

Chapter 49
The rogues tied up Sadguru in a
house of ignorance

Deluded themselves not seen Him,
they searched Him.

A woman gave him sense poison
with respect.

Siddha survived when the hardship
of poison perished but she died.

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O Sadguru mother, living in Huballi for the devotees, you did wonders. Your wonderful fame spread far and wide. Singing of Your greatness leads one to achieve peace and to get the mind purified. Reading of Your charit (biography) purifies the polluted mind. Your katha (story) is sacred which is a treasure -house of knowledge for simple people. By its mere hearing, one gets happiness and one's mind gets elevated. At this stage, the form of Sadguru itself manifests in the heart. When Sadguru Himself is giving knowledge, what is the necessity of the Vedant? The kind mother makes her ignorant children happy without much difficulty but men with knowledge have to work for their livelihood. The mother does not care them. Similarly, the simple and innocent devotees embrace the Lotus feet of Sadguru. He gives such devotees eternal happiness. Those, who think themselves as wise, their ego swallows them. Those who are egoistic of their knowledge, do not like hearing of *shastras* and they will collapse soon. Their ego swallows them. Their features are: they think that Sadguru is ignorant, and that they are wise. They do not respect Sadguru. If the others give respect to Sadguru, they will not bear it. There is no man as wicked as they are. Such people experience the suffering permanently in the hell. If we talk of the sins they did, the sin will cling to us. Therefore we should become sin free by chanting the Siddha *naam*.

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Now listeners, listen to the story. Siddharudha's reputation began to spread quickly. The devout people in Hubballi would make Siddharudha sit in a palanquin and take Him in the procession. Having seen this, some people were jealous of His fame. There was a man called Uppin Basappa. He was a lingayat. He would take darshan of Siddharudha everyday. There was a famous *matha* called Rudraksha near his house. A strong desire arose in his mind to worship Siddharudha in the matha. He used to worship Him in the matha on the occasion of Shivaratri day. A wicked came and said to Basappa 'We don't allow to worship Siddha here. If you bring that bhavi here, we won't allow Him to go back alive' Hearing this, Basappa felt bad. Basappa met Sadguru and told Him the purpose of the wicked people. Siddharudha said to him, 'Don't worship if it causes sorrow to people. In the meanwhile, the Government officer came and said, 'Worship Sadguru as you do every year in the Rudrakshamatha. We prevent the illegal things from happening. Heard this, Basappa felt happy. Then, the officer brought army and the procession reached Rudraksamatha joyously. Seeing the army, those wicked ran away. Basappa worshipped Siddharudha devotedly and sent Siddharudha back to the *matha*.

However, the wicked men were not ready to accept any reverses. They all assembled in the Kaudi *matha* to discuss their further plan. One

says, 'We shouldn't leave the bhavi. Having caught Him, we must kill Him. If we left Him alive, He would destroy our lingayat religun. Having seen this, if we kept quiet, Basavanna would get angry on us.' The other said, 'We don't need much time to kill Him. If we called Him for meals, he would come to anybody's house'. The third one said, 'If so, acting as his devotee, I would call Him for

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meals. Let us fulfill our desire in this *matha*.' Having heard this speech, the others said, 'We destroy the name 'Arudha'. One evening, one lingayat met Sadguru and saluted humbly. He said in sweet words, 'O My Lord, I pray to You to come to my house for meals. Heard this, Siddarudha said, 'I don't eat at night. If you want me to come, I'll come tomorrow morning' Then, he said, 'We all are eager to worship You today itself. Worshipping doesn't take much time. Having taken some prasada, you may come back to the *matha*. If you don't come today, nobody will eat at home. Please come' Hearing the humble words, simple Siddharudha readily agreed. Without calling the other disciples

for meals, he took Siddharudha only to Kaudimatha. Having made Him sit in an empty room he went out locking the door. The wicked fellows were very happy. They said to themselves, 'Let's send this bhavi to the place of Death'. They sat outside until the midnight. Here, Siddharudha in the room understood their intention through His knowledge-view. He thought to Himself. 'What should I do to these fools ? These are ignorant and they do not understand their damage. Therefore, having showed them greatness, I'll make them go on the spiritual path. If I do so at this time, my birth will be fruitful' Saying thus, Sadguru immersed in Self knowledge.

Here, in the *matha*, the disciples were worried. They waited and waited for Sadguru but He did not turn up. They went in search of Sadguru. They asked the passers-by, 'Have you seen Siddharudha?' They said that they did not see Him. The disciples were greatly upset. 'O Sadgururaya, where should we search You? Our efforts to search You shouldn't fail. Come soon and show us Your appearance. We searched You in many houses but we heard no information. We searched You both in the hills and in the forest but we didn't

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get You. We tried our best to find You. Merciful, Siddharudha come quickly'. Thus, speaking, finally they sat on the platform of a well. They began to pray to Sadguru. Accidentally, they saw a divine light just in front of them. They saw Sadguru in the middle of the light. They embraced Him and took Him to the *matha*, happily. They enquired, 'O Sadguru, where had you gone?' Then, Siddharudha said, 'Having taken me, the men made me sit in a room and went out locking the door. I had sat meditating. While sitting so, I heard your pained voice and immediately I came to you. They thought that they were lucky to have their treasure (Sadguru) back.

Here, at Kaudimatha, the rogues were expecting the darkest hour of the night. Their mind was full of hatred and contempt. They said among themselves, 'At about midnight, having gone into the room, packed His mouth with cloth, let's worship Him. The midnight approached. The disorder of city dwellers became quieter and quieter. At last the quietness pervaded everywhere. The rogues opened the door but they could not find Sadguru. Holding a cane each of them, began to search here and there. One says, 'Here is' Thus saying, he went to the corner. They all forgot their body conscious. It appeared that they felt Siddha-rupa here and there. Mistaking one another for Sadguru, they started beating one another. One was beaten severely and he began to cry. Hearing this, the neighbours came running. They saw all the six wicked men beating one another, saying, 'Siddha Siddha' They separated and brought them outside, they said to them, 'You

say, 'Siddha Siddha' but He is at the Siddhashrama. We'll take you there to remove your madness.' They felt body conscious and also shy. They disappeared from the scene. Those six rogues became the devotees of Siddharudha since then. They told Siddharudha what had happened.

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The man, who motivated six rogues to kill Siddharudha became, even more stubborn. He found a woman to do his wicked deed and gave her some money. He said to her, 'You should do my work. First prepare food and then add deadly poison to it. Give it to Siddha. The poison should be strong enough to kill Siddha. If He died by eating your food, I would give you a lot of money.' The vicious woman felt very happy hearing this. Since then she began to go to the *matha* and meet Sadguru everyday. One day she prepared rice and mixed deadly poison with it. Having brought it to Siddharudha, she said with love outwardly, 'Maharaj, I have cooked this with my own hands. You should eat now' Hearing her sweet

words, Sadguru said to her, 'I've already eaten' The woman forced Him repeatedly. So, Sadguru took a bit of it and said, 'This is enough. You. can go home now but take away the remaining, don't give the rice to any animals and bury this underground' Heard these words, she was greatly frightened and she ran home. She did not come to the *matha* again and she became ill. She would see the form of Siddharudha day in and day out. So she was terribly afraid. Whatever she saw, that was the terrible form of Siddharudha. People, home, the sun, the moon etc looked like Sadguru. Thus she spent fifteen days in a misery. On the sixteenth day, she died saying 'Siddha, Siddha.' She became one with Guru but she had to suffer a lot.

Here, the omniscient Sadguru thought that the poison that he had eaten (taken) made Him happy, 'Really, the poison has been experimented in the body. I have to suffer their miseries for the good of the world'. He said thus in His mind. Sensual pleasures appear very sweet to the people but in future, they have to suffer lots of difficulties, miseries sorrows, pains etc. Since I have faced such misery etc, they will be

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happy in the other world'. When you keep the crystal (sulphate of alumina) in the mud-water, the bottom of the vessel takes the mud and gives pure water to the people. Similarly, Sadguru accepts the misery of the world and gives happiness to the people. Thus, thinking like this, Sadguru went to sleep.

The deadly poison administered to Him made Him suffer a lot. His body had boils all over. His entire body was burning as if the fire spread. His tongue turned black and was swollen. He could not speak and eat easily. He was groaning. His eyes were red and swollen. His appearance looked dreadful. Seeing the changes on the body of Sadguru, the devotees were terrified. Some of them brought the doctor. The doctor observed carefully the plight of Siddharudha and he said to the devotees, 'He won't live and his medicine won't work'. The devotees were upset to hear this. All the people began to lament. Some people fell down losing their body-consciousness. Some people said, 'Our karma (action) is irresistible. The merciful Sadguru is leaving us. O kind Paramatma, don't leave us in the ocean of sorrow, Cure our Sadguru. If Sadguru leaves His body, what will be our condition? Who is there to protect us when we are in danger. O Parameshwar, come running, protect our Father. If not, take us, We can't live without Him. Siddha Sadguru Himself is our vital breath. If he leaves His body, we won't live alive.' Hearing these words, Siddha Sadguru told them not to worry and be happy. Having heard this, they all felt very happy. Sitting near Siddharudha, they all did *jagarana* (keeping awake the entire night)

None went home. Sadguru always remained calm. They heard nothing of groaning. He did not say anything but made everyone happy. Fifteen days after, blisters and boils melted. Then he gradually got better and better. The tongue got normalcy. The eyes became clear.

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Seeing this, devotees did jayajayakar. They also did *arati* to Sadguru.

Now, listen to the secondary meaning of the story which is difficult to understand. Lust, anger etc six internal enemies themselves are wicked men. Siddha Sadguru Himself is a righteous man. Manifesting Him is a festival. Virtues themselves are devout people. When they want to manifest *atma*, (soul), six enemies come in their way and they tell to kill *Atma* (soul). Hiding the soul (*Atma*) itself is their killing. Then Sadgunas with the help of the Govt. i.e. *Paramatma* Manifest *Atma* (Soul). Six enemies as ignorant say, `Having brought *Atma* here, we

will fulfill our desire (desire means killing of *Atma*). Lust (*kama*) goes to *Atma* and brings Him to the ignorant and captures Him. From this, all the six enemies feel happy. All the six enemies say that they kill the *Atma* when the disorder of the city calms down. Meanwhile, the intense seekers searched *Atma* everywhere. However, they tried to search in hills, the forest, the river, house etc. they could not find Him. Then, they sat together at a particular place and prayed. Immediately *Atma* manifested. They all embraced Sadguru and took Him to the *matha* happily.

Here, the six enemies sat in ignorance and began to think how they should carry out the plan. They always thought of *Atma* and they saw Him everywhere. Lust, anger etc six enemies saying '*Atma, Atma*' beat one another. The neighbours came and caught, hold of the six enemies seeing them, Lust, Anger etc fled. Then, they kept the company of good people and finally they became the devotees of Sadguru Siddharudha. The schemer did not stop his wicked deed. He found a woman, gave money and told her to give the food mixed with poison to Siddhanatha. She promised him to do so. When she went to give gross, subtle as senses (poison) to

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Siddhanatha, he told her that he had already eaten and He was contented. He also asked her why he should eat dwait-food. She gave Him the food mixed with the deadly poison but she always meditated on Him and at the end she became one with Him.

Meantime, *Atma* faced the flames of sorrow of the wordily life through the swallowing of sense. Desires themselves are the blisters on the body. Fire as impression (tendency) spread over the body. Outwardly He seems to be miserable and sad but inwardly he is contented. Devotees as virtues felt sad to see the miserable state of Sadguru but He Himself removed it. He Himself gave them promise of protection. He crossed ten *indriyas* plus pran panchakas and looked brightly. Sadgurunatha Himself is the giver of assurance of safety. Once you hold His feet, He gives you Knowledge. Here Shivadas dedicates the forty ninth chapter of 'Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the Lotus -feet of Sri Siddharudha, which burns all the sins by just hearing.

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