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Sadguru Siddharudhayanamah ||

## **Chapter 22**

**He is eternal, pure and he is with  
form (*Saguna*)**

Sadguru is very merciful and  
affectionate to His devotees

At the time of festival, You fulfill  
the desires of Your devotees who  
worship You.

Sadguru manifested himself in the  
place of *Satsanga*.

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The kind teacher sanctions liberation to the *Jeeva* by mere listening to the wise words of Him. If anyone doubts this matter, no one will cross him from the river of bondage. What Sadguru advises is - "Give up bad deeds. Be righteous man .Worship Ishwar everyday and love the company of saints (Satsang). Show mercy to all the living beings. Worship Kind Sadguru from the bottom of your heart. Don't speak of other's faults. One should not behave will-fully in the world. Don't tell anyone the weaknesses of others. Be unoccupied in mundane actions. Don't give your attention to the delusive world. Win the lust etc. Don't abandon the love of Guru's feet no matter whatever the difficulties you face. Don't show egoism when you become rich. Always think of such thought which dispels your illusion etc. Do not talk of non-dualism (advait) in the public. Do not do any other practices except devotion to Ishwar. Always think of `who I am' inwardly and also think this Samsar (mundane life) as a dream. Attain eternal bliss by the Grace of Sadguru". The seeker, who listens to such advice and lives according to Sadguru's advice, certainly crosses the cycle of birth and death. O listeners, now listen to a story. Liberation cannot be gained by mere drinking of divine nectar (amritha), but it is possible by listening to the Sadguru.

The devotees from different villages were coming to Siddhashrama to celebrate the Shivaratri festival. After the festival was over, they would return to their villages and talk

about sweet memories they  
experienced in the festival. Some

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of them thought like this, "Why  
should't we bring Siddharudha to  
our village and celebrate the  
Shivaratri festival in our village  
too? If we do so, we'll be blessed  
and greatly benefitted". The  
*bhaktas* of Murakibhavi village  
resolved to celebrate the Shivaratri  
festival. So they came to  
Siddhashrama and said to Sadguru,  
"We've decided to celebrate the  
Shivaratri festival in our village as  
it was done in Hubballi. With your  
kind permission we wish to take  
You also there and workshop You  
in Pooja-Mantap". Hearing this, He  
said to them, "I don't leave  
Hubballi because thousands of  
devotees come here to have  
darshan and they will be  
disappointed at my absence.  
Wherever you worship do Brahma-  
investigation, Vedanta-hearing etc  
there, Sadguru definitely lives

Believing this firmly, carry on your work." Having heard Siddha's words, they felt very happy. They took the disciple of Siddharudha named Ramaswami to do worship at Murakibhavi. They printed invitation cards and sent them to different places. It was written in the invitation cards that Siddhasadguru Himself would accept the pooja. Everybody knew that Siddharudha would never leave Hubballi. All the people began to come thinking that something miracle would happen. Large number of people gathered. A large pendal was built in a vast area. In that pendal a grand mantap was erected. A photo of Siddharudha was placed on the divine seat. Varieties of food items were prepared for meals. The festival would last for seven days. Different programmes like bhajan, keertan, pravachan etc. were arranged day and night. Saints and sages from far off places participated in philosophical discourses. The whole assembly looked like the residence of lord Shiva. Delicious food was supplied to all both afternoon and at night. They would adorn the idol of Sadguru with all religious decorations and then do *arati*. At that time, a number of people would sing *mangalarati*.

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Some people said "It was said that Siddharudha would come for pooja. No body has seen Him here. Coming of Siddharudha over here was false information or what?". The emotional organizers told them that He would come on the final day (The seventh day). Heard this, the people remained there until the last day. Much expected the last day came. The news of Siddharudha's arrival on that day spread far and wide. So, the innumerable people came to witness the wonder. A large number of people were assembled in the evening at the pandal but nobody witnessed the arrival of Siddharudha. Ramayya Swami was ready to worship. Holding the curtain in front of image of God, he along with other devotees began to decorate. They were worried at the thought that Siddhanath had not turned up. Prepared everything for worship, Ramayya Swami prayed, " O Sadgurunatha, be victory unto You. Friend of devotees, come soon. Here the innumerable people have come and are very curious to have Your darshan. If you don't come here at this time, just imagine what will happen? The news of Your arrival has been known to all. If you don't come, all will make fun of us. Perhaps, you know this. Those who ask for senses and sense objects, soon You grant them but we don't ask them. For the welfare of the people, we want You to come here. All Your devotees feel happy when they have Your darshan and their devotion to You will be increased. This is our motive. Your incarnation is only for this. You should uplift the people by spreading devotion among them and by making them Holy. The festival has begun with this motive. Now, a large number

of people have come here for your visibly darshan, this festival would be meaningful". Having prayed thus, suddenly the curtain was removed. A miracle took place All the people saw Siddharudha sitting on the throne with all decorations and shining face. All the people saw Him just for a moment. As a cloud roars in the rainy season, in that way enthusiasm took place in the

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assembly hall. The people found their joy no bounds when Siddharudha himself manifested. The joy on their face cannot be described. They danced with joy. They exclaimed with joy that they were blessed and they had seen Siddharudha there. They knew that Siddharudha was all pervasive. They began to question among themselves, "Why should they go to other God?" They all overjoyed. The idol of Siddharudha was established in everybody's heart. In that very moment, Siddhamurthi disappeared from the scene. Thus, the festival ended. Such Sadguru assists activities which are meant for the good of people. He has incarnated for the upliftment of his

devotees. Those, who hear this holy story, will be Graced by Sadguru.

Now, let us understand the true meaning of this story. In the spiritual path, the seekers wish to have the direct experience of Brahma. That is why, they surrender themselves at the Lotus-like feet of Sadguru and Sadguru satisfies their wishes. Seeing Sadguru directly is called realization. Establishing Sadguru in the heart is called direct experience. Sadguru Himself is Nirgun Brahma (without form). He looks in the form of Sagun (with form) for the devotees. Water and ice are identical. Likewise Nirgun and Sagun are also the same. Some people say, "Why don't we get knowledge the moment we see Sadguru? As we see pots etc., if we see with dual thoughts, we can not gain Jnana (knowledge) without knowledge, bondage of bhava, the cycle of birth and death cannot be expelled.

O Listeners, listen to a beautiful story in the next chapter. The moment you hear, you will get Guru's Grace. Here Shivadas dedicates the twenty second chapter of 'Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the Lotus feet of Sri Siddharudha, which burns all the sins by just hearing.

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