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Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 001

1364 : 1

I would cross the oceans, mountains, wilderness, forests and the nine regions of the earth in a single step, O Musan, for the Love of my Beloved. ||3||

1364 : 2

O Musan, the Light of the Lord's Love has spread across the sky;

1364 : 3

I cling to my Lord, like the bumble bee caught in the lotus flower. ||4||

1364 : 4

Chanting and intense meditation, austere self-discipline, pleasure and peace, honor, greatness and pride

1364 : 5

– O Musan, I would dedicate and sacrifice all these for a moment of my Lord's Love. ||5||

1364 : 6

O Musan, the world does not understand the Mystery of the Lord; it is dying and being plundered.

1364 : 7

It is not pierced through by the Love of the Beloved Lord; it is entangled in false pursuits. ||6||

1364 : 8

When someone's home and property are burnt, because of his attachment to them, he suffers in the sorrow of separation.

1364 : 9

O Musan, when mortals forget the Merciful Lord God, then they are truly plundered. ||7||

1364 : 10

Whoever enjoys the taste of the Lord's Love, remembers His Lotus Feet in his mind.

1364 : 11

O Nanak, the lovers of God do not go anywhere else. ||8||

1364 : 12

Climbing thousands of steep hillsides, the fickle mind becomes miserable.

1364 : 13

Look at the humble, lowly mud, O Jamaal: the beautiful lotus grows in it. ||9||

1364 : 14

My Lord has lotus–eyes; His Face is so beautifully adorned.

1364 : 15

O Musan, I am intoxicated with His Mystery. I break the necklace of pride into bits. ||10||

1364 : 16

I am intoxicated with the Love of my Husband Lord; remembering Him in meditation, I am not conscious of my own body.

1364 : 17

He is revealed in all His Glory, all throughout the world. Nanak is a lowly moth at His Flame. ||11||

1364 : 18

Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee:

1364 : 19

One Universal Creator God. By The Grace Of The True Guru:

1364 : 20

Kabeer, my rosary is my tongue, upon which the Lord's Name is strung.

1364 : 21

From the very beginning, and throughout the ages, all the devotees abide in tranquil peace. ||1||

1364 : 22

Kabeer, everyone laughs at my social class.

1364 : 23

I am a sacrifice to this social class, in which I chant and meditate on the Creator. ||2||

1364 : 24

Kabeer, why do you stumble? Why does your soul waver?

1364 : 25

He is the Lord of all comforts and peace; drink in the Sublime Essence of the Lord's Name. ||3||

1364 : 26

Kabeer, earrings made of gold and studded with jewels,

1364 : 27

look like burnt twigs, if the Name is not in the mind. ||4||

1364 : 28

Kabeer, rare is such a person, who remains dead while yet alive.

1364 : 29

Singing the Glorious Praises of the Lord, he is fearless. Wherever I look, the Lord is there. ||5||

1364 : 30

Kabeer, on the day when I die, afterwards there shall be bliss.

1364 : 31

I shall meet with my Lord God. Those with me shall meditate and vibrate on the Lord of the Universe. ||6||

1364 : 32

Kabeer, I am the worst of all. Everyone else is good.

1364 : 33

Whoever understands this is a friend of mine. ||7||

1364 : 34

Kabeer, she came to me in various forms and disguises.

1364 : 35

My Guru saved me, and now she bows humbly to me. ||8||

1364 : 36

Kabeer, kill only that, which, when killed, shall bring peace.

1364 : 37

Everyone shall call you good, very good, and no one shall think you are bad. ||9||

1364 : 38

Kabeer, the night is dark, and men go about doing their dark deeds.

— Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 001 —

Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 002

1365 : 39

They take the noose and run around; but rest assured that God shall destroy them. ||10||

1365 : 40

Kabeer, the sandalwood tree is good, even though it is surrounded by weeds.

1365 : 41

Those who dwell near the sandalwood tree, become just like the sandalwood tree. ||11||

1365 : 42

Kabeer, the bamboo is drowned in its egotistical pride. No one should drown like this.

1365 : 43

Bamboo also dwells near the sandalwood tree, but it does not take up its fragrance. ||12||

1365 : 44

Kabeer, the mortal loses his faith, for the sake of the world, but the world shall not go along with him in the end.

1365 : 45

The idiot strikes his own foot with the axe by his own hand. ||13||

1365 : 46

Kabeer, wherever I go, I see wonders everywhere.

1365 : 47

But without the devotees of the One Lord, it is all wilderness to me. ||14||

1365 : 48

Kabeer, the dwelling of the Saints is good; the dwelling of the unrighteous burns like an oven.

1365 : 49

Those mansions in which the Lord's Name is not chanted might just as well burn down. ||15||

1365 : 50

Kabeer, why cry at the death of a Saint? He is just going back to his home.

1365 : 51

Cry for the wretched, faithless cynic, who is sold from store to store. ||16||

1365 : 52

Kabeer, the faithless cynic is like a piece of garlic.

1365 : 53

Even if you eat it sitting in a corner, it becomes obvious to everyone. ||17||

1365 : 54

Kabeer, Maya is the butter–churn, and the breath is the churning–stick.

1365 : 55

The Saints eat the butter, while the world drinks the whey. ||18||

1365 : 56

Kabeer, Maya is the butter–churn; the breath flows like ice water.

1365 : 57

Whoever does the churning eats the butter; the others are just churning–sticks. ||19||

1365 : 58

Kabeer, Maya is the thief, which breaks in and plunders the store.

1365 : 59

Only Kabeer is not plundered; he has cut her into twelve pieces. ||20||

1365 : 60

Kabeer, peace does not come in this world by making lots of friends.

1365 : 61

Those who keep their consciousness focused on the One Lord shall find eternal peace.
||21||

1365 : 62

Kabeer, the world is afraid of death – that death fills my mind with bliss.

1365 : 63

It is only by death that perfect, supreme bliss is obtained. ||22||

1365 : 64

The Treasure of the Lord is obtained, O Kabeer, but do not undo its knot.

1365 : 65

There is no market to sell it, no appraiser, no customer, and no price. ||23||

1365 : 66

Kabeer, be in love with only that one, whose Master is the Lord.

1365 : 67

The Pandits, the religious scholars, kings and landlords – what good is love for them? ||24||

1365 : 68

Kabeer, when you are in love with the One Lord, duality and alienation depart.

1365 : 69

You may have long hair, or you may shave your head bald. ||25||

1365 : 70

Kabeer, the world is a room filled with black soot; the blind fall into its trap.

1365 : 71

I am a sacrifice to those who are thrown in, and still escape. ||26||

1365 : 72

Kabeer, this body shall perish; save it, if you can.

1365 : 73

Even those who have tens of thousands and millions, must depart bare-footed in the end.
||27||

1365 : 74

Kabeer, this body shall perish; place it on the path.

1365 : 75

Either join the Saadh Sangat, the Company of the Holy, or sing the Glorious Praises of the Lord. ||28||

1365 : 76

Kabeer, dying, dying, the whole world has to die, and yet, none know how to die.

-- Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 002 --

Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 003

1366 : 77

Let those who die, die such a death, that they shall never have to die again. ||29||

1366 : 78

Kabeer, it is so difficult to obtain this human body; it does not just come over and over again.

1366 : 79

It is like the ripe fruit on the tree; when it falls to the ground, it cannot be re-attached to the branch. ||30||

1366 : 80

Kabeer, you are Kabeer; your name means great.

1366 : 81

O Lord, You are Kabeer. The Jewel of the Lord is obtained, when the mortal first gives up his body. ||31||

1366 : 82

Kabeer, do not struggle in stubborn pride; nothing happens just because you say so.

1366 : 83

No one can erase the actions of the Merciful Lord. ||32||

1366 : 84

Kabeer, no one who is false can withstand the Touchstone of the Lord.

1366 : 85

He alone can pass the test of the Lord's Touchstone, who remains dead while yet alive. ||33||

1366 : 86

Kabeer, some wear gaudy robes, and chew betel leaves and betel nuts.

1366 : 87

Without the Name of the One Lord, they are bound and gagged and taken to the City of Death. ||34||

1366 : 88

Kabeer, the boat is old, and it has thousands of holes.

1366 : 89

Those who are light get across, while those who carry the weight of their sins on their heads are drowned. ||35||

1366 : 90

Kabeer, the bones burn like wood, and the hair burns like straw.

1366 : 91

Seeing the world burning like this, Kabeer has become sad. ||36||

1366 : 92

Kabeer, do not be so proud of your bones wrapped up in skin.

1366 : 93

Those who were on their horses and under their canopies, were eventually buried under the ground. ||37||

1366 : 94

Kabeer, do not be so proud of your tall mansions.

1366 : 95

Today or tomorrow, you shall lie beneath the ground, and the grass shall grow above you. ||38||

1366 : 96

Kabeer, do not be so proud, and do not laugh at the poor.

1366 : 97

Your boat is still out at sea; who knows what will happen? ||39||

1366 : 98

Kabeer, do not be so proud, looking at your beautiful body.

1366 : 99

Today or tomorrow, you will have to leave it behind, like the snake shedding its skin. ||40||

1366 : 100

Kabeer, if you must rob and plunder, then plunder the plunder of the Lord's Name.

1366 : 101

Otherwise, in the world hereafter, you will regret and repent, when the breath of life leaves the body. ||41||

1366 : 102

Kabeer, there is no one born, who burns his own home,

1366 : 103

and burning his five sons, remains lovingly attuned to the Lord. ||42||

1366 : 104

Kabeer, how rare are those who sell their son and sell their daughter

1366 : 105

and, entering into partnership with Kabeer, deal with the Lord. ||43||

1366 : 106

Kabeer, let me remind you of this. Do not be skeptical or cynical.

1366 : 107

Those pleasures which you enjoyed so much in the past – now you must eat their fruits.
||44||

1366 : 108

Kabeer, at first, I thought learning was good; then I thought Yoga was better.

1366 : 109

I shall never abandon devotional worship of the Lord, even though people may slander me.
||45||

1366 : 110

Kabeer, how can the wretched people slander me? They have no wisdom or intelligence.

1366 : 111

Kabeer continues to dwell upon the Lord's Name; I have abandoned all other affairs. ||46||

1366 : 112

Kabeer, the robe of the stranger–soul has caught fire on all four sides.

1366 : 113

The cloth of the body has been burnt and reduced to charcoal, but the fire did not touch the thread of the soul. ||47||

1366 : 114

Kabeer, the cloth has been burnt and reduced to charcoal, and the begging bowl is shattered into pieces.

1366 : 115

The poor Yogi has played out his game; only ashes remain on his seat. ||48||

-- Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 003 --

Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 004

1367 : 116

Kabeer, the fish is in the shallow water; the fisherman has cast his net.

1367 : 117

You shall not escape this little pool; think about returning to the ocean. ||49||

1367 : 118

Kabeer, do not leave the ocean, even if it is very salty.

1367 : 119

If you poke around searching from puddle to puddle, no one will call you smart. ||50||

1367 : 120

Kabeer, those who have no guru are washed away. No one can help them.

1367 : 121

Be meek and humble; whatever happens is what the Creator Lord does. ||51||

1367 : 122

Kabeer, even the dog of a devotee is good, while the mother of the faithless cynic is bad.

1367 : 123

The dog hears the Praises of the Lord's Name, while the other is engaged in sin. ||52||

1367 : 124

Kabeer, the deer is weak, and the pool is lush with green vegetation.

1367 : 125

Thousands of hunters are chasing after the soul; how long can it escape death? ||53||

1367 : 126

Kabeer, some make their homes on the banks of the Ganges, and drink pure water.

1367 : 127

Without devotional worship of the Lord, they are not liberated. Kabeer proclaims this. ||54||

1367 : 128

Kabeer, my mind has become immaculate, like the waters of the Ganges.

1367 : 129

The Lord follows after me, calling, "Kabeer! Kabeer!"||55||

1367 : 130

Kabeer, tumeric is yellow, and lime is white.

1367 : 131

You shall meet the Beloved Lord, only when both colors are lost. ||56||

1367 : 132

Kabeer, tumeric has lost its yellow color, and no trace of lime's whiteness remains.

1367 : 133

I am a sacrifice to this love, by which social class and status, color and ancestry are taken away. ||57||

1367 : 134

Kabeer, the door of liberation is very narrow, less than the width of a mustard seed.

1367 : 135

Your mind is larger than an elephant; how will it pass through? ||58||

1367 : 136

Kabeer, if I meet such a True Guru, who mercifully blesses me with the gift,

1367 : 137

then the door of liberation will open wide for me, and I will easily pass through. ||59||

1367 : 138

Kabeer, I have no hut or hovel, no house or village.

1367 : 139

I hope that the Lord will not ask who I am. I have no social status or name. ||60||

1367 : 140

Kabeer, I long to die; let me die at the Lord's Door.

1367 : 141

I hope that the Lord does not ask, "Who is this, lying at my door?"||61||

1367 : 142

Kabeer, I have not done anything; I shall not do anything; my body cannot do anything.

1367 : 143

I do not know what the Lord has done, but the call has gone out: "Kabeer, Kabeer."||62||

1367 : 144

Kabeer, if someone utters the Name of the Lord even in dreams,

1367 : 145

I would make my skin into shoes for his feet. ||63||

1367 : 146

Kabeer, we are puppets of clay, but we take the name of mankind.

1367 : 147

We are guests here for only a few days, but we take up so much space. ||64||

1367 : 148

Kabeer, I have made myself into henna, and I grind myself into powder.

1367 : 149

But You, O my Husband Lord, have not asked about me; You have never applied me to Your Feet. ||65||

1367 : 150

Kabeer, that door, through which people never stop coming and going

1367 : 151

– how can I leave such a door as that? ||66||

1367 : 152

Kabeer, I was drowning, but the waves of virtue saved me in an instant.

– Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 004 –

Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 005

1368 : 153

When I saw that my boat was rotten, then I immediately got out. ||67||

1368 : 154

Kabeer, the sinner does not like devotion to the Lord; he does not appreciate worship.

1368 : 155

The fly abandons the sandalwood tree, and goes after the rotten smell. ||68||

1368 : 156

Kabeer, the physician is dead, and the patient is dead; the whole world is dead.

1368 : 157

Only Kabeer is not dead; there is no one to mourn for him. ||69||

1368 : 158

Kabeer, I have not meditated on the Lord; such is the bad habit I have developed.

1368 : 159

The body is a wooden pot; it cannot be put back on the fire. ||70||

1368 : 160

Kabeer, it came to pass, that I did whatever I pleased.

1368 : 161

Why should I be afraid of death? I have invited death for myself. ||71||

1368 : 162

Kabeer, the mortals suck at the sugar cane, for the sake of the sweet juice. They should work just as hard for virtue.

1368 : 163

The person who lacks virtue – no one calls him good. ||72||

1368 : 164

Kabeer, the pitcher is full of water; it will break, today or tomorrow.

1368 : 165

Those who do not remember their Guru, shall be plundered on the way. ||73||

1368 : 166

Kabeer, I am the Lord's dog; Moti is my name.

1368 : 167

There is a chain around my neck; wherever I am pulled, I go. ||74||

1368 : 168

Kabeer, why do you show other people your rosary beads?

1368 : 169

You do not remember the Lord in your heart, so what use is this rosary to you? ||75||

1368 : 170

Kabeer, the snake of separation from the Lord abides within my mind; it does not respond to any mantra.

1368 : 171

One who is separated from the Lord does not live; if he does live, he goes insane. ||76||

1368 : 172

Kabeer, the philosopher's stone and sandalwood oil have the same good quality.

1368 : 173

Whatever comes into contact with them is uplifted. Iron is transformed into gold, and ordinary wood becomes fragrant. ||77||

1368 : 174

Kabeer, Death's club is terrible; it cannot be endured.

1368 : 175

I have met with the holy man; he has attached me to the hem of his robe. ||78||

1368 : 176

Kabeer, the physician says that he alone is good, and all the medicine is under his control.

1368 : 177

But these things belong to the Lord; He takes them away whenever He wishes. ||79||

1368 : 178

Kabeer, take your drum and beat it for ten days.

1368 : 179

Life is like people meeting on a boat on a river; they shall not meet again. ||80||

1368 : 180

Kabeer, if I could change the seven seas into ink and make all the vegetation my pen,

1368 : 181

and the earth my paper, even then, I could not write the Praises of the Lord. ||81||

1368 : 182

Kabeer, what can my lowly status as a weaver do to me? The Lord dwells in my heart.

1368 : 183

Kabeer, the Lord hugs me close in His Embrace; I have forsaken all my entanglements. ||82||

1368 : 184

Kabeer, will anyone set fire to his home

1368 : 185

and kill his five sons (the five thieves) to remain lovingly attached to the Lord? ||83||

1368 : 186

Kabeer, will anyone burn his own body?

1368 : 187

The people are blind – they do not know, although Kabeer continues to shout at them. ||84||

1368 : 188

Kabeer, the widow mounts the funeral pyre and cries out, "Listen, O brother funeral pyre.

1368 : 189

All people must depart in the end; it is only you and I."||85||

— Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 005 —

Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 006

1369 : 190

Kabeer, the mind has become a bird; it soars and flies in the ten directions.

1369 : 191

According to the company it keeps, so are the fruits it eats. ||86||

1369 : 192

Kabeer, you have found that place which you were seeking.

1369 : 193

You have become that which you thought was separate from yourself. ||87||

1369 : 194

Kabeer, I have been ruined and destroyed by bad company, like the banana plant near the thorn bush.

1369 : 195

The thorn bush waves in the wind, and pierces the banana plant; see this, and do not associate with the faithless cynics. ||88||

1369 : 196

Kabeer, the mortal wants to walk on the path, carrying the load of others' sins on his head.

1369 : 197

He is not afraid of his own load of sins; the road ahead shall be difficult and treacherous. ||89||

1369 : 198

Kabeer, the forest is burning; the tree standing in it is crying out,

1369 : 199

"Do not let me fall into the hands of the blacksmith, who would burn me a second time."||90||

1369 : 200

Kabeer, when one died, two were dead. When two died, four were dead.

1369 : 201

When four died, six were dead, four males and two females. ||91||

1369 : 202

Kabeer, I have seen and observed, and searched all over the world, but I have found no place of rest anywhere.

1369 : 203

Those who do not remember the Lord's Name – why do they delude themselves in other pursuits? ||92||

1369 : 204

Kabeer, associate with the Holy people, who will take you to Nirvaanaa in the end.

1369 : 205

Do not associate with the faithless cynics; they would bring you to ruin. ||93||

1369 : 206

Kabeer, I contemplate the Lord in the world; I know that He is permeating the world.

1369 : 207

Those who do not contemplate the Name of the Lord – their birth into this world is useless. ||94||

1369 : 208

Kabeer, place your hopes in the Lord; other hopes lead to despair.

1369 : 209

Those who dissociate themselves from the Lord's Name – when they fall into hell, then they will appreciate its value. ||95||

1369 : 210

Kabeer has made many students and disciples, but he has not made God his friend.

1369 : 211

He set out on a journey to meet the Lord, but his consciousness failed him half-way. ||96||

1369 : 212

Kabeer, what can the poor creature do, if the Lord does not give him assistance?

1369 : 213

Whatever branch he steps on breaks and collapses. ||97||

1369 : 214

Kabeer, those who only preach to others – sand falls into their mouths.

1369 : 215

They keep their eyes on the property of others, while their own farm is being eaten up. ||98||

1369 : 216

Kabeer, I will remain in the Saadh Sangat, the Company of the Holy, even if I have only coarse bread to eat.

1369 : 217

Whatever will be, will be. I will not associate with the faithless cynics. ||99||

1369 : 218

Kabeer, in the Saadh Sangat, love for the Lord doubles day by day.

1369 : 219

The faithless cynic is like a black blanket, which does not become white by being washed.
||100||

1369 : 220

Kabeer, you have not shaved your mind, so why do you shave your head?

1369 : 221

Whatever is done, is done by the mind; it is useless to shave your head. ||101||

1369 : 222

Kabeer, do not abandon the Lord; your body and wealth shall go, so let them go.

1369 : 223

My consciousness is pierced by the Lord's Lotus Feet; I am absorbed in the Name of the Lord. ||102||

1369 : 224

Kabeer, all the strings of the instrument I played are broken.

1369 : 225

What can the poor instrument do, when the player has departed as well. ||103||

1369 : 226

Kabeer, shave the mother of that guru, who does not take away one's doubt.

-- Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 006 --

Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 007

1370 : 227

He himself is drowning in the four Vedas; he drowns his disciples as well. ||104||

1370 : 228

Kabeer, whatever sins the mortal has committed, he tries to keep hidden under cover.

1370 : 229

But in the end, they shall all be revealed, when the Righteous Judge of Dharma investigates. ||105||

1370 : 230

Kabeer, you have given up meditating on the Lord, and you have raised a large family.

1370 : 231

You continue to involve yourself in worldly affairs, but none of your brothers and relatives remain. ||106||

1370 : 232

Kabeer, those who give up meditation on the Lord, and get up at night to wake the spirits of the dead,

1370 : 233

shall be reincarnated as snakes, and eat their own offspring. ||107||

1370 : 234

Kabeer, the woman who gives up meditation on the Lord, and observes the ritual fast of Ahoi,

1370 : 235

shall be reincarnated as a donkey, to carry heavy burdens. ||108||

1370 : 236

Kabeer, it is the most clever wisdom, to chant and meditate on the Lord in the heart.

1370 : 237

It is like playing on a pig; if you fall off, you will find no place of rest. ||109||

1370 : 238

Kabeer, blessed is that mouth, which utters the Lord's Name.

1370 : 239

It purifies the body, and the whole village as well. ||110||

1370 : 240

Kabeer, that family is good, in which the Lord's slave is born.

1370 : 241

But that family in which the Lord's slave is not born is as useless as weeds. ||111||

1370 : 242

Kabeer, some have lots of horses, elephants and carriages, and thousands of banners waving.

1370 : 243

But begging is better than these comforts, if one spends his days meditating in remembrance on the Lord. ||112||

1370 : 244

Kabeer, I have wandered all over the world, carrying the drum on my shoulder.

1370 : 245

No one belongs to anyone else; I have looked and carefully studied it. ||113||

1370 : 246

The pearls are scattered on the road; the blind man comes along.

1370 : 247

Without the Light of the Lord of the Universe, the world just passes them by. ||114||

1370 : 248

My family is drowned, O Kabeer, since the birth of my son Kamaal.

1370 : 249

He has given up meditating on the Lord, in order to bring home wealth. ||115||

1370 : 250

Kabeer, go out to meet the holy man; do not take anyone else with you.

1370 : 251

Do not turn back – keep on going. Whatever will be, will be. ||116||

1370 : 252

Kabeer, do not bind yourself with that chain, which binds the whole world.

1370 : 253

As the salt is lost in the flour, so shall your golden body be lost. ||117||

1370 : 254

Kabeer, the soul–swan is flying away, and the body is being buried, and still he makes gestures.

1370 : 255

Even then, the mortal does not give up the cruel look in his eyes. ||118||

1370 : 256

Kabeer: with my eyes, I see You, Lord; with my ears, I hear Your Name.

1370 : 257

With my tongue I chant Your Name; I enshrine Your Lotus Feet within my heart. ||119||

1370 : 258

Kabeer, I have been spared from heaven and hell, by the Grace of the True Guru.

1370 : 259

From beginning to end, I abide in the joy of the Lord's Lotus Feet. ||120||

1370 : 260

Kabeer, how can I even describe the extent of the joy of the Lord's Lotus Feet?

1370 : 261

I cannot describe its sublime glory; it has to be seen to be appreciated. ||121||

1370 : 262

Kabeer, how can I describe what I have seen? No one will believe my words.

1370 : 263

The Lord is just as He is. I dwell in delight, singing His Glorious Praises. ||122||

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Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 008

1371 : 264

Kabeer, the flamingo pecks and feeds, and remembers her chicks. She pecks and pecks and feeds, and remembers them always. Her chicks are very dear to her, just like the love of wealth and Maya is dear to the mortal's mind. ||123||

1371 : 265

Kabeer, the sky is overcast and cloudy; the ponds and lakes are overflowing with water.

1371 : 266

Like the rainbird, some remain thirsty – what is their condition? ||124||

1371 : 267

Kabeer, the chakvi duck is separated from her love through the night, but in the morning, she meets him again.

1371 : 268

Those who are separated from the Lord do not meet Him in the day, or in the night. ||125||

1371 : 269

Kabeer: O conch shell, remain in the ocean.

1371 : 270

If you are separated from it, you shall scream at sunrise from temple to temple. ||126||

1371 : 271

Kabeer, what are you doing sleeping? Wake up and cry in fear and pain.

1371 : 272

Those who live in the grave – how can they sleep in peace? ||127||

1371 : 273

Kabeer, what are you doing sleeping? Why not rise up and meditate on the Lord?

1371 : 274

One day you shall sleep with your legs outstretched. ||128||

1371 : 275

Kabeer, what are you doing sleeping? Wake up, and sit up.

1371 : 276

Attach yourself to the One, from whom you have been separated. ||129||

1371 : 277

Kabeer, do not leave the Society of the Saints; walk upon this Path.

1371 : 278

See them, and be sanctified; meet them, and chant the Name. ||130||

1371 : 279

Kabeer, do not associate with the faithless cynics; run far away from them.

1371 : 280

If you touch a vessel stained with soot, some of the soot will stick to you. ||131||

1371 : 281

Kabeer, you have not contemplated the Lord, and now old age has overtaken you.

1371 : 282

Now that the door of your mansion is on fire, what can you take out? ||132||

1371 : 283

Kabeer, the Creator does whatever He pleases.

1371 : 284

There is none other than Him; He alone is the Creator of all. ||133||

1371 : 285

Kabeer, the fruit trees are bearing fruit, and the mangoes are becoming ripe.

1371 : 286

They will reach the owner, only if the crows do not eat them first. ||134||

1371 : 287

Kabeer, some buy idols and worship them; in their stubborn-mindedness, they make pilgrimages to sacred shrines.

1371 : 288

They look at one another, and wear religious robes, but they are deluded and lost. ||135||

1371 : 289

Kabeer, someone sets up a stone idol and all the world worships it as the Lord.

1371 : 290

Those who hold to this belief will be drowned in the river of darkness. ||136||

1371 : 291

Kabeer, the paper is the prison, and the ink of rituals are the bars on the windows.

1371 : 292

The stone idols have drowned the world, and the Pandits, the religious scholars, have plundered it on the way. ||137||

1371 : 293

Kabeer, that which you have to do tomorrow – do it today instead; and that which you have to do now – do it immediately!

1371 : 294

Later on, you will not be able to do anything, when death hangs over your head. ||138||

1371 : 295

Kabeer, I have seen a person, who is as shiny as washed wax.

1371 : 296

He seems very clever and very virtuous, but in reality, he is without understanding, and corrupt. ||139||

1371 : 297

Kabeer, the Messenger of Death shall not compromise my understanding.

1371 : 298

I have meditated on the Lord, the Cherisher, who created this Messenger of Death. ||140||

1371 : 299

Kabeer, the Lord is like musk; all His slaves are like bumble bees.

— Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 008 —

Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 009

1372 : 300

The more Kabeer worships Him, the more the Lord abides within his mind. ||141||

1372 : 301

Kabeer, the mortal has fallen into the grip of family life, and the Lord has been set aside.

1372 : 302

The messengers of the Righteous Judge of Dharma descend upon the mortal, in the midst of all his pomp and ceremony. ||142||

1372 : 303

Kabeer, even a pig is better than the faithless cynic; at least the pig keeps the village clean.

1372 : 304

When the wretched, faithless cynic dies, no one even mentions his name. ||143||

1372 : 305

Kabeer, the mortal gathers wealth, shell by shell, accumulating thousands and millions.

1372 : 306

But when the time of his departure comes, he takes nothing at all with him. He is even stripped of his loin-cloth. ||144||

1372 : 307

Kabeer, what good is it to become a devotee of Vishnu, and wear four malas?

1372 : 308

On the outside, he may look like pure gold, but on the inside, he is stuffed with dust. ||145||

1372 : 309

Kabeer, let yourself be a pebble on the path; abandon your egotistical pride.

1372 : 310

Such a humble slave shall meet the Lord God. ||146||

1372 : 311

Kabeer, what good would it be, to be a pebble? It would only hurt the traveller on the path.

1372 : 312

Your slave, O Lord, is like the dust of the earth. ||147||

1372 : 313

Kabeer, what then, if one could become dust? It is blown up by the wind, and sticks to the body.

1372 : 314

The humble servant of the Lord should be like water, which cleans everything. ||148||

1372 : 315

Kabeer, what then, if one could become water? It becomes cold, then hot.

1372 : 316

The humble servant of the Lord should be just like the Lord. ||149||

1372 : 317

The banners wave above the lofty mansions, filled with gold and beautiful women.

1372 : 318

But better than these is dry bread, if one sings the Glorious Praises of the Lord in the

Society of the Saints. ||150||

1372 : 319

Kabeer, the wilderness is better than a city, if the Lord's devotees live there.

1372 : 320

Without my Beloved Lord, it is like the City of Death for me. ||151||

1372 : 321

Kabeer, between the Ganges and Jamunaa Rivers, on the shore of Celestial Silence,

1372 : 322

there, Kabeer has made his home. The silent sages and the humble servants of the Lord search for the way to get there. ||152||

1372 : 323

Kabeer, if the mortal continues to love the Lord in the end, as he pledged in the beginning,

1372 : 324

no poor diamond, not even millions of jewels, can equal him. ||153||

1372 : 325

Kabeer, I saw a strange and wonderful thing. A jewel was being sold in a store.

1372 : 326

Because there was no buyer, it was going in exchange for a shell. ||154||

1372 : 327

Kabeer, where there is spiritual wisdom, there is righteousness and Dharma. Where there is falsehood, there is sin.

1372 : 328

Where there is greed, there is death. Where there is forgiveness, there is God Himself.
||155||

1372 : 329

Kabeer, what good is it to give up Maya, if the mortal does not give up his pride?

1372 : 330

Even the silent sages and seers are destroyed by pride; pride eats up everything. ||156||

1372 : 331

Kabeer, the True Guru has met me; He aimed the Arrow of the Shabad at me.

1372 : 332

As soon as it struck me, I fell to the ground with a hole in my heart. ||157||

1372 : 333

Kabeer, what can the True Guru do, when His Sikhs are at fault?

1372 : 334

The blind do not take in any of His Teachings; it is as useless as blowing into bamboo.
||158||

1372 : 335

Kabeer, the wife of the king has all sorts of horses, elephants and carriages.

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Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 010

1373 : 336

But she is not equal to the water-carrier of the Lord's humble servant. ||159||

1373 : 337

Kabeer, why do you slander the wife of the king? Why do you honor the slave of the Lord?

1373 : 338

Because one combs her hair for corruption, while the other remembers the Name of the Lord. ||160||

1373 : 339

Kabeer, with the Support of the Lord's Pillar, I have become steady and stable.

1373 : 340

The True Guru has given me courage. Kabeer, I have purchased the diamond, on the banks of the Mansarovar Lake. ||161||

1373 : 341

Kabeer, the Lord is the Diamond, and the Lord's humble servant is the jeweller who has set up his shop.

1373 : 342

As soon as an appraiser is found, the price of the jewel is set. ||162||

1373 : 343

Kabeer, you remember the Lord in meditation, only when the need arises. You should remember Him all the time.

1373 : 344

You shall dwell in the city of immortality, and the Lord shall restore the wealth you lost.
||163||

1373 : 345

Kabeer, it is good to perform selfless service for two – the Saints and the Lord.

1373 : 346

The Lord is the Giver of liberation, and the Saint inspires us to chant the Naam. ||164||

1373 : 347

Kabeer, the crowds follow the path which the Pandits, the religious scholars, have taken.

1373 : 348

There is a difficult and treacherous cliff on that path to the Lord; Kabeer is climbing that cliff.
||165||

1373 : 349

Kabeer, the mortal dies of his worldly troubles and pain, after worrying about his family.

1373 : 350

Whose family is dishonored, when he is placed on the funeral pyre? ||166||

1373 : 351

Kabeer, you shall drown, you wretched being, from worrying about what other people think.

1373 : 352

You know that whatever happens to your neighbors, will also happen to you. ||167||

1373 : 353

Kabeer, even dry bread, made of various grains, is good.

1373 : 354

No one brags about it, throughout the vast country and great empire. ||168||

1373 : 355

Kabeer, those who brag, shall burn. Those who do not brag remain carefree.

1373 : 356

That humble being who does not brag, looks upon the gods and the poor alike. ||169||

1373 : 357

Kabeer, the pool is filled to overflowing, but no one can drink the water from it.

1373 : 358

By great good fortune, you have found it; drink it in handfuls, O Kabeer. ||170||

1373 : 359

Kabeer, just as the stars disappear at dawn, so shall this body disappear.

1373 : 360

Only the letters of God's Name do not disappear; Kabeer holds these tight. ||171||

1373 : 361

Kabeer, the wooden house is burning on all sides.

1373 : 362

The Pandits, the religious scholars, have been burnt to death, while the illiterate ones run to safety. ||172||

1373 : 363

Kabeer, give up your skepticism; let your papers float away.

1373 : 364

Find the essence of the letters of the alphabet, and focus your consciousness on the Lord.
||173||

1373 : 365

Kabeer, the Saint does not forsake his Saintly nature, even though he meets with millions of evil-doers.

1373 : 366

Even when sandalwood is surrounded by snakes, it does not give up its cooling fragrance.
||174||

1373 : 367

Kabeer, my mind is cooled and soothed; I have become God-conscious.

1373 : 368

The fire which has burnt the world is like water to the Lord's humble servant. ||175||

1373 : 369

Kabeer, no one knows the Play of the Creator Lord.

1373 : 370

Only the Lord Himself and the slaves at His Court understand it. ||176||

1373 : 371

Kabeer, it is good that I feel the Fear of God; I have forgotten everything else.

-- Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 010 --

Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 011

1374 : 372

The hail–stone has melted into water, and flowed into the ocean. ||177||

1374 : 373

Kabeer, the body is a pile of dust, collected and packed together.

1374 : 374

It is a show which lasts for only a few days, and then dust returns to dust. ||178||

1374 : 375

Kabeer, bodies are like the rising and setting of the sun and the moon.

1374 : 376

Without meeting the Guru, the Lord of the Universe, they are all reduced to dust again. ||179||

1374 : 377

Where the Fearless Lord is, there is no fear; where there is fear, the Lord is not there.

1374 : 378

Kabeer speaks after careful consideration; hear this, O Saints, in your minds. ||180||

1374 : 379

Kabeer, those who do not know anything, pass their lives in peaceful sleep.

1374 : 380

But I have understood the riddle; I am faced with all sorts of troubles. ||181||

1374 : 381

Kabeer, those who are beaten cry a lot; but the cries of the pain of separation are different.

1374 : 382

Struck by the Mystery of God, Kabeer remains silent. ||182||

1374 : 383

Kabeer, the stroke of a lance is easy to bear; it takes away the breath.

1374 : 384

But one who endures the stroke of the Word of the Shabad is the Guru, and I am his slave.
||183||

1374 : 385

Kabeer: O Mullah, why do you climb to the top of the minaret? The Lord is not hard of hearing.

1374 : 386

Look within your own heart for the One, for whose sake you shout your prayers. ||184||

1374 : 387

Why does the Shaykh bother to go on pilgrimage to Mecca, if he is not content with himself?

1374 : 388

Kabeer, one whose heart is not healthy and whole – how can he attain his Lord? ||185||

1374 : 389

Kabeer, worship the Lord Allah; meditating in remembrance on Him, troubles and pains depart.

1374 : 390

The Lord shall be revealed within your own heart, and the burning fire within shall be extinguished by His Name. ||186||

1374 : 391

Kabeer, to use force is tyranny, even if you call it legal.

1374 : 392

When your account is called for in the Court of the Lord, what will your condition be then? ||187||

1374 : 393

Kabeer, the dinner of beans and rice is excellent, if it is flavored with salt.

1374 : 394

Who would cut his throat, to have meat with his bread? ||188||

1374 : 395

Kabeer, one is known to have been touched by the Guru, only when his emotional attachment and physical illnesses are eradicated.

1374 : 396

He is not burned by pleasure or pain, and so he becomes the Lord Himself. ||189||

1374 : 397

Kabeer, it does make a difference, how you chant the Lord's Name, 'Raam'. This is something to consider.

1374 : 398

Everyone uses the same word for the son of Dasrath and the Wondrous Lord. ||190||

1374 : 399

Kabeer, use the word 'Raam', only to speak of the All-pervading Lord. You must make that distinction.

1374 : 400

One 'Raam' is pervading everywhere, while the other is contained only in himself. ||191||

1374 : 401

Kabeer, those houses in which neither the Holy nor the Lord are served

1374 : 402

– those houses are like cremation grounds; demons dwell within them. ||192||

1374 : 403

Kabeer, I have become mute, insane and deaf.

1374 : 404

I am crippled – the True Guru has pierced me with His Arrow. ||193||

1374 : 405

Kabeer, the True Guru, the Spiritual Warrior, has shot me with His Arrow.

1374 : 406

As soon as it struck me, I fell to the ground, with a hole in my heart. ||194||

1374 : 407

Kabeer, the pure drop of water falls from the sky, onto the dirty ground.

— Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 011 —

Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 012

1375 : 408

You must acknowledge this, that without the Sangat, the Holy Congregation, it turns into burnt ashes. ||195||

1375 : 409

Kabeer, the pure drop of water falls from the sky, and mixes with the dust.

1375 : 410

Millions of clever people may try, but they will fail – it cannot be made separate again. ||196||

1375 : 411

Kabeer, I was going on a pilgrimage to Mecca, and God met me on the way.

1375 : 412

He scolded me and asked, "Who told you that I am only there?" ||197||

1375 : 413

Kabeer, I went to Mecca – how many times, Kabeer?

1375 : 414

O Lord, what is the problem with me? You have not spoken to me with Your Mouth. ||198||

1375 : 415

Kabeer, they oppress living beings and kill them, and call it proper.

1375 : 416

When the Lord calls for their account, what will their condition be? ||199||

1375 : 417

Kabeer, it is tyranny to use force; the Lord shall call you to account.

1375 : 418

When your account is called for, your face and mouth shall be beaten. ||200||

1375 : 419

Kabeer, it is easy to render your account, if your heart is pure.

1375 : 420

In the True Court of the Lord, no one will seize you. ||201||

1375 : 421

Kabeer: O duality, you are mighty and powerful in the earth and the sky.

1375 : 422

The six Shaastras and the eighty–four Siddhas are entrenched in skepticism. ||202||

1375 : 423

Kabeer, nothing is mine within myself. Whatever there is, is Yours, O Lord.

1375 : 424

If I surrender to You what is already Yours, what does it cost me? ||203||

1375 : 425

Kabeer, repeating, "You, You", I have become like You. Nothing of me remains in myself.

1375 : 426

When the difference between myself and others is removed, then wherever I look, I see only You. ||204||

1375 : 427

Kabeer, those who think of evil and entertain false hopes

1375 : 428

– none of their desires shall be fulfilled; they shall depart in despair. ||205||

1375 : 429

Kabeer, whoever meditates in remembrance on the Lord, he alone is happy in this world.

1375 : 430

One who is protected and saved by the Creator Lord, shall never waver, here or hereafter. ||206||

1375 : 431

Kabeer, I was being crushed like sesame seeds in the oil–press, but the True Guru saved me.

1375 : 432

My pre–ordained primal destiny has now been revealed. ||207||

1375 : 433

Kabeer, my days have passed, and I have postponed my payments; the interest on my account continues to increase.

1375 : 434

I have not meditated on the Lord and my account is still pending, and now, the moment of my death has come! ||208||

1375 : 435

Fifth Mehl:

1375 : 436

Kabeer, the mortal is a barking dog, chasing after a carcass.

1375 : 437

By the Grace of good karma, I have found the True Guru, who has saved me. ||209||

1375 : 438

Fifth Mehl:

1375 : 439

Kabeer, the earth belongs to the Holy, but it is being occupied by thieves.

1375 : 440

They are not a burden to the earth; they receive its blessings. ||210||

1375 : 441

Fifth Mehl:

1375 : 442

Kabeer, the rice is beaten with a mallet to get rid of the husk.

1375 : 443

When people sit in evil company, the Righteous Judge of Dharma calls them to account.
||211||

1375 : 444

Trilochan says, O Naam Dayv, Maya has enticed you, my friend.

1375 : 445

Why are you printing designs on these sheets, and not focusing your consciousness on the

Lord? ||212||

1375 : 446

Naam Dayv answers, O Trilochan, chant the Lord's Name with your mouth.

— Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 012 —

Shaloks Of Devotee Kabeer Jee – Part 013

1376 : 447

With your hands and feet, do all your work, but let your consciousness remain with the Immaculate Lord. ||213||

1376 : 448

Fifth Mehl:

1376 : 449

Kabeer, no one belongs to me, and I belong to no one else.

1376 : 450

The One who created the creation – into Him I shall be absorbed. ||214||

1376 : 451

Kabeer, the flour has fallen into the mud; nothing has come into my hands.

1376 : 452

That which was eaten while it was being ground – that alone is of any use. ||215||

1376 : 453

Kabeer, the mortal knows everything, and knowing, he still makes mistakes.

1376 : 454

What good is a lamp in one's hand, if he falls into the well? ||216||

1376 : 455

Kabeer, I am in love with the All-knowing Lord; the ignorant ones try to hold me back.

1376 : 456

How could I ever break with the One, who owns our soul and breath of life. ||217||

1376 : 457

Kabeer, why kill yourself for your love of decorations of your home and mansion?

1376 : 458

In the end, only six feet, or a little more, shall be your lot. ||218||

1376 : 459

Kabeer, whatever I wish for does not happen. What can I accomplish by merely thinking?

1376 : 460

The Lord does whatever He wishes; it is not up to me at all. ||219||

1376 : 461

Third Mehl:

1376 : 462

God Himself makes the mortals anxious, and He Himself takes the anxiety away.

1376 : 463

O Nanak, praise the One, who takes care of all. ||220||

1376 : 464

Fifth Mehl:

1376 : 465

Kabeer, the mortal does not remember the Lord; he wanders around, engrossed in greed.

1376 : 466

Committing sins, he dies, and his life ends in an instant. ||221||

1376 : 467

Kabeer, the body is like a clay vessel or a brittle metal pot.

1376 : 468

If you wish to keep it safe and sound, then vibrate and meditate on the Lord; otherwise, the thing shall break. ||222||

1376 : 469

Kabeer, chant the Name of the Beautifully-haired Lord; do not sleep unaware.

1376 : 470

Chanting His Name night and day, the Lord will eventually hear your call. ||223||

1376 : 471

Kabeer, the body is a banana forest, and the mind is an intoxicated elephant.

1376 : 472

The jewel of spiritual wisdom is the prod, and the rare Saint is the rider. ||224||

1376 : 473

Kabeer, the Lord's Name is the jewel, and the mouth is the purse; open this purse to the Appraiser.

1376 : 474

If a buyer can be found, it will go for a high price. ||225||

1376 : 475

Kabeer, the mortal does not know the Lord's Name, but he has raised a very large family.

1376 : 476

He dies in the midst of his worldly affairs, and then he is not heard in the external world. ||226||

1376 : 477

Kabeer, in the blink of an eye, moment by moment, life is passing by.

1376 : 478

The mortal does not give up his worldly entanglements; the Messenger of Death walks in and beats the drum. ||227||

1376 : 479

Kabeer, the Lord is the tree, and disillusionment with the world is the fruit.

1376 : 480

The Holy man, who has abandoned useless arguments, is the shade of the tree. ||228||

1376 : 481

Kabeer, plant the seeds of such a plant, which shall bear fruit throughout the twelve months,

1376 : 482

with cooling shade and abundant fruit, upon which birds joyously play. ||229||

1376 : 483

Kabeer, the Great Giver is the tree, which blesses all with the fruit of compassion.

1376 : 484

When the birds migrate to other lands, O Tree, you bear the fruits. ||230||

1376 : 485

Kabeer, the mortal finds the Saadh Sangat, the Company of the Holy, if he has such destiny written upon his forehead.

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