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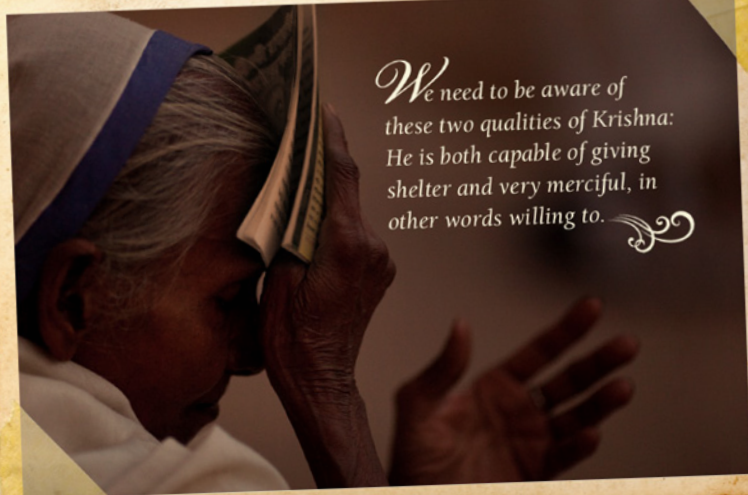
POWERFUL AND MERCIFUL KRISHNA

When Indra had flooded the entire region of Vrindavana with his rain storm and no dry place was left, all of Vraja was put into severe trouble. Krishna saw His dear devotees suffering and became very angry with Indra. He thought: „Let Me retaliate against this vengeance of Indra by destroying his entire heavenly kingdom.“

Now, who can stand up against the wrath of Krishna? When He was angry as Lord Nrisimhadeva, Hiranyakashipu and all of his armies were not even able to come close to Krishna, they were already afraid after hearing Him roar. So, when Krishna had made up His mind to destroy the entire heavenly kingdom, this was dangerous for the universe, but then Krishna changed His mind.

Because He is so powerful, He cannot be disturbed by anything we do. Even if we are Indra and act insanely and create such mischief, Krishna is supremely powerful. So, He changed His mind and thought: „Oh, this Indra is such a small firefly, he cannot do much, let Me be kind and merciful towards him, after all he just committed a foolish mistake.“ Then He chose to give His mercy to Indra and to be compassionate towards His friends.

I think this is very important. We are trying to take full shelter at Krishna's lotus feet and we need to be aware of these two qualities of His: He is both *capable* of giving shelter and very merciful, in other words *willing* to. Hare Krishna.



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