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Sadguru Siddharudhayanamah ||

**Chapter 25**  
**Forgotten the Lotus-feet of**  
**Siddha misery in business**

Kept in a prison of mundane  
existence

Gaining attachment, He came  
quickly to the Lotus-feet of  
Sadguru

Intimate Siddha's words of security  
made him fortunate.

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O Noble one, keeping my head at  
Your Lotus-like feet, I salute You.  
This is my prayer to You- `Inspire  
me to compose this work' The  
service I render to You gives me  
happiness. That is why, all my  
wishes are fulfilled. I do not like  
any action that comes in my way to  
serve you. Those, who surrender to  
Sadguru whole heartedly, He  
removes their difficulties. They get  
happiness in this world and after  
their death; they receive  
undecaying position in the next  
world. Once they touch His feet,  
suddenly they become His  
devotees. They believe that there is  
no other alternative except  
Sadguru. If they turn away from  
Sadguru, the kind Sadgur calls  
them back, and does not allow  
them to be spoiled.

In the previous chapter it has been  
described A devotee called  
Basavanna became rich through the  
Grace of Sadguru. In spite of his  
riches, he was worshipping  
Sadguru every day. Then his  
business grew in such a way that he  
could not find time to take darshan  
of Sadguru. Greatly immersed in  
his business, slowly he forgot Guru  
Cintan (meditation upon Guru). He  
forgot all the miseries that he had  
experienced in the past. He  
amassed a lot of wealth. Just listen  
to the fact that happened at that  
time. Once, when Basavanna was  
drawing his chariot himself, an old  
woman stood on the road. He was  
deep in thought without seeing the  
front, he led the chariot on the old  
woman and she died on the spot.  
The people nearby came running  
and stopped the chariot. Then, the

Government guards came, caught  
hold of Basavanna and took

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him to the police station. He was scared. He was found guilty and kept him in jail for a year. Hearing the bad news, his wife and children became sad. They ran after money. They forgot their Sadguru who saved them in their trouble. After some days when all were sleeping in Basavanna's house, some burglars came, made a big hole in the wall and entered the house. They burgled all their wealth and ornaments. They set fire on the house and ran away. Then Gurawwa and her children came out and cried. The neighbours and others came running; however they tried to extinguish the fire they couldn't. Gurawwa and her children went to their neighbour's house for shelter. Many valuables, account books were burnt. Nothing remained in the house. There was none to comfort her. Nobody came

to her rescue. Now, she remembered her past life. When she attempted to commit suicide, Siddharudha protected her. She remembered this incident. Then, Sadguru saved them from poverty and they got all the property by the Grace of Sadguru. Gurawwa says to herself. "O Sadgurunatha, we've forgotten Your help on account of arrogance gained through wealth. Disturbed himself, He brought us bad luck. Now, what shall I do? Sadguru saved us when we were in trouble, I must go to Him. But the people comment, After the loss of wealth, again they are going to Sadguru to regain the lost wealth' The wealth which made us forget Sadguru, I don't pray for it. We've forgotten the Lotus feet of Sadguru and suffered a lot. It is the only way to surrender ourselves to the feet of Sadguru and make our lives meaningful." Having thought thus, Gurawwa went to Siddharudha with her children and saluted at the feet of Sadguru. She stood before Sadguru with folded hands and said, "O Deenanatha, you Graced us. You removed our seed of pride. Therefore, we've come here to surrender to You keep us the *status qua*. Money makes us lunatic and destroys our real wealth (self-happiness). You

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saved us when we were in trouble.  
We became rich through Your  
Grace but we forgot You.  
Therefore, please don't bestow  
wealth on us. Bowing down my  
head at Your feet, I pray to You to  
keep us as we were in the past. We  
suffered immensely without  
understanding this. You are our  
protector. O merciful Sadguru,  
pardon our wrongs. Give us  
troubles and make us remember  
You always." Shedding her tears,  
she kept her head at the feet of  
Siddharudha. Observing her  
repentance Siddharudha told her to  
meditate upon Sadguru and that her  
husband would return home from  
the jail soon. She heard the nectar  
like words of Siddharudha and she  
felt that she was greatly blessed.  
She said to Sadguru, "O Kind  
Sadguru mata, You Graced me."  
She, speaking thus went home.  
Here, in the prison, Basavanna  
repented and prayed, "O Sadguru,  
parden all my offences. I had  
become lunatic because of the pride  
of wealth. I'm now repenting. I  
shall never forget You until my  
death. For this, keep me in  
miseries. Hence, I can't forget You.  
Give me devotion at Your feet."  
Suddenly, the door of the prison  
was opened. An Officer came in  
and said to Basavanna, "The Chief-  
officer has left you. You may go  
now" He sent Basavanna out; he  
came home and found his entire  
house burnt. He said to himself, "O  
Sadguru, You really graced me.  
You listened to my words of  
sympathy. I gave up my passion for  
wealth and received my earlier  
status. I have not lost my devotion  
towards You. This itself is a great  
gain. O Sadguru, don't place me in  
the bondage of *bhava*. I have to  
reserve my thought at Your feet."  
By that time, Gurawwa saw her

husband coming. The moment she saw her husband, she came running and fell at his feet. She said to him, "You came home through the Grace of Siddharudha". Then, Basavanna went to Sadguru and told Him in detail about what had happened. Siddha Sadguru told him to be happy with the money they have. The money which had to come from some people, to him, he collected it from them. Basavanna put it

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at Siddharudha's feet, Sadguru returned it to him and said, "Remember, this is my blessing from now onwards, attachment does not harm you. Basavanna took that money and spent the day in poverty. He always remembered Sadguru and engrossed in doing *nam-smarane* (remembering Guru's *Naam*). Gaining the firm vairagya, the couple remained uninvolved in the samsar. Then Sadguru preached *jnan* to them and crossed them from the ocean of samsar.

The secondary meaning of this story is - When jeeva (individual soul) gets plenty of sense objects, forgetting his source, he remains immersed in worldly affairs. But Sadguru does not like this and he

finds out a remedy to remove his attachment, delusion etc. He made jeeva kill an old woman as mamata (Love) and put him in the jail as *yoga-sadhana*. Then, the burglars as *sama-damadi* came. They all ran away burgling wealth as vasana (fancy) and burning the house as amassed. After all these exercises, Sadguru thought that jeeva got purified and he released him from all attachments and preached him Brahma jnana (knowledge of Brahma) Thus, Guru crossed jeeva from the ocean of *Samsar*.

O listeners, in the next chapter you will hear a very beautiful story from which the seekers destroy the bondage of *bhava* and get the Lotus feet of Sadguru. Merciful Siddha protects His devotees without any disparity and Graces all equally. Here Shivadas dedicates the twenty 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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