

Sri Siddharudha
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Sri Ganeshaya Namah | Sri
Sadguru Siddharudhayanamah ||

Chapter 34
You are God of all Gods and Isha
of all saints

You are dispeller of the miseries of
all beings through service.

You accept offering lovingly from
Your disciple.

You fulfill the desire of a person
who is about to commit suicide.

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O Siddharudha, You are existent in all beings. Love of worldly life will run away by mere seeing of Your Sagun form. Mundane life cannot be smooth going without the help of Your Lotus- feet. Who notices the mundane existence after gaining Your feet? None, who wishes to drink butter milk after drinking the nectar? Similarly, a man, who has obtained Your bliss-generating feet, does not wish to be in worldly life. Samsara (mundane existence) is nothing, but ocean of sorrows. The man, who wishes to be happy in Samsara is a fool. He is carrying the burden of samsara unnecessarily. All *shastras*, puranas etc tell that *Jnani* lives in samsara, but its worries and sorrows will not touch him. Though it appears to him, he thinks that it is unreal. As an actor acts in a drama, so *Jnani* lives in samsara. He has no likes and dislikes in his intellect, he looks at the world as a painting. Though he performs actions (Karmas), he has no kartritwa-bhava (sense of doer). Attachment to mundane existence is the main cause for all our miseries and its removal makes one's life happy. If one wants to destroy the attachment completely, one should have the knowledge of self. Sadguru possesses this important self knowledge. One can get it from Sadguru. Those, who surrender to Sadguru politely, He gives them that knowledge.

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As the clouds give rain-drops to chatak birds, so Sadguru gives knowledge to those who seek it. Now, listen to a story. The individual soul with a purified mind attains knowledge by just hearing the attributes of Sadguru.

There was a brahamin couple in Konkan. Wife was troubled by a ghost (bhoota). They tried mantra and medication but failed. At last they went to Narasobawadi. There, they prayed, "If the wife was cured, we would pay Rs. 100/- at the Feet". Thus, they prayed and they began to serve God devotedly. One night, Narasoba appeared in the dream of the wife and said to her, "Go quickly from here to Hubballi and meet Siddharudha there. I'm there in the form of Siddharudha. If you serve me in that form, I will Grace you" Waking up from sleep, she told her husband what had happened in her dream. Having saluted Narasoba, they left for Hubballi. They met Siddharudha and held His feet. The wife said, "My Lord, Narasoba sent us here in-order to remove my trouble". Hearing her words, Sadguru said to her, "Be here and do bhajan everyday. Mind becomes calm and everything will be alright". Accordingly, enjoying the pleasure of Bhajan daily, the couple served Sadguru. They got peace of mind from this. Besides this, the holy presence of Mahatma they got. So, their mental agony was removed. Body conscious was also destroyed. They got their mind purified. Her trouble of the ghost ran away. They felt happy. The wife said, "O Merciful Siddhanatha, through Your Grace,

all sorrows were destroyed. We
don't feel to go home because of
our love for

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Your Lotus feet. Hearing this,
Sadguru said to the couple, "Go to
your village. Holding this love in
your mind, think always over
Sadguru's Feet". Having saluted at
Sadguru's Feet, the couple went to
their village. After having gone to
their village, they began to worry
"We had promised to pay Rs. 100/-
to Narasoba. By the Grace of
Siddharudha, we've been cured.
Who should we pay it to? Thus,
pondering over this, the wife went
to sleep. She saw a dream in her
sleep. Narasoba appeared in her
sleep and said, "Pay the money to
Siddharudha". The wife told her
husband about the dream she saw.
Both of them took it as an order.
So, they came back to Hubballi
suddenly. They said to Sadguru

politely, "My Lord, We had decided to pay Rs. 100/- to Narasoba but through Your Grace pain was removed. When we were worrying about whom should we pay? Narasoba came in the dream and ordered us to pay it to You. So we have come here to pay" Then they kept Rs. 100/- at the Lotus feet of Siddharudha. Taking the permission of Sadguru, they went back to their village. They did Sadguru bhajan continuously and the devotion arose at Sadguru's Feet. Of course, in the beginning they did Sakam-bhakti but they attained Nishkama-bhakti through the grace of Sadguru. They were greatly blessed.

There was a devotee named Nirupadappa in Hubballi. He used to eat in elder brother's house without doing any job for his livelihood. He had a great devotion and admiration for Siddharudha. He would go to the *matha* everyday. At home, all hated him because he was spending most of his

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time in the *matha*. His brother complained against him to Siddharudha. So Siddha Sadguru said to Nirupadappa, " You should not come to the *matha* leaving the work". Accordingly, Nirupadappa accepted the work. Oneday, Nirupadappa told his elder brother that he would take offering to Siddharudha daily. Hearing this, his brother scolded him. He told Nirupadappa that if he did so everyday, he would destroy the family. Nirupadappa wants to feed Sadguru everyday this was in his mind but his elder brother prevented him from doing so. He, therefore made up his mind to dedicate half portion of the food given to him. When he was sitting for lunch, he kept secretly half of the food given, then after lunch, he would rush to the matha and give it to Sadguru. Siddharudha was pleased to eat four mouthfuls of the food which was given to Him with love. Once, the brother of Nirupadappa came to the *matha*. Then Siddharudha asked him why he sent the offering to the matha and he told him to show the offering to the image at home. He told Sadguru that he never sent it to the *matha*. Then he came home and ordered Nirupadappa not to take the offering to the *matha*. Nirupadappa was innocent and he could not understand this duplicity. He told his brother that he was dedicating half of the food given to him. He told Nirupadappa angrily that he demanded more food than he required. Hearing this, Nirupadappa was greatly worried. The next day, Nirupadappa was given food to eat. His brother saw this, but Nirupadappa was not ready to eat it. His brother asked him the reason why he was not

eating. Nirupadappa told him that
he would eat

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after dedicating it to Siddharudha
there only. Then, he took it to the
lonely place. Entering the room, he
prayed, "O Kind Siddharudha, You
are the only friend to me.
Therefore, come running at this
time O Gururaya, I was giving you
food daily but my bother stopped
me to do so. Therefore, You
yourself come here and eat the
offering. If you don't come here, I
won't eat. O My bosom friend,
come soon If not, right now I'll die"
He waited for a short while but
there was no sign of Siddha's
arrival. So, he climbed up the
(wooden) beam, tied a rope, made a
noose at its end and wore it round
his neck. When he was about to
jump, he said, "O Siddharudha,
perhaps, nobody has given You the

offering. You are fasting .
Therefore, what I am telling is :
come and accept the offering,
otherwise I'll loose my life for
You" Speaking thus, he jumped.
Siddharudha appeared there
suddenly and saved him from the
danger. Nirupadappa said to
Sadguru, "You came. That's good.
It's true that You are my best
friend. O Kind one, accept the
offering quickly. Keeping the
offering before Siddha, he fed
Sadguru with his own hands.
Nirupadappa knew no bounds for
his joy. Then Sadguru fed
Nirupadappa and disappeared from
the scene. Nobody saw them.

Thus, Sadguru used to come to
Nirupadappa to have his share of
food (the offering) everyday.
Oneday, Gurupadappa's elder
brother wanted to see what his
brother was doing. So, he stood
himself hiding. He was greatly
surprised to see Nirupadappa
feeding Siddha Sadguru. He rushed
and satisfied Jeeva (individual
soul) Prarabdha did not prevent
him from doing good deeds. Jnana
made Jeeva

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attain *Samadhi* O Listeners, reflect
the secondary meaning of this
story. Here Shivadas dedicates the
thirty fourth chapter of 'Sri
Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the
Lotus feet of Sri Siddharudha,
which burns all the sins by just
hearing.