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Renouncing the sorrowful
Samsara, He surrendered himself
to Siddha's Lotus-feet

Served Sadguru not worrying about
his body.

He caught the snake wishing to
protect his Guru and died.

Siddha protector of His devotees,
called the lord of Death.

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Sri Siddharudha, a great master is very kind to all beings. Regarding Himself as a devotee, He always protects all His bhaktas (devotees). He solves all fears of mundane existence if one thinks of His name. Those who chant the *naam* of *Sadguru*, they do not have any fear of *Samsara*. If he serves Him with undivided mind he will get his mind purified. A man, who dedicates one's body, mind and money to *Sadguru* will get his true nature. One should use his body for the service of one's Guru. In doing the service of Guru, one should think that the order of Guru is evidence and one should not think of proper-improper thoughts. Repeating the *Naam* of *Sadguru* one should do unselfish service. The features of unselfish service are: One should not expect the fruit. The unselfish service means one should serve without any expectation. If mind desires any thing little, the service will be fruitless. If service done to achieve worldly propitious, that service is called the service of a scoundrel. The service done with a purpose to get honour will be medium. One should please *Sadguru* through one's service. If Guru is pleased, that will be his (disciple's) happiness. If Guru is not happy with the service, one should feel sad. The service done in this way is called a good one. The service which is better than this is: One should become the servant of *Sadguru* by dedicating 'I' and 'Mine' to Guru. It means that one should surrender completely and whole heartedly to Guru. Now, I tell you the best features of slavery to Guru. Listeners, listen

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to me. One should comprehend the meaning of Maha-Vakya which comes from the mouth of *Sadguru*. Then, sitting in the corner, one should reflect on it i.e., one should make self-enquiry. Do not think of good or bad while serving *Sadguru*, he himself should do it before Guru tells. He should not keep quiet thinking that it is other's work. A man who serves in this way, will be able to get knowledge of Self. I will tell you the story of a man who served in this manner. O clever listeners, hear the story.

There was a great devotee named Chanamallappa in Hubballi. He would come to Siddhashrama to serve *Sadguru* Siddharudha. He was so devoted to the Lotus feet of Siddharudha that he forgot his house-hold work. He would do the work told by Siddharudha everyday. Otherwise he would ask Him what he should do or he would sit until he got work to do. Thus, he was living. During the night, he would weave in the neighbour's loom to earn his livelihood. The couple lived on his meagre income. It was not enough to fill their belly. When he came from the *matha*, the angered wife said to him, `If you go to Siddharudha, who is there to take care of the house? You come home because you get meals here without any efforts. You work only to fill the belly. You've no shame. If you had worked during the day. I would have got good saris and some ornaments to wear. When

you had attached to me, how could I see them? It's enough to have your company in this birth. I don't want this sorrowful state in future. If I had married someone, I would have been happy'. Hearing the words of his wife, Chanamallappa said, 'I don't obstruct you'. 'If so, being such a beggar, why did you marry me?', said the wife. Having heard this, the husband replied, 'You've understood that I'm

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a beggar. Now, you can go to a rich man and be with him. Having become a beggar, I prove your words to be true'. Speaking thus, he undressed himself. Wearing a loin-cloth and taking a satchel, he left home. He went from house to house, begging with the name of Siddharudha. He placed the satchel filled with alms in front of Siddharudha and stood up. *Sadguru* asked him what he had done. Chanamallappa told Him everything that had happened. He said, the wife preached me dispassion. Her sharp words pierced my heart. I gave up the mundane life I've surrendered myself to You'. The kind *Sadguru* accepted him and felt happy. Since then he began to live with *Sadguru*

in the *matha*. He would go for begging daily, keep the alms before *Sadguru* and eat what He had given.

Chanamallappa thought so in his mind, 'I'm living here to serve *Sadguru*. Therefore my life will be waste in this world without the service of *Sadguru*. All happiness lies in the service of *Sadguru*. I'll get its direct experience. I'll never leave lotus-like feet of *Sadguru*, when I'm in the abode of *Sadguru*'. He gets up before *Sadguru*. Sitting at the bed room, he waits for *Sadguru's* coming out. When *Sadguru* awakes from the meditation, he goes near Him, holding Him by his hand, makes Him stand, covers His body with shawl and brings Him out. When he goes out for sanitation, taking a small pot he follows Him. After the sanitation is finished, when *Sadguru* washes His face, he collects His split water in the vessel and he drinks, considering as holy water. When *Sadguru* goes to bed to sleep on, he makes bed for Him with love and affection. While *Sadguru* is sleeping, he presses His feet until He tells him to stop. He sleeps at the door of the bed-room and the moment he hears any sound, he goes

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inside and checks. Though he serves *Sadguru* lovingly, he is not happy at the service he did. He is yearning to do greater service to *Sadguru*.

One night, while sleeping Chanamallappa heard a strange sound. He got up and saw a large serpent going to the bed room of *Sadguru*. Then *Sadguru* was asleep. On seeing it, having forgotten his body-conscious, holding the tail of the snake, Chanamallappa drew it in-order to protect *Sadguru*. The enraged snake bit his hand. Without caring its bite, he took it away. Thinking that it might bite others, he killed it himself. He did not think of the bite of the snake and he slept but the bite began to do its function. The poison spread in his body. So he became unconscious. Then, *Sadguru* got up and saw Chanamallappa sleeping. *Sadguru* called him but he did not get up. He was surprised at this. He thought, 'When I got up everyday, he was awake. Why does he behave differently? Soon He came out and tried to wake him. However, he tried but in vain. He knew everything through his divine sight that it was the bite of the serpent.

The kind *Sadguru* said to Himself, 'This Chanamallappa overcame my trouble today. Burning the seed of body-conscious, he has made his birth fruitful. If I allow him to die now, the title as 'The protector of devotees' will be waste'. What he did was- He said, 'Shivayanamah' and touched the place of bite. Immediately, Chamallappa came to his senses and said, 'What kind of sleep I was enjoying! O *Sadguru*, I dreamt wonderful dream. Messengers of Death came and

made me stand before Death.
Meanwhile a saint came and said to
Death, `Release him now itself'.
Death worshipped the saint and
said, `Your order itself is
acceptable to me. He ordered his
messengers to free me. The
messengers

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brought me here suddenly.' Having
heard his dream, *Sadguru* smiled
and asked him why he had taken
the serpent out from there. He told
Him that He was omniscient and
what he could tell Him and he fell
at the Lotus-like feet of *Sadguru*.
Then Chanamallappa said to Him,'
This body is Yours and You
Yourself protected it. You've kept
it for Your service. Nothing of
mine has gone nor has come. How
do the pains and pleasures touch
me'? Hearing this, *Sadguru* felt
very happy.

Once suffered from fever, *Sadguru*
had slept on the bed. At that time,
Chanamallappa used to sit at His
feet. When *Sadguru* had a cold,
What he did was: while

Siddharudha splitting phlegm, having opened his mouth, he swallowed it thinking that it was nectar-like. From this, he got peace of mind. Chanamallappa always thought of serving *Sadguru* - how he should serve Him. Once he said to himself `I wish to become footwear for *Sadguru* because it is possible to be at His feet. I wish to become His bed because when He sleeps on me, I enjoy His body touch. If I become His shawl to cover His body, I'll smell the fragrance of His body daily. My desires will get fulfilled, if I become the things that *Sadguru* desires for. I'll get the love and affection of *Sadguru*. My body exists for the service of Guru. For this, I'll take innumerable births. I wish to be a creeper of flowers and worship Him with flowers. When should I get such kind of service?' Speaking thus, he sat for a while, then the kind *Sadguru* came out to answer the nature call (ablutions). Seeing this, Chanamallappa said, `O *Sadguru*, You can't go out now. Sit here, I'll put a vessel' saying thus, he made his mouth wide open and drank all the urine. The disciple, Chanamallappa was verily blessed.

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No other service is as great as this. We do not find such a man as Chanamallappa served *Sadguru* in the Vedant, the Shastra, the Purana etc. Having abandoned his I-conscious (body-conscious) Chanamallappa achieved communion with Siddharudha. He

attained self-knowledge by
Sadguru's Grace. *Siddha Sadguru*
Himself is *Atmaram* incarnate.
Thus, serving Him, Chanamallappa
gained the Abode of Peace. Here
Shivadas dedicates the fiftieth
chapter of `Sri Siddharudha
Kathamrita' at the Lotus feet of Sri
Siddharudha, which burns all the
sins by just hearing.

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