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Sadguru Siddharudhayanamah ||

Chapter 45

You removed the trouble of a bride afflicted with fever

Attracted the mind of a
bridegroom, you got them married.

O Protector of the honour of your
devotees,

O great Master, solve the bondage
of *Bhava* soon.

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Om Namo Siddharudha, my loving salutations to You. Your Grace itself gives happiness to the devotees. Those, who attain Your true state, you destroy their bondage of *Samsara* (mundane existence) through the weapon of knowledge. Since Ishwar is invisible, one cannot feel Him in one's mind but You are accessible to all people. So it is easy to think of You. You have incarnated for the sake of Your devotees, and You show them a number of *leelas*. One will get one's mind purified by singing of those *leelas* and one will be able to get self-knowledge. When one is in trouble, You come to one's rescue because You are merciful. The mind gets purified through mere reading of this biography. All the devotees tell that devotion is the greatest thing in the world. The unworldly love gives us eternal bliss easily. Though they have not read the Vedant, the innocent people will certainly be benefitted and they cross the bondage of worldly life without much difficulty. Sadguru comes to His devotees when they are in trouble because having given Him all their responsibility and thinking of Him, they are happy in their mundane existence.

There was a man called Narayan Modak, a Brahmin in Hubballi. He had a daughter yet to be married. He found a bridegroom for her with much difficulty. Narayan and the members of his family were the devotees of Siddharudha. They would come to Siddhashrama everyday and worship Him. The great devotee of Sadguru, Narayan came to Sadguru and made a

humble request, `See that there
shouldn't be any

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hurdles in my daughter, Champu's marriage' Hearing the humble words of His devotee, Sadguru said, `When you always think of Sadguru, how difficulties will come to you. Hearing the words of promise of safety, Narayan felt very happy. He did all the preparations for the marriage and it was decided that marriage should take place on the day of Phalgun Sud Bidige. But two days before her marriage, the family was put in distress. Champu was in bed with a severe fever. This worried them a lot. However, they tried on the second day the fever did not go down. The marriage party came. Having accommodated them in a proper place, he came home and he was terrified to see his daughter who was suffering from fever. Having lost her senses, Champu was gabbling every now and then.

He was anxious about his daughter's marriage, `O Sadguru, come now. We've got a bridegroom through Your Grace but the time of marriage is approaching fast Now, we're put in trouble, O beloved and worshipful Sadguru, You yourself solves the problem, we don't go to a doctor. You Yourself gives us a shelter. Therefore, come soon and protect our status. Relatives have brought the bridegroom, What could be done now? Who's there the second one without You? None, I'd prayed to You in the beginning that there wouldn't any problem for this auspicious occasion. You've given us promise of safety. Now, how do you leave us? You've to protect Your title. We don't know when You come to our rescue'. Thus, Narayan prayed shedding tears. The door of the room was opened immediately and Sri Sadguru manifested Himself. As soon as Narayan saw Him, he touched His Feet. Holding Him by his hand he took Him inside. He said to Sadguru, ` O Father, Siddharaya, You truly heard my words of pity. O Friend of devotees,

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Brother of the poor, You came running quickly.' When he was speaking thus, he burst into tears. Having come closer to Champu, Siddharudha looked at her with gracious eyes. Turning to Narayan, He said, 'Don't be anxious about anything. Think of Sadguru happily in the heart. There won't be any difficulties by His Grace. Don't fear. Difficulties may come but Sadguru destroys them'. Having said thus, He blessed Champu keeping His hand on her head. Her fever went down suddenly. Seeing this, Narayan felt happy. Then Sadguru disappeared. Narayan told the members of his family that Siddharudha cured Champu. Hearing this all the members roared victory unto Sadguru.

Then, they came to Champu and found that there were small blisters on her body. They said, 'This is another distress.' They thought that it was a disease called small pox. They were talking among themselves, 'If one catches small pox we can't say what will happen. Unfortunately, one may lose ones' eyesight, and may become deformed. If such things happen, what shall we do?' The relatives saw the plight of Champu. Some said, 'The cure of the bride is in the hands of Sadguru only.' Others said, 'Let's wait until the bride gets cured and live here' Some others said, 'Let's go to our village and some days after, decide when we should arrange marriage ceremony.' Hearing all these words, Narayan felt sad and said to them, 'You all, wait for a day and let's see what Sadguru does,' The boy (bridegroom) said to his friends, 'If I married this girl, tell me what I should do if she lost her `eye-sight? Her form is likely to be deformed.

Bad time may come to me. I don't like to marry her now.' The relatives started talking among themselves, 'This is not a good sign for the marriage. If it is so, what would happen, Narayan worried much. He

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recollected the assurance made by Siddharudha. He decided to invite Sadguru to his house because he had understood that the doubts of the relatives would be removed by His darshan. Taking a *jataka* (cart drawn by a horse) suddenly, he went to Siddhashrama. He said to Sadguru, 'O Sadgurunatha, again, I'm in difficulty which worries me much. Champu's fever abated through Your Grace but as she caught small pox, the relatives have changed their mind. What shall I do at this time? If the marriage party went back, I don't know whether they come back. If they returned without marriage, again it is difficult to find a bridegroom. Therefore, O Merciful Sadgurunatha, come to my house. I

think that if I worship You in all their presence, their doubts will be removed. Please, come there and accept our worship.' He, thus prayed humbly, pleased with his words, Sadguru said, 'If it is so, let's go.' All the people welcomed Siddharudha by prostrating before Him. Having made Him sit in the divine seat, they worshiped Him by the sixteen ways of worshipping (shodadhopachar). The relatives came with the bridegroom and they bowed down their heads at the Lotus-feet of Sadguru. The moment they saw the divine form of Siddharudha, their doubts fled away. As the sun rises in the sky, the darkness will dispel, the doubts that they had, are removed' by darshan of Sadguru. Their love in Sadguru's words remained. Then Sadguru said, 'Narayan, listen to me, Champa will be cured. Think of Sadguru and get them married. Having taken mantrakshate, He threw them on the bride and the bridegroom. All felt very happy. After lunch was over, Narayan sent Sadguru to Siddhashrama.

Here, all the relatives were happy. Now their doubting nature was destroyed. The bridegroom said to his men, 'We

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came to Hubballi for the marriage. If we returned without getting married, it would be something ridiculous. If I went back to the village without doing the desired work, others would laugh at me. Therefore I don't go without getting married. Besides, Mahatma, Siddharudha assured us that the bride would be cured and He Himself got us married and blessed us. I have complete faith in his words' The elderly persons of the bridegroom reluctantly consented to the marriage. Living in the hearts of all, Sadguru inspired the jeevis (creatures) to do actions. None has freedom. Here, Champu regained her health. They decided to arrange the marriage then and there. The time of marriage came. They took both the bride and the bridegroom to the *pendal*. Repeating the *Naam* happily, they placed akshata on them. The marriage ceremony lasted for four days. Then, Narayan took the couple to Siddharudha and they touched the Lotus-like feet of Sadguru. Narayan said, `O Sadgurunatha, You proved the words that *Paramatma* is a protector. You first brought misery to us and then saved us from it. Then Siddharaya blessed the couple. Sadguru's work of upliftment begins when the devotees are in trouble. If there is no misery, forgetting Sadguru, jeevis (creatures) live in mundane existence without fear. From this, they will be in complete destruction. Knowing this, He warns them by keeping them in fear. They will come to Sadguru suddenly.

O Listeners, now hear the secondary meaning of the story. Narayan himself is a jeeva (individual soul). His daughter

herself is devotion. They found a bridegroom as dispassion (vairagya) for the the bride. Devotion caught fever as worldly life. Jeeva praised Sadguru and He Graced. The fever abated suddenly. Bu the blisters appeared on her body

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as desire for senses. Then Vairagya was not ready to marry Devotion who was after sensual pleasures. Jeeva worshipped Sadguru. Siddharudha placed akshata on Devotion as *Atmakara*. So, Devotion gave up her desire for sensual pleasure. Then Vairagy felt very happy. Then all got Vairagya and Bhakti married. Thus, Sadguru joined Vairagy and Bhakti. Those, who read this story, their disease of bhava (a cycle of births and deaths) will be cured. Here Shivadas dedicates the forty fifth chapter of 'Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the Lotus feet of Sri Siddharudha, which burns all the sins by just hearing.

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