LESSON 17 GHATI KARMAS PART 03

3) Antraya (Obstructing) karma

Even though many of us desire to give charity, we cannot do so. A rich person with diabetic can afford any dinner of his or her choice but cannot necessarily enjoy it. You might have had the experience in which everything was set 100% right to complete the project, but for some reason you could not even start the project. Situations of these natures occur because of the influence of Antraya Karma. This karma also causes obstruction in the worship of Jina and in the performance of the spiritual activities. Consequently Antraya Karma is responsible for all the obstacles we face in our lives. There are five sub-types of Antraya Karma:

i) Danantaray (Charity obstructing) Karma
ii) Labhantaray (gain obstructing) Karma
iii) Bhogantaray (Enjoyment Obstructing) Karma
iv) Upabhogantaray (Re-enjoyment obstructing) Karma
v) Viryantaray (Will-power obstructing) Karma

Some of the effects of Antraya Karma include the inability to perform penance, laziness, and weakness. Even if one has the desire to travel on the right path, on account of excessive Antraya Karma, one would not be able to do so.

Antraya Karma is accumulated due to the obstruction of the worship of the Jinas and other spiritual activities, obstructing others from doing penance, service, or practicing devotion or giving charity, not giving the charity, and causing loss to the others.

Antraya Karma can be shed off by giving charity, sharing knowledge, helping sadhus and sadhvis, encouraging others to give charity, and encouraging and helping others to do penance and service and by showing benevolence.

When we get rid of Antraya Karma completely, we become Anantshakti. The soul will have no disability or weakness. It will never become tired, and never fail.