

## english solution chapter 3 SAINT KABIR

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A. Let's Answer :

**Q.1. Who was Kabir ? What did he think about caste system and division of mankind? Do you agree with his view ? Give reasons.**

**Ans.** Kabir was a saint poet. He hated caste system and division of mankind on the basis and sect. I agree with his view, because caste system and division of mankind ultimately divided our society. Such a scene promises only violence which is against progress and prosperity.

**Q.2. Why did orthodox Hindu priests and Maulavis hate Kabir ?**

**Ans.** They hated Kabir because he presented the common masses against them. Kabir used to expose their weakness and rejected their authority and their traditional scriptures. Kabir stood against the prevailing superstitious beliefs and rituals of both the Hindus and the Muslims and also exposed their apparent contradictions in their conduct. She they both hated Kabir.

**Q.3. What did Kabir preach ? To whom did he appeal ?**

**Ans.** Kabir preached unity of men , non – violence, love, compassion, tolerance, turth and belief in one God. He appealed to the non – literate masses.

**Q.4. What happened with Kabir's body after his death ?**

**Ans.** Both, Hindus and Muslims claimed his body but when the shroud was removed, there was nobody expect bunches of flowers. These were shared by both the communities, each used to flowers according to their desires.

**Q.5. Why is Kabir remembered even today ?**

**Ans.** Kabir's message are immortal so he is remembered even today. His message of equality, love, communal amity and brotherhood without distinction on the basis of caste, creed and religion remains the beacon light for us.

**Q.6. What kind of social order did Kabir want to bring about ?**

**Ans.** Kabir wanted love, compassion and brotherhood to flourish in society. He wanted to wipe out the evils in society and bring a new Social order and authentic religion which would be based on equality and brotherhood.

**Q.7. What do you mean by tolerance ? What did Kabir say in this connection ?**

**Ans.** With the word ' tolerance ' I mean complete non – violence, love and understanding. In this connection Kabir had said that one should give flowers in return to those who give pain and sorrow.

**Q.8. Summarise in your own words Kabir's teachings. How far are they relevant in the contemporary society ?**

**Ans.** Kabir's teachings are like the beacon light for us. They are still relevant in the contemporary society. Our society is facing erosion of ethical and spiritual values. Tension, frustration and violence are ruling in our society as order of the day. In such an ugly situation I remember and salute Kabir's teachings as light of hope in the darkness of our dying society. Equality, love, compassion, communal amity and brotherhood without distinction on the basis of caste, creed and religion. These are Kabir's teachings. A new social order should emerge and authentic religion based on equality and brotherhood, should come up to give our life a new real meaning.

B. Let's Discuss

**Q.a. The essence of religion lies in love and forgiveness.**

**Ans.** Its true essence of religion lies in love and forgiveness. Love and forgiveness have power to change a person completely. Love and forgiveness have the power to change a person completely. This is why all religions teach us to love the mankind and to be ready to forgive the wrong doers.