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## **Chapter 20**

**You are *Kamadhenu* to the  
devotees yielding all their desires**

Manifesting yourself You protect  
the happiness of all Your devotees.

O Lord, you quietened the person  
who caught fire

By your mere mere hand touch.

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O Living God, victory be unto You. Not knowing mysterious true nature, we have surrendered at Your feet. You alone can uplift us. We have entangled ourselves in the net of three gunas - tamas, rajas and sattwik and in the company of panchabhutas earth, water, air, fire and ether. At this time You alone take us away from the ocean of mundane existence. Forgetting our true nature, we are looking outside. Mind has been entangled in the noose of three gunas. This is the *Samsara* in the form of birth and death in which there is a *Karma-jala* (a net of actions). The ignorant jeeva falls into the ocean of *bhava*. (the cycle of birth and death) The god of death Yama says to Himself "Let me see, how jeeva escapes from my hands" Suddenly, he drags the jeeva with his rope. Once, the jeeva got in the hands of the Yama, he won't escape from the bondage of birth and death. Having placed him on the miserable wheel of mundane life (*Samsara*), the Yama makes him wander without any rest. Jeeva may try to do some good deeds but Yama tempts him to desire the fruits of action. So jeeva finds it very difficult to come out from the hands of Yama (the god of death). Then, I tell you one remedy to attain the imperishable happiness. Now, hear. If a man remains in the company of good people even for a second, he will get a peace of mind. Through Satsanga (the company of Srotreya Brahmanistha) Samskara gets firmed at the Holy feet of saints and jeeva finds happiness, gets out of

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sense objects through dispassion. He delights in studying vedant-shastra and listens to spiritual discourses with undivided attention. Jeeva unites with Ishwara through manana and nidhidyasana (rememberence and contemplation). Such knowledge of merging in God (aikya-jnana) can not be attained without the Grace of Guru. It is *Jnana* alone that helps a man to destroy the bondage of bhava and then he need not be afraid of the God of death (Yama). Therefore, one must surrender to *Sadguru*. Jeeva will get knowledge through the Grace of Guru Himself. He should worship Him (guru) with full devotion. Otherwise he will have to face the bondage of bhava. Well, now listeners, hear the story.

Once, many devotees decided to arrange `sant-bhojan' (feeding the saints and sages). For this, they selected among themselves Satappa as their leader. They all together went to Siddharudha and requested, "Deva, we have decided to arrange a `Samaradhana' (a means of gratification) in the nearby village called Mavanur. We request You to come over there." Siddharudha agreed. Having prepared a palanquin for Siddharudha to sit in they proceeded towards the village. On the way, they did *bhajana* while moving. The noise of bhajan filled the sky and the entire environment was filled with joy. They took Siddharudha to a house and made him sit on a divine seat (divya

peeth). They worshipped *Sadguru* with shodashopachara (the sixteen ways of doing homage to a diety). Then, Satappa went to the kitchen to cook. They were cooking for thousands of people. Butter was kept in a cauldron to heat for the preparation of *biryani* (the rice made with gee). Having held the cauldron with cloth, Satappa picked it up and applied it at the edge of the vessel. All of a sudden, it slipped from the

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hands, fell on the ground and the ghee sprang on the body of Satappa and heat caused severe burns. "Siddharudha, protect me, protect me" saying in this way, Satappa fell down unconsciously. The pain was unbearable. People were frightened. Some one brought medicine and some others applied oil. They began to treat him as they liked. Hearing the news, Siddharudha came to the spot. *Sadguru* saw Satappa's wife and children crying and said " Don't fear. Disaster happened when he was doing something good for the people. So *Sadguru* saves him". *Sadguru* moved His fingers on the burnt marks and said "This ghee is cold. He will now get up". He awakened him. All were surprised

to see this and said "Victory to Siddharudha", then, Satappa sat and looked at himself amazed and said, "Who applied this ghee to my body?" I will go to take a bath". After seeing around himself, he remembered everything. Satappa was greatly pleased to see *Sadguru* before him and said to Him "O Merciful Siddharudha, protector, when you are here with us, power of yama (the god of death) won't work out on us. You are incarnate of Ishwar". Speaking thus Satappa held lotus-feet firmly of Siddharudha. He then went to take a bath. After having a bath, the burnt marks became clean. The obstacle, which came in the way of great work, was removed without much difficulty by the Grace of *Sadguru*. It was a joyous occasion for all the people. They worshipped *Sadguru* with great devotion.

Then Bhojana karya began. *Sadguru* Himself served the food. Having held a bread (a roti) in one hand, He kept its piece into the mouth of each devotee and walked on. If there was anything short on the leaf, Siddha *Sadguru* would bring

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and serve it quickly. After they were contended, Siddharudha took his meal. In this way *Sadguru* not only Graced the function of His devotees but also made it success without any obstacles. As the mother sees the happiness in the joy of her child, as the good king sees the happiness in the welfare of his subjects, similarly, *Sadguru* is happy in the happiness of His devotees. Later the devotees brought *Sadguru* back in procession to Siddhashrama. Then, they all went home.

Now, O listeners, hear the secondary meaning of the story. Satappa himself is jeeva. When he was pouring ghee that was in the form of *moha* to be served to people, children etc. When he could not, it slipped from his hands and he started suffering acute burn pains. However he had the merciful *Sadguru* by his side. When the *Sadguru* gave Satappa pat on the burnt marks as a piece of advice, he then calmed down his illusions and desires. His bubbles of desire were blown off by the merciful hands of the *Sadguru*. O *Sadgurunatha*, show me the way which destroyas the bondage by keeping Your hand on my head. O listeners, in the next chapter, you will hear a beautiful story. By mere listening to it, all sins will be burnt in a second. Here Shivadas dedicates the twentieth chapter of 'Sri Siddharudha Kathamrita' at the Lotus feet of Sri Siddharudha, which burns all the sins by just hearing.

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### **Chapter 21**

#### **You are Sadguru dwelling in the form of all Gods**

Removing the ego of people, You  
bring them to devotion.

As you are captivated by devotion,  
I repeat Your Naama.

Desiring for salvation, I wish to  
serve Your feet.

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