

ਭੈਰਉ ਮਹਲਾ ੫ ॥

Bhairao, Fifth Mehl:

ਨਿਕਟਿ ਬੁਝੈ ਸੋ ਬੁਰਾ ਕਿਉ ਕਰੈ ॥

How can anyone do evil, if he realizes that the Lord is near?

ਬਿਖੁ ਸੰਚੈ ਨਿਤ ਡਰਤਾ ਫਿਰੈ ॥

One who gathers corruption, constantly feels fear.

ਹੈ ਨਿਕਟੇ ਅਰੁ ਭੇਦੁ ਨ ਪਾਇਆ ॥

He is near, but this mystery is not understood.

ਬਿਨੁ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਸਭ ਮੋਹੀ ਮਾਇਆ ॥੧॥

Without the True Guru, all are enticed by Maya. ||1||

ਨੇੜੈ ਨੇੜੈ ਸਭੁ ਕੋ ਕਹੈ ॥

Everyone says that He is near, near at hand.

ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਭੇਦੁ ਵਿਰਲਾ ਕੋ ਲਹੈ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

But rare is that person, who, as Gurmukh, understands this mystery.

||1||Pause||

ਨਿਕਟਿ ਨ ਦੇਖੈ ਪਰ ਗ੍ਰਿਹਿ ਜਾਇ ॥

The mortal does not see the Lord near at hand; instead, he goes to the homes of others.

ਦਰਬੁ ਹਿਰੈ ਮਿਥਿਆ ਕਰਿ ਖਾਇ ॥

He steals their wealth and lives in falsehood.

ਪਈ ਠਗਉਰੀ ਹਰਿ ਸੰਗਿ ਨ ਜਾਨਿਆ ॥

Under the influence of the drug of illusion, he does not know that the Lord is with him.

ਬਾਝੁ ਗੁਰੂ ਹੈ ਭਰਮਿ ਭੁਲਾਨਿਆ ॥੨॥

Without the Guru, he is confused and deluded by doubt. ||2||

ਨਿਕਟਿ ਨ ਜਾਨੈ ਬੋਲੈ ਕੂੜੁ ॥

Not understanding that the Lord is near, he tells lies.

ਮਾਇਆ ਮੋਹਿ ਮੂਠਾ ਹੈ ਮੂੜੁ ॥

In love and attachment to Maya, the fool is plundered.

ਅੰਤਰਿ ਵਸਤੁ ਦਿਸੰਤਰਿ ਜਾਇ ॥

That which he seeks is within his own self, but he looks for it outside.

ਬਾਝੁ ਗੁਰੂ ਹੈ ਭਰਮਿ ਭੁਲਾਇ ॥੩॥

Without the Guru, he is confused and deluded by doubt. ||3||

ਜਿਸੁ ਮਸਤਕਿ ਕਰਮੁ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਲਿਲਾਟ ॥

One whose good karma is recorded on his forehead

ਸਤਿਗੁਰੁ ਸੇਵੇ ਖੁਲ੍ਹੇ ਕਪਾਟ ॥

serves the True Guru; thus the hard and heavy shutters of his mind are opened wide.

ਅੰਤਰਿ ਬਾਹਰਿ ਨਿਕਟੇ ਸੋਇ ॥

Within his own being and beyond, he sees the Lord near at hand.

ਜਨ ਨਾਨਕ ਆਵੈ ਨ ਜਾਵੈ ਕੋਇ ॥੪॥੩॥੧੬॥

O servant Nanak, he does not come and go in reincarnation. ||4||3||16||