

## LESSON 12

## THREE JEWELS

**Teacher:** We are going to learn about three Jewels, three Diamonds today.

**Nitin:** Which one? Are these diamonds like what my mom wears in a diamond ring?

**Teacher:** No, No, they are more shining and more precious than them.

**Ketan:** Please, tell us what are they?

**Teacher:** Will you like to have them?

**Rohan:** Yes, teacher. Please, tell us about them.

**Teacher:** They are: 1) Right Faith (Samyaktarshan), 2) Right Knowledge (Samyaktgnan), and 3) Right conducts (Samyaktchaitra).

**Students:** We do not understand this. How come you said they are jewels?

**Teacher:** Let me explain you that.  
What are jewels? They are very precious things and we keep them with all utmost care because we can get something from them.

Same way these three things are very precious things and we can buy our liberation or salvation through them and become Siddha Bhagwan. That is why they are called Jewel.

Let me explain one by one: and how they help us in this pursuit.

Samyaktarshan is formed of two words.

1) Samyak and 2) darshan: Samyak means right and darshan means faith or to believe into. (There are also other meanings of darshan but we will them some other time.)

Now let us understand whom are we going to believe?

Ketan, do you believe in what I teach?

**Ketan:** Yes, sir. You know we believe you because you are our teacher.

**Teacher:** There were great spiritual teachers than what we are in the school system. Last one of them was Tirthankara Mahavira. He taught us about Jain principles and to believe in his teaching is called the Samyaktarshan or right faith.

He taught us about soul, matter, ethics and spirituality in our life. He taught us that even though we do not see the soul it lives in the body. So body is important things but what we really need to take care of is the soul. It is soul which is going to be liberated and we will take the help of body. So we need to take care of our body but in doing so we should not forget our soul. We have to strongly believe in this concept. This is called right faith (Samyaktarshan).

**Rohan:** Sir, can I make a guess what will be Right knowledge?

**Teacher:** Yes, Rohan let us hear from you.

**Rohan (excited):** Right knowledge means to know what soul is and matter how can we work towards its betterment of it?

**Teacher:** Rohan, I am proud of you. Yes, to know what soul and matter are and to learn how to make soul purer is right knowledge (Samyaktarshan).

Now, I am going to tell you what right conduct (Samyaktartra) is. Right conduct is to live in good manners, not to hurt or harm anyone and taking some vows and following the path shown by Tirthankara Mahavira.

So, if we follow all of these three jewels but not only anyone then we can attain liberation. Now, do not you think they are appropriately called Jewels?

Can anyone of you tell if someone can steal these jewels?

**Nitin:** Sir, no one can steal these jewels because they are within us. Not only that but we will try to make them more shining everyday.