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Chapter 15

Protect me, I suffered a lot in the ocean of Samsara

O Master, Desiring for your lotus feet I came

You protected a child diseased with belly who was about to die

Believing your lotus feet came I, Save me.

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O great soul, victory be unto You. You yourself are a controller of all. O Sadgurunatha, You have incarnated in the form of Saguna for the intense seekers (mumukshus). This mundane existence is in the form of infinite business. It is something like a crocodile with the teeth of likes and dislikes. O Grate teacher, Your Feet can swallow such fearful crocodile in a single mouthful. When the mind runs after the objects of senses, it falls in to the river of likes and dislikes. Then, the kind Sadguru, realizing the impending danger comes to our rescue. When an insect is turning around at a bend in the middle of a river, it does not understand that its death is near but someone comes to its rescue, picks it up and puts it under a tree. Similarly a kind Sadguru will carry the people surrounded across the river of worldly existence. You, Sadguru Mata are living in Hubballi for the good of Your devotees. O listeners, listen to an elegant story. I narrate the story for you which destroys the mountains of your sins and do away with all the blemishes of your character.

Having gained the holy Feet of Sri Sadgurunatha, the devotees were leading their mundane life. There lived a couple named Roopakrishna and Bhagyavathi. They were the devotees of Siddha Sadguru, and they served Him devotedly. They were very rich but not happy. The reason for their unhappiness was that they had no children. Holding Siddharudha's holy Feet the wife requested Him to bless her with a child. Siddharudha said Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita

to her with a smile, `The people who are interested in worldly things think that wealth, son, wife etc give them happiness. If you have everything except a child, you feel unhappy. Childlessness worries you. I, therefore, have to bless you with abundant children. Otherwise, the desire of the children makes you take birth again. God has not given you children. But Sadguru who is Ishwara of Ishwaras will give you issues. Now you should go home, remember God and repeat the sacred Mantra, `Om namah shivaya'. If you do so your desires will be fulfilled'. Speaking thus, Siddharudha gave vibhuti to Bhagyavathi. She then went home. Words of Sadguru are always rewarding but one should not forget the Lotus Feet of Sadguru. One will get peace of mind, if one remembers Sadguru. While leading a mundane life mere remembarance of Sadguru can make wonders. Therefore, Siddharudha advises his devotees who seek worldly things to remember Sadguru. So keeping the desire of senses in mind, they always remember Guru throughout the day and night. By doing so they get their mind purified and forget the desire of worldly things. In the course of time, Bhagyavathi delivered a son. In this way as the days passed she gave birth to nine fine children and she suffered a lot. She went to Siddharudha and said, `O Prabhu, I suffered a lot in mundane life. The desire for children pained me. Now stop the children'. Hearing her prayer Siddharudha said, 'So it be'. After this, she bore no children. Roopakrishna had to go to Chennai (then Madras) and lived there for business. So, the couple went to Siddharudha with tears in the eyes to seek his permission. Standing before Him, they said, `O Gururava, we've to go to Chennai on business. How should we leave You?' The kind Sadguru replied, You should worship Sadguru daily. Never forget the naamasmarane (a remembrance of Sadguru) if you do so I'll always be with you. Having heard the promise of safety, they

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felt very happy. Taking the permission of Siddharudha, they went to Chennai with their children. They lived there quite happily for some time. In that place the people began to die of belly disease. A five year old son of Bhagyavathi got the disease of belly. At that time, Roopakrishna had gone to a village to attend to his business. The son got high fever and it rose higher and higher at about midnight. The mother was frightened and felt very uneasy. She knew that her son would certainly die. None was there to help her at home. She prayed to Siddharudha, `Rush up O Sadguru, come this very moment and save my son. I didn't give any medication to him except Your *Naam*. Now you are the only person to save my child. Therefore, O Sadgurunatha, come fast and save my son' In a moment, she saw the divine form of Sadguru. She was filled with wonder at the sight of Sadguru. Sadguru asked her why she had called Him. Without uttering any word, she pointed at her child who was almost dead. Lifting the child up, Siddharudha moved His amruta hasta (hand that brings prosparity) on the body of child. At once the child began to cry and look at his mother. Bhagyavathi was pleased to see her child. She fell at the Lotus Feet of Siddharudha and looked at Him but He disappeared from the sight. She looked here and there but of no use. She was agitated, and said to herself, `I didn't worship the Guru, I missed Him. How unfortunate I'm!' Bhagyavathi shrivelled herself in her mind. At the same time, her husband, Roopakrishna came home. Bhagyavathi told him in detail what had happened. Both were pleased at the fact that their

child was saved by the Grace of Siddharudha. Roopakrishna suggested to his wife that they should have darshan of Sadguru. They came back to Hubballi to meet Sadguru. Roopakrishna and Bhagyavathi prostrated before Him and told what had happened in Chennai, `O Siddharudha Sadgururaya, how can I describe Your glory?

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Though we dedicate ourselves we can't complete Your favour' Siddharudha replied, `Those who have firm faith in Sadguru, Sadguru saves them'. Hearing the words of Siddharudha, all devotees were pleased.

O listeners, now listen to the primary meaning of the story. The people, desirous of senses, not understanding the fact that there is misery in senses and sense object, they seek children, wealth, power etc from Sadguru. After the gain of senses they find no happiness in them and they fall at the Lotus Feet of Sadguru. The kind Sadguru, who by his discourse, creates in them a distaste for the enjoyments of this world and the next and gives them a taste of Eternal Bliss. One more point to be noted here is that, a man should worship Sadguru with pure mind and hold His Feet. By doing so he will be blessed with a bodhaputra. While protecting him the son gets the disease of belly as a doubt and his end is coming nearer and nearer. After the prayer, Sadguru reveals Himself in the heart of the almost dead child. The son is taught knowledge of truth (nishchaya jnana). Thus Guru clears the son's doubt. Then the bodha-putra praises all. In this way, Sadguru saves the intense seekers.

Sadguru Himself makes me write this holy story. He himself is allpervasive. O listeners, hear the wonderful story with utmost patience in the next chapter. Sadguru Himself narrates His own story. Here Shivadas dedicates the fifteenth chapter of `Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the Lotus feet of Sri Siddharudha, which burns all the sins by just hearing.

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