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Sri Ganeshaya Namah | Sri
Sadguru Siddharudhayanamah ||

Chapter 19
Knowing the miseries imminent,
You protect the devotees

You saved the poor from danger

A great of Yours who lost his
eyesight held Your feet

O Brother of the poor, You made
him happy

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O Best of men, You are the Absolute Truth of all beings. You always show *Leelas* by being in the names of all Gods and always abide in Yourself. Remembering You is the only solution to remove the riddle of bondage (life and death). You by Your advice develop the good qualities in us, purify our hearts and set us on the path of salvation. You give Your darshan to those who have their merits of their previous births. Your Grace alone takes us straight to our destination. A number of remedies (how to cross the river of bondage) are mentioned in the *shastras* but mere reading of the *shastras* will not help one to gain the Self. You Yourself know its inner condition. The others are extra words. Doing actions is quite common for all beings. You are the only person to advise the Jnana marga (the path of knowledge) to Your devotees. One's *aham-mamkaras* are destroyed by doing service to You, by Your advice You create in us a distaste for world and other worldly pleasures and give us taste of self realization. Your advice is the only cause for self realization. All efforts and means will be waste without the Grace of a great teacher. Therefore the only remedy is complete surrender to *Sadguru*. He definitely accepts us and crosses us from the ocean of bondage the riddle of birth and death.

O listeners, now hear the Holy story of Siddharudha. A devotee named Benakappa, when he was drawing some pictures on the wall, said to his friend, 'I'll draw an extraordinary picture next *Shivaratri* festival which surprises

all' When he was speaking thus,
Siddharudha had stood behind him
without his

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knowledge. Then He came forward
and said to him, `Well, you say that
you draw a picture but next year,
the picture that Ishwara draws will
be certainly more extra ordinary
i.e: the city itself becomes a forest.
All people go to the forest and
animals will live in the city. The
roads will be in a fearful state.
Sitting on the corpses, the vultures
etc will have their grand dinner'.
Speaking thus, Siddharudha
remained silent. Having heard these
words they both were scared.
However, they tried to think of this,
they could not understand the
meaning of these words.

After a period of six months of this
event, plague, a deadly disease was
spread in Mumbai. After sometime
it spread to Hubballi too. Fear of
death permeated all and quitting
their homes, all began to go to

forest. If any house attacked by the plague, the government made the people go to the forest and stay there in the camps. So, there was none to take care of the patient and the patients fell on the roads and died. Nobody cared to take the corpses and the birds like vultures came and lived there.

Siddharudha's prediction of the future long ago proved to be true. Next, hear the greatness of *Sadguru* patiently. The plague attacked Benakappa. Then, the government employee came to Benakkappa's house and understood the news of disease. He went to the superior officer to inform the matter. The superior officer comes home, sees the patient and asks others to go out of the village. If the remaining go out, it is certain that the patient will die. Frightened wife of Benakappa surrendered herself at the Lotus feet of Siddharudha and said to Him, 'O Merciful, we have surrendered to You. Please save us' Siddharudha advised both to remember the *Naam* and also assured them of their safety. Later Benakappa was recovered. Until then no officer came to their house and none sent them out of the village. Afterwards, his wife caught plague. Then the government employee came to their house. The diseased women

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had slept but she remained invisible to his eyes. He went back writing that there was no patient in the house. Engrossed in the protection of his devotees, the functions of *Sadguru* are like this. When *Vibhooti prasada* was applied to her body, she was completely cured. In this way Siddha *Sadguru* protected his devotees.

There was a weaver by name Jeevappa in old Hubballi. He was very poor. He would come to Siddharudha with his wife and children, do bhajan and after arathi, they would go back their house. The deadly disease, plague was spread in the city. Jeevappa caught it. Then, the wife came to Siddharudha with her children. She requested the *Sadguru* to save her husband. She further told him that there was none other than Siddharudha to protect her family. Having heard her words, Siddharudha gave her *Vibhooti prasada* and asked her to remember *naam*. Jeevappa was cured by the Grace of Guru but he became blind. Then the couple were agitated because the way they earned their lively hood was stopped. Therefore the wife brought the blind husband before *Sadguru*. With folded hands she said to Him, 'It happened so that we jumped into the well from the sea. We got rid of the deadly disease. Now the time has come that we die of starvation. The working husband has become blind. You are the only person to save us from danger. We've surrendered at Your feet.' Then Siddharudha, protector of His devotees called Jeevappa to come closer. He touched his eyes with His hands and tied his eyes with a piece of cloth. He also asked him to untie the cloth at home. The couple

went home after saluting Him. As soon as they went home. His wife untied the cloth. They were greatly surprised. Jeevappa was much pleased to see the world again as before and started praising the Guru, `O *Sadguru*, today, we've decided to dedicate our lives at Your Lotus feet. We are Your servants.

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We don't place any responsibility on us'. Kind *Sadguru* really solves the problems of His devotees and protects them. By doing so, devotion towards Guru develops. O listeners, now hear the secondary meaning of this story with patience. Benakappa himself is an ignorant Jeeva. When her husband caught the plague, the wife, intellect surrendered herself to *Sadguru*. A man, who has caught the plague will be sent out of *Satsanga* or he will lose the company of the Guru. Losing of *Satsanga* means something like meeting the death. Then *Sadguru* assures us of safety and asks to remember the *naam*. The plague is cured through the remembrance of *Sadguru* and *Satsanga* is not missed. Though

Jeeva is quite well, his intellect was attacked by a disease. The disease was cured quickly. Jeevappa himself is a Jeeva and he becomes blind through *bhavaroga* (a disease of birth and death). When surendered himself at the Lotus feet of *Sadguru*, he regained his eyesight. In this way, He who is *aja* (birthless) then *ajeeta* (unconquered), *shabdateeta* (beyond words), *gunateeta* (beyond attributes) and *nishkriya* (inactive), He Himself plays in *naam-roopa* (*Naam* and form). He is everywhere. Whatever he sees, he makes it Holy and in the saguna form He plays Himself. He himself is God. He Himself is devotee, He Himself protects in his troubles, He Himself shows pity on him, He himself crosses him from the cycle of birth and death. Such *Sadguru* has ordered me and given me intellect to write this book. That is why, this book was written. Having composed this work He Himself made me write this book.

O listeners, in the next chapter you will hear the elegant story. Three-tapas, *adhibhoutika*, *adhidaivika* and *adhyatmika* will be destroyed by its reading and one gets peace of mind. Here Shivadas dedicates the nineteenth chapter of 'Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the Lotus feet of Sri Siddharudha, which burns all the sins by just hearing.

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