

## **Chapter 16**

### **Victory, Victory to Sad-Guru adored by sages, O Kind one**

Remover of fear, bondage of  
mundane existence will be  
destroyed by your grace

Dismissed the little innocent boy  
tightened by a serpent.

Cross us from the miseries of  
mundane life, give us peace

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O Universal Master, victory be unto You. Grace me to see Your divine form in my internal heart. O Kind one, my loving salutations to Your Lotus Feet. If You favour me, no harm will happen in the *Thrilokas* and all my ignorance will be removed. The greatness of Your *Naam* cannot be compared to anything. A man, who repeats Your *Naam* continuously, will be worshiped by Brahma Himself. All Gods and Goddesses stand with folded hands before him and place all kinds of wealth, pleasure etc but he cannot expect them because his work is ahead of them. His destination is beyond Ishwara and he will achieve it with the help of Guru's Grace. Having attained Brahmatattwa which is the substratum for Ishwara, unmanifested and unchangeable, he expels duality and dwells in the eternal bliss. Such a *Jnani* makes no distinctions of person and looks with an equal eye on good and bad, merit and sin. Dwelling in his own *swaroopa* (in his own true nature), he makes no difference between you and I. Honour and dishonour, high and low are the same to him. And his place is far way from the net of order and prohibition. He looks at universe as his *atma-swaroopa* (soul). Body-pain does not harm him but when he sees the people in trouble, he rushes to their rescue. Engaged in the remembrance of Guru's *Naam*, he always remains in the shelter of his *Sadguru*. A thousand-faced, great *Shesha* cannot describe his greatness. Though he is basically Sadgurunatha, he always behaves as a disciple. Serving his Guru he remains calm in his heart.

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Now, listen to the story of Sri Siddharudha. A man will attain a complete knowledge if he listens to, reflects and meditates upon the story. Both men and women devotees would bring eatables to Siddhashrama every day. They first would dedicate them to Sri Siddharudha and then they all together would eat the remaining. One day the devotees were doing bhajan in the presence of *Sadguru*. When *Sadguru* went back to take rest, the people also went to the shade of the trees which were on the banks of the tank. When they were resting under the trees, some young boys saw a snake, which was six feet long. One of the boys went near the snake and out of curiosity he pelted a stone at the snake. His act enraged it. Raising its hood it saw a boy and suddenly

it circumambulated his leg. Then, it began to bite him. The boy could not escape out of it and began to cry. Watching all this, the people around did not know what to do. They informed his parents about what had happened. They saw the son circumambulated by the snake and lamented much but they did not come to his rescue. His mother said to him, 'O my son, come, I'm greatly grief stricken at your terrible plight. Leave the snake there and come out soon. My legs are shivering. I'm greatly frightened' and her husband shook with fear and stood behind. The boy's father was hesitant to go near the son. The remaining people assembled there were confused. The boy ran here and there, fell and stood, however he tried to escape but in vain. The father said to his wife, 'Why do you weep unnecessarily? Knowingly or unknowingly, he had gone near the snake. Whatever we tried, it is certain that he will die. So, don't weep'. The others also were producing the sound of a conch but none was courageous enough to go near the snake. Then, someone informed the fact to Siddharudha. On hearing this, He hurried to the spot and saw the people lamenting and not doing anything to save the boy. No one dared to go

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near. Then, pushing the people aside, Siddharudha went straight to the boy who was in a terrible plight. Having caught the hood of the snake, Siddharudha caught the boy with the help of the other hand. He then pulled the snake quickly, released the boy and threw the snake away. It fell down immovable.

O listeners, see, the ways of the world are strange. The parents are fond of their children but they don't come to help their children in danger. Sadgurunatha Himself is a real friend. Everybody says, 'Mine, Mine' until his work is done but in trouble nobody comes except Sadgurunatha. *Sadguru* alone is a friend who helps in trouble. If we seek the shelter of *Sadguru*, we'll never see unhappiness. He has incarnated Himself to save the Jeevas (the individual souls) from the miseries of life. Therefore a man should hold his feet before his death. He is kind. He does not see your bad qualities. If you surrender yourself at the Lotus Feet of *Sadguru*, He will cross you over the ocean of mundane existence. *Sadguru* saw the snake bites on the whole body of the boy. He moved his hand on the body of the boy. Then only the boy recovered his health. He took the boy to the *matha*, applied *vibhooti prasada* to his body and said, 'O boy, you need not worry about the snake-bites and be happy'. Such merciful *Sadguru* protects the poor and the destitute. He always nurtures his title as *Abhayadatha* (making others fearless).

O listeners, now listen to the real meaning of the story. The individual soul, out of ignorance seeks happiness in senses without

knowing the right and the wrong.  
While playing in the area of senses  
and sense objects, he throws a  
stone as mind at the snake as  
delusion. The enraged snake,  
having circumambulated the  
ignorant boy began to bite his  
whole body. The Jeeva began to  
fidget and found no one to rescue  
him. His

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remedies did not work out.  
*Sadguru* came to save him and set  
him free from attachment. Bruises  
themselves on the body of Jeeva  
are sins. When *Sadguru* moved His  
hand on the bruises as advice, they  
disappeared. When vibhoothi as  
mind was applied to the body,  
suddenly the seeds of *samskara*  
destroyed. Such special Grace of  
Sadhguru is preserved for the poor  
and the ignorant. Siddhasadguru  
rescues the people, who are  
dissatisfied with the mundane life.  
O Guruvarya, My mind is not pure.  
I'm committed to the worldly life.  
How could the words of mine fall  
on Your ears? But you are  
compassionate. I'm believe that  
You bless me one day or the other.  
I do not loose my heart. The

moment You show me mercy, the  
bondage of birth and death will be  
destroyed. I look forward to that  
glorious day.

O listeners, in the next chapter, you  
will listen to a beautiful narration.  
Mere listening to it removes the  
ignorance of individual souls. Here  
Shivadas dedicates the sixteenth  
chapter of 'Sri Siddharudha  
Kathamrita' at the Lotus feet of Sri  
Siddharudha, which burns all the  
sins by just hearing.

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Sri Ganeshaya Namah | Sri  
Sadguru Siddharudhayanamah ||

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