Chapter 39

Having discovered the deserving disciples scattered them in the country

Lord Ishwara, great master appeared in their dream.

Emerging devotion and love in the devotees, He sends for them to His Lotus-feet.

Takes away their agony for their well.

Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita O Knower of the supreme truth, You always place the shadow of Grace on Your devotees. Having incarnated as sagun form, You have come for the sake of Your devotees. You feed them with good milk of love. Here, eternal bliss itself is milk. Those, who drink this milk forget their mundane existence and they harmonise with Brahmananda. Sadguru is kind enough to accept those who surrender to Him and remove their bondage of bhava (a cycle of birth and death). He also induces His devotees with Samadhi (a state of spiritual trance). In fact, there is no person who is more generous and benevolent than Sadguru. Some people compare Sadguru with Parusha-mani. (The philosopher's stone, stone which by its touch turns an object into gold), but in my opinion this is wrong. It turns a metal into gold but it cannot make the metal like itself. Sadguru makes His disciple like Himself. His disciples also turn others into Brahma-Swarupa. Therefore, Sadguru cannot be compared to the Chintamani jewel. He gives us the most precious thing (the reality). That is why, He is called incomparable (Anupama). Surrendering to Him means holding His feet firmly.

There was a woman named Tayibai who had a firm faith in Siddharudha. She used to think of Him day and night. While living in the City of Mumbai, once, a saint came to her house. As she was very friendly she treated the saint well. She told her sons and grand children to fall at the Lotus feet of the saint. Satisfied with her hospitality, the saint said to

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her, `I am pleased to observe your devotion towards the saints and sages. Such devotion is very rare among the rich like you. I'd like to tell you one thing, listen to me, There is one saint by name Siddharudha in Hubballi Who is a friend of the devotees. He is the greatest saint on the earth. Innumerable devotees take His darshan and are blessed through His Lotus feet. He will fulfill the desires of His beloved devotees and grant them divine bliss. His form is so beautiful that it looks like the ocean of peace. The moment one sees His face, one's three tapatrayas (three troubles) will be destroyed. Look here, this is His photo' Speaking thus, He showed her Siddha's photo copy. Soon after seeing it, she said to him, 'You yourself is in the form of Guru and showed me real God, pelase, take

us to Him', The saint said, `Get ready, I'll take you there' They decided to go to Hubballi the following day.

Tayibai meditated on Sadguru. Meanwhile a wonder took place. Listen to it. Tayibai went to sleep that night remembering the image of Sadguru. She then saw Gurumata in her dream. She saw Sadguru coming in front of her and holding his hand, she made him sit on a divine seat. As soon as she saw the shining and peaceful face, she felt happy. She saw the same face as the saint described the appearance of Siddharudha. She fell at His feet suddenly. He rose her lovingly. Tayibai worshipped Him and said, `Please, give me Your darshan everyday. This is my prayer to You. I don't want anything except this. 'Be it so', said Sadguru and disappeared from the dream. Having seen such a dream, she felt happy. She woke up early in the morning, called the remaining and told about her dream. She told them that the greatness of Sadguru was verily indescribable. She remembered Siddharudha repeatedly. All were very curious to have darshan of Sadguru. The same day they went to Hubballi.

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It was told in the previous chapter that Keertan was arranged in the presence of Siddharudha. Tavibai came. She was pleased to see the divine image of Siddharudha in the pendal. She rushed towards Sadguru and fell at His Lotus feet. She shed tears of joy. She looked at Siddharudha for a long time. Siddha then asked where she came from. She told Him politely that she had come from Mumbai to have His darshan. She further told Him that he had given darshan to her in her dream and she had come to have His visibly darshan. She felt very happy to see the worship of Sadguru. After the lunch, Sadguru took them to the *matha*. They stayed at Siddhashram for a few days and having taken the permission of Siddha Sadguru, they left for Mumbai. Since then, she used to come to Hubballi for every festival with the members of her family and she made them fall at the Lotus feet of Sadguru and she felt that she was blessed.

Tayibai had three sons. The second one Prabhakar had a daughter named Nalini. Once, they all had come to Hubballi for the festival. Seven years old, Nalini was suffering from severe fever. The fever rose higher and higher. It was on the third day night, they felt that her death was near. Tayibai ordered them not to give any medicine except Sadguru's padateertha. At this time, Sadguru was asleep. Nalini's mother, sitting beside her was crying. She prayed to Sadguru, `O Sadguru Mata, my daughter is dying; what shall I do? How should I wake up? You are all pervading. Come this time quickly and wake up the girl' Tayibai also prayed to Him, to save the child. Here, Sadguru woke up hastily and

rushed to the place where the Mumbaiates resided. Tayibai saw Sadguru coming. Having saluted at His feet, she asked Him who had woken him up. He told her that the moment he heard her lamenting, he came. He further told her to show Him Nalini. Tayibai took him to the place where Nalini slept.

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Siddharudha looked at her with gracious eyes and told them not to worry and soon she would be all right. She then made her hold the Feet of Sadguru. Siddharudha returned to sleep. The excited woman, Tayibai now calmed down. In the mean time, Nalini sat up on her mat. The mother felt happy at the fact that Nalini gained her health back. Such Sadguru is always ready to help His devotees. Happiness of His devotees is His happiness and He does not make any difference, all are the same to Him.

Now, hear the secondary meaning of the story. Tayibai herself is devotion. The saint, she met through the Grace of God is Sadguru. He advised Siddha Swaroopa to Devotion (Tayibai) who surrendered herself at the Lotus feet of Sadguru. She saw Siddha Swaroopa in her dream as the fourth state (turiya avastha) since she desired to have it continuously, she prayed to Sadguru from the botton of her heart. Sadguru then took her in a train of undivided mind to Atmakaravritti (Hubballi). Selfluminous soul manifests in Atmakaravritti. Atma leads Devotion (Tayibai) to the kingdom of Bliss. If an intense seeker meditates upon such Sadguru, He will give him knowledge of self.

The secondary meaning of the second story is- The fever that attacked Nalini, (sama) is attachment of sense. So Sama had to face death. Sadguru came and destroyed the attachment of sense. All thier miseries were destroyed by the complete surrender at the Feet of merciful Siddharudha and Bliss of soul leads to the removal of bondage of bhava. Here Shivadas dedicates the thirty 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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