

9th english solution Chapter 7 SAINT RAVIDAS

A. Let's Answer :

Q.1. Describe in your own the procession to Banaras from chifoor.

Ans. A great procession was moving towards Banaras from chifoor with lavish pomp and show . Elephants were equipped with trappings, soldiers were many kinds of furits. The procession was very impressive which reached to the small hut where lived saint of saints Guru Ravindas.

Q.2. Why did the pandits of Kashi oppose Ravidas ?

Ans. The pandits of Kashi opposed Ravidas because belonging to an untouchable caste – cobbler , he began to worship God .

Q.3. How did Ravidas become a great religious Guru? Who were his disciples ?

Ans. Ravidas preached and preached and practised for over hundred years to reform society, to eradicate caste distributions, Ignorance and prejudices. He waged a relentless war against caste and casteism. He taught that men and women are equal. For he received and revamped the spirit of the people , by his teaching and sermon's , he became a great religious Guru. Among his many disciples were- poetess Mirabai Rani Jhali and many rich and aristocrat persons including of the royal household.

Q.4. what was the teaching of saint Ravidas about untouchable ? Was he satisfied by their condition ?

Ans. Saint Ravidas's teaching about untouchable was that, he who worship God becomes a man of God. High and low Castes are meaningless and absurd. All men and women of the earth are equal and so there is nobody as untouchable. All are equal and there is only universal man enjoying the furits of equality, fraternity and spiritual attainments.

Q.5. Mention the incident from the text which proves that Ravidas did not prefer money ?

Ans. A devotee of Saint Ravidas gave him the alchemy which could change any metal into gold. But he never touched it and returned it back to him. He said that the alchemy was, ' Ram Nam ' and the goodness of man high or low.

Q.6. Describe the contributions of Saint Ravidas to the Society.

Ans. Saint Ravidas revived and revamped the spirits of people by his teachings , exhortations and struggles. He brought self- respect and prestige to the humblest , lowliest and the lost the untouchable and the weak ones. He spread the message of equality of men and women. He castigated the evils of untouchability. He worked hard for the upliftment of the depressed classes and the backward sections free from casteism, orthodox and ignorance through godliness and passive assertion and preachings. For his great deeds even today he is adored and worshipped by millions in the country even after more than six centuries.

B. Let's Discuss :

Q.a. Sincerity and commitment have their own rewards.

Ans. Sincerity and commitment are great virtues. Those who are sincere and lives with some positive commitment are loved and respected by all. we have been people in society, transforming into great personalities following the path of sincerity and commitment. Sincerity and commitment towards society made Mohandas karamchand Gandhi the greatest man of the world of his times, who still shines as the same in the heart of millions of people of not only in our country, but also all over the world. Guru Ravidas, Meera, Guru Nanak, Gautam Buddha, Kabir, Einstein and there is a long list of such people in this regard. Thus, it is rightly said that, sincerity and commitment have their own rewards.

Q.b. Untouchability is a social curse .

Ans. Really, Untouchability is a social curse. God didn't made anybody untouchable. All men and women are God's child. He loves them all. He didn't made any distinction between them. It's human who made division among people and announced some people as untouchables. This kind of differentiation divided our society and help foreign invaders to divide our country . Our country has faced foreign slavery for centuries for such kind of divisions in our society. At least now, our society should beware of such curse.