



# 11

## BHU SUKTAM

In this lesson you will know about Prjna or Brhma Suktam. This sukta is given in Taittiriya Brahmana 2:8:8.



### OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson, you will be able to:

- recite Prajna Suktam
- know the meaning of the sukta.

### 11.1 BHU SUKTAM

ॐ ॥ भूमिर्भृम्राद्यौर्वरिणाऽन्तरिक्षं महित्वा ।

उपस्थै ते देव्यदिते ऽग्निमन्नाद-मन्नाद्यायादधे॥

**Note**

bhūmir bhūmnā dyaur vāriṇā'ntarikṣam mahītvā |  
upasthē te devyadite'gnim ānnādam annādyāyā dādhe ||

O goddess Aditi, You are the Earth in depth. Sky in breadth, atmosphere in greatness. In your lap, I place Agni, the all-consumer for the consumption of oblations.

आऽयङ्गौः पृश्निरक्रमी दसनन्मातरं पुनः ।  
पितरं च प्रयन्त्सुवः॥

āyaṅgauḥ pṛśnir akramī dasānan mātaraṃ punaḥ |  
pītarāñ ca prayant-suvaḥ ||

The spotted bull has come and sat before the mother in the east. Advancing to his Father heaven. (RV. X:189:1)

त्रिंशद्भाम् विराजति वाक्पतङ्गाय शिश्रिये ।  
प्रत्यस्य वह् द्युभिः॥

triṅṣum śaddhāma virājatī vāk pataṅgāyā śīśriye |  
pratyāsya vahaḥ dyabhiḥ ||

Thirty places he rules; Speech relies upon wings to fly; bear it with the days.



Note

अस्य प्राणादपानत्यन्तश्चरति रोचना ।

व्यख्यन् महिषः सुवः॥

asya prāṇād āpāṇatyāntāścarati rocanā |

vyākhyan mahiṣas suvaḥ ||

With her inspiration from his expiration, She wanders between the worlds; The bull discerns the heaven.

यत्त्वा क्रुद्धः परोवपमन्युना यदवर्त्या ।

सुकल्पमग्ने तत्तव पुनस्त्वोद्दीपयामसि॥

yatvā kruddhāḥ pāro vapā manyunā yad āvartyā |

sukalpam agne tat tava punas-tvoddīpayām asi ||

If in anger I have scattered you, in rage or through misadventure May that offence be rectified by you O Agni, again we rekindle you.

यत्ते मन्युपरोप्तस्य पृथिवी-मनुदध्वसे ।

आदित्या विश्वे तद्देवा वसवश्च समाभरन् ॥

yattē manyu pāroptasya pṛthivīm anu dadhvase |

ādityā viśve tad-devā vasavaśca samābharan ||



Note

Whatever of you scattered in rage, was spread over the earth,  
That the Adityas, the All-gods and the Vasus gathered together.

मेदिनीं देवी वसुन्धरा स्याद्धसुदा देवी वासवीं ।

ब्रह्मवर्चसः पितृणां श्रोत्रं चक्षुर्मनः ॥

medinī devī vasundharā syād vasudhā devī vāsavī |

brahma varcasah pitṛṇāgass śrotraṁ cakṣur manah ||

She might be addressed by Her many names: medinI, devI, VasundharA, VasudhA, VaasavI (as indrA as a representative, activates) but She is for sure with Brahma varcas (spiritual splendour) and is the ear, eye and the mind of the pitrs (manes).

देवी हिरण्यगर्भिणी देवी प्रसूवरी ( प्रसोदरी ) ।

रसने ( सदने ) सत्यायने सीद ॥

devī hiranya-garbhīṇī devī prasūvarī |

rasāne satyāyāne sīda ||

The goddess of Earth (Mother Earth) is pregnant (En-ceinte) with the whole universal gold egg, as the best creator and the best sustainer.



Note

समुद्रवती सावित्री हनो देवी मह्यङ्गी ।  
 महीधरणी महोव्यथिष्ठा ( महोध्यतिष्ठा )  
 शृङ्गे शृङ्गे यज्ञे यज्ञे विभीषणी ॥

samudravatī sāvitṛī ha no devī mahyaṅgī |  
 maḥo-dharāṇī maḥo vyathiṣṭhāḥ |  
 śṛṅge śṛṅge yajñe yajñe vibhīṣaṇī |

You are the great Mother Earth (who bears everything without a grudge or murmur!) established on a firm-footing (on His side in standing posture - ninRa tirukkOlam - and on the horn of the great boar, varAha) on the top of every creation and fearlessly in every sacrifice (as also like yaj~no vai vishNu:) thus assuring the prapannAs complete protection from morbid and mundane fears and never threatening the devotees like a tIkshNa-daNDa-dhara: (a tyrant/ dictator).

इन्द्रपत्नी व्यापिनी सुरसरिदिह ।  
 वायुमती जलशयनी श्रियन्धा (स्वयंधा ) राजा सत्यन्तो (धो) परिमेदिनी ॥  
 श्वोपरिधत्त परिगाय । सो परिधत्तगाय )  
 indra patnī vyāpinī surasarid iha ||  
 vāyumatī jalaśayanī śriyam dhā rājā satyandho pari medinī |  
 śvoparidhatam gāya ||



Note

She is the consort of the leader (indra), pervading everywhere (omnipresent) and the divine river (mandAkinI/gangA) here on the earth, thus purifying the errant/erring souls. She is full of movement like air, brisk and breath of everyone to be alive. she reclines on the water (payodhi), holds the riches in abundance associated with the goddess of fortune. You are truly alive, on the top of the earth all around.

विष्णुपत्नीं म॑हीं दे॒वीं मा॒ध॒वीं मा॑ध॒व॒प्रियां ।

लक्ष्मीं॑ प्रि॒यसं॑खीं दे॒वीं न॒मा॒म्य॒च्यु॒त व॒ल्ल॒भां ॥

viṣṇu-patnīm mahīm devīm mādhavīm mādhave-priyām |

lakṣmīm priya saḥhīm devīm namāmy-acyūta vallabhām ||

ॐ ध॒नु॒र्ध॒रायै॑ वि॒द्महे॑ स॒र्वसि॒द्ध्यै च॑ धीमहि ।

तन्नो॑ ध॒रा प्र॒चो॒दया॑त् ॥

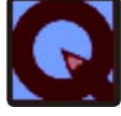
om dhanur-dharāyai vidmahé | sarva siddhyai ca dhīmahi |

tannò dharā pracodayāt |

We worship Her by knowing Her as One who (wields the bow and looks also like a bow, lean in the middle) is adorning the bow. For that purpose we meditate upon the One who blesses us with all success (sarva siddhi). May that dharaNi dharA/BhUmi devI, prompt us for that meditation! (We worship Her for the sake of worship - sAttvIka tyAga)



Note



## INTEXT QUESTIONS 11.1

रिक्तस्थानानि पूरयत-

1. वि सीमृतः ..... वेन आवः
2. पिता विराजामृषभो ..... ।
3. .... विश्वमिदं जगत् ।
4. चतस्र ..... प्रचरन्त्वग्रयः ।
5. घृतं पिन्वन्नजरं ..... ।



## WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT

- Recitation of Prajna-Suktam,
- Meaning of Prajna-Suktam



## TERMINAL QUESTIONS

1. Explain Prajna-Suktam in your own words.



ANSWERS TO INTEXT QUESTIONS



Note

11.1

1. सुरुचौ
2. रयीणाम्
3. ब्रह्म
4. आशाः
5. सुवीरम्