAT

Wait, which lion are you talking about? Which jungle?

GRATITUDE MONKEY

The Dusht jungle, all animals there, are fearful as they don't do simran and are under constant terror of the ferocious lion, Ahankar Singh. Go to Vivek - the Elephant, he will tell you more.

KIRAT (WHILE STANDING IN FRONT OF VIVEK ELEPHANT)

Waheguru Ji ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji ki Fateh!

VIVEK THE ELEPHANT (IN UNISON)

Waheguru Ji ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji ki Fateh!

Tell me Gurmukh, How can I help you?

KIRAT

I want to know more about the Dusht jungle and Ahankar Singh, the lion.

VIVEK THE ELEPHANT

Ahankar Singh, the name says it all. He is blinded by his ego and considers himself as the king of this universe.

KIRAT

I will go to him and show him the path of the lord. There is no force stronger in world than the love for the name of the Lord.

VIVEK THE ELEPHANT

You can't go alone; he will lure your mind and make you fearful. Take me with you.

KIRAT

Why do you fear Vivek? I have full faith in the Naam and have been graced upon to talk with you all.

VIVEK THE ELEPHANT

I appreciate your confidence. I still want to go along with you just to witness the power of the Naam.

KIRAT

Of course, you can come along.

VIVEK THE ELEPHANT

That's great. I know gratitude monkey will also want to come along so I will just talk to him and get ready for this adventure.

NARRATOR

All three of them; Kirat, Gratitude monkey and Vivek the elephant head towards the dusht jungle that same day.

(IN THE JUNGLE)

GRATITUDE MONKEY

I am thankful to the Lord for giving me this wonderful opportunity to help Kirat and Vivek to cure the lion, Ahankaar Singh of his ego.

VIVEK THE ELEPHANT

Let's be careful from now on, Ahankaar Singh, would be on the round to search for the food. Keep reciting the almighty's name and don't be fearful, for he can smell the fear.

KIRAT (IN A LOUD AND PASSIONATE VOICE)

AHANKAAR SINGH! AHANKAR SINGH! Where are you?

NARRATOR

There was a small rattling sound behind the bushes. **rattle sound**

KIRAT

Who is there? Don't be afraid.

Waheguru Ji ka Khalsa! Waheguru Ji ki Fateh!

NARRATOR

A rattling snake comes out of those bushes. His name was Fearful Snake.

FEARFUL SNAKE

Please return back to your home. **sss** I am afraid that Ahankaar Singh will hear you **sss**.

KIRAT

With the name of Waheguru, I am free from all my fears.

FEARFUL SNAKE

Wow! Such words, such grace touched my soul. **sss** I am still a little bit afraid; Ahankaar Singh is very strong and egoistic. **sss**

KIRAT

I have a remedy for your fear, just keep chanting, "Satnam, Shri Waheguru". Thank you for warning me.

FEARFUL SNAKE

I hope that you succeed. **sss** I wish to come along but my fear isn't allowing me to. **sss**

I will start the chanting now. **sss**

NARRATOR

Kirat along with gratitude monkey and Vivek the elephant again started shouting Ahankaar Singh's name

AHANKAAR SINGH THE LION

Who dared to call me by my name and not , "Your Majesty"?

KIRAT

It was me. I am Kirat, I have been blessed by the almighty with a power to communicate with you.

AHANKAAR SINGH THE LION

I am not in a mood to talk. I can eat you though.

NARRATOR

Listening to this fear entered into the mind of Vivek the Elephant.

VIVEK THE ELEPHANT

Kirat, let's get out of here. Otherwise, we all will be eaten by him.

GRATITUDE MONKEY

Thankfully, fear hasn't entered my mind. I am filled with confidence and compassion for this poor lion. Vivek, please chant the Lord's name and your mind will settle.

VIVEK THE ELEPHANT

Waheguru! Waheguru! Waheguru!

Thank you, Gratitude monkey, I am feeling confident now.

AHANKAAR SINGH THE LION

You foolish monkey, you called me poor?

KIRAT

Yes, you are a poor soul trapped under your ahankaar.

AHANKAAR SINGH THE LION

Ahankaar? I am the king of this universe. Even if you can talk to me, you won't be able to reach my level. After all, I am a lion and you are a human.

KIRAT

But, God is so graceful. He will forgive you and take you under his shelter. I can feel the pain buried inside of you, knowing that, no one will ever talk to you because they are so afraid of you. Deep inside, you wish to talk and spend time with the fellow animals in the jungle but your ego stops you to do so.

Surrender your "mai" in Guru Sharan and then see the blessings of the Almighty.

AHANKAAR SINGH THE LION

I am happy that animals are afraid of me. I have made it the dusht jungle and I am the king of it.

No one ever returns from this jungle and so won't you! Hahahahaha!

rattle sound starts coming from the bushes

NARRATOR

The fearful snake enters but something was changed about him. He wasn't fearful anymore.

FEARLESS SNAKE

Ahankaar Singh, I request you to give up your ahankaar.

AHANKAAR SINGH THE LION (IN A LOUD VOICE)

How dare you call me by my name? And you were the fearful snake. Whenever I was taking a round and saw you, you used to bow down your head with fear and turmoil.

FEARLESS SNAKE

I am not fearful snake anymore. **sss** I am a fearless snake now. **sss** Kirat told me to chant the Almighty's name and I did. **sss** Now, I am enlightened. I am not afraid of anyone. **sss**

On my way, I told all the animals present in the jungle to do Naam Jaap and your fear will vanish.

Waheguru Chanting begins in all of the jungle

NARRATOR

Listening to the Naam being chanted in Unison in all of the jungle, Ahankaar Singh couldn't help but chant the Naam.

SINGH THE LION (IN A HIGH PITCHED CRYING VOICE)

I have tortured the animals living in this jungle for a long time. I wanted them to be afraid of me and respect me. I realized that respect can only be earned not forced. Listening to Naam, all the dirt of my mind has been removed and I wish to serve and protect the animals of this jungle for the rest of my life.

KIRAT

I knew that, you will be freed from your ego once you heard the True Naam.

SINGH THE LION

I am now free of my ahankaar. Call me by name, Singh the Lion.

GRATITUDE MONKEY

I am grateful to the Lord for this blessed day and saving Singh the lion from his ahankaar.

VIVEK THE ELEPHANT

Not only you, Gratitude monkey. We all are grateful to the Lord for making it happen with the help of Kirat.

KIRAT

The Name of the Lord has all the virtues in it. Chanting it, one is assured to be enlightened and thereafter live a soothing life.

NARRATOR

The dusht jungle was now renamed to the humble jungle and all the animals lived happily together chanting the Naam daily, savoring it with their tongues; they were living a peaceful life.

WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA**WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH**