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गुरुब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णुः गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः ।
गुरुः शाक्षात् परब्रह्म तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः॥

सबुरी

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Leela 99

"Wherever I go she comes in search of Me, she is a sister of mine for seven births" said Baba to Kaka about Chandrabai.

In July, 1918 Chandrabai visited Shirdi to have Baba's darshan. Baba said "Bai you need not take the trouble to come and see Me here henceforth. I am with you wherever you are". His compassion and love for her overwhelmed her and she broke into tears. After getting Udi from Baba she left and



went to Panchagani. Although it was a serene beautiful place, she was restless. One day she got a message from Kaka Dixit that Baba was thinking of her often, and that Baba's health was deteriorating rapidly. Hastely she went to Shirdi and was there when

Baba took Mahaniryana. She was fortunate to give some water to Baba at the last moment, as did Nimonkar. Then Baba leaned on Bayyaji's shoulder and took Samadhi.

*He has no beginning
He has no end
All beings arise from Him
and into Him they return*



Sri Guru Charitra



*Kaivalya
pada
nayakaya*

Namaha

**Sai Bhakti
Radio**



By Shri S.N.Huddar

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*Gurur Brahma, Gurur Vishnu, Gurur Devo Maheshwara
Guru Sakshat Parabrahmah Tasmai Shree Gurave Namah*

Chapter XVI

Greatness of Shri Guru

Namdharak- when all the disciples went away on the pilgrimage who served Shri Guru?

Siddha- I was in a swoon of delusion. But your question has given rise to the Sun of knowledge. Shri Guru's life is like Kamadhenu. Shri Guru lived secretly at Arogya Bhavani near Vajpath. I was with him this time. A Brahmin came to Shri Guru, praised him and said humbly, 'I am doing penance, but my mind has not become still. I am greatly appeased to see you, kindly tell me means to attain knowledge and liberate me.

The Brahmin further said, ' Gurudev, I had a Guru, He used harsh words and asked me to do undesirable service. He did not teach me logic, grammar, bhashya etc. He said that my mind is not still, so I left him in anger.'

Shri Guru-You are a fool, harming yourself and treacherous to Guru. You speak ill of Guru, how can you have knowledge? Why did you come to me leaving Guru, who is a Kamadhenu? By pleasing the Guru by service and giving respect to him one can know Vedas, Shastras and eight Siddhis (a boon to do particular miracles).

The Brahmin placed his head on the feet of Shriguru and asked, 'Gurudev, kindly tell me who is a Guru and how to serve him?'

Shri Guru- Mother and father are Gurus. Brahma, Vishnu, Maheshwara are Gurus. One serves his Guru with devotion. I narrate to you a tale in this connection.

Will Continue



Excerpts from Sai Leela

Sai Shankar

Megha was already a Shankar devotee. When he got attached to Sai's feet, he looked on Sainath as Shankar! He was his Umanath. Megha continuously chanted "Sai-Shankar" day and night, and his inner-self was merged in this form. His mind was pure and free of sin. He became dedicated devotee of Sai. He felt that Sai was Shankar himself. His chant of "Shankar-Shankar" reverberated. He did not believe in any other deity. Worship of Sai was worship of God to him. Sai was his Girija Raman. With this idea firmly rooted in his mind, Megha remained always happy.

Shankar likes 'bel' leaves; but there were no 'bel' trees in Shirdi. Therefore, Megha walked for koss-and-a-half to fulfill his desire of offering these leaves. For him a koss or two was nothing. He was ready even to cross a mountain for 'bel', for he would have fulfilled his desire to do puja as he wanted it to be done.

He would bring the 'bel' from long distances, get together all the Puja paraphernalia completely, and then worship all the village deities, one by one. He would offer to all according to the proper rituals. After that he would come immediately to the Masjid, loving bow to Baba's seat, wash his feet etc. and then drink the water as 'tirth'. Further stories about Megha will be delightful to listen. They will show Sai's all pervasiveness and reverence for the village deities. On one Makar-sankranti day, he felt like anointing Baba's whole body with sandalwood paste and then giving him a bath with Godavari water. He pestered Baba for permission, so Baba Said : "Go and do as you desire." So, immediately Megha took a copper vessel and set out for the water.

Early in the, morning, before sunrise, Megha took the empty copper vessel and without an umbrella or chappals, set out to get water from the Godavari. The entire distance, for coming and going, was about eight koss. It did not even occur to him to think of the exertion and strenuous efforts he would have to make.

Megha was not at all worried about this. He set out on getting the permission. When there is a strong determination there is a great joy in performing the task. When he thought of giving a bath to Sai with the Godavari water, he was not bothered about the strenuous efforts or the exhaustion. His firm faith was his support. So be it. He brought the water and poured it into a wide-mouthed copper pot. He began to persuade Baba to get up for the bath, but he did not agree.

"The noon arati is over and the people have gone to their homes. All the preparation for the bath have been made and it is afternoon", said Megha. Seeing Megha's great insistence, then Sai in sport and as if in a mock fight, took Megha's hand in his hands and said: "I do not wish to bathe in the Godavari waters? What is it to me?" But Megha was not prepared to listen at all, since he believed that Baba was his Shankar. He only knew that Shankar is pleased with Ganges water.

Will Continue





*Kovidhaya
Namaha*



Sri Vishnu SahasraNaamam

VISHNU SAHASRANAMA STOTRAM

Brahmanyo Brahmakrtbhrama
Brahma Brahma-vivardhanah |
Brahmavidbrahmano brahmi
Brahmajnao Brahmanapriyah ||70||

brahmanyah: Om brahmanyaya namah.

- He who is beneficial to all the big things both acetana and cetana, namely prakriti and atman.
- He who is beneficial to Brahman, namely the Veda, brahmans well-versed in scripture, penance, etc.

brahma-krt-brahma : Om brahma-krt-brahmane namah.
The Creator Who created Brahma, the creator of big things.

brahma: Om brahmane namah.
The Supreme Brahman, Paramatma.

brahma-vivardhanah : Om brahma-vivardhanaya namah.
a) He Who makes dharma grow.
b) He Who grows and nurtures everything in a big way.

brahmavit : om brahmavide namah.
a) The Knower of the Vedas.
b) He Who restored the Vedas during His Matsya incarnation.
c) He Who knows everything big, both seen and unseen, and those that can only be inferred.

brahmanah: om brahamnaya namah.
The Instructor of the Vedas.

brahmi: om brahmine namah.

- a) He who possesses all that goes by the term brahma - prakriti, Purusha, Isvara, Veda, etc.
- b) He Who has the four-faced Brahma in His nabhi-kalam.

brahmanjah: om brahmajnaya namah.

The Knower of the inner meaning of the Vedas.

brahmana-priyah: om brahamna-priyaya namah.

- a) He for Whom the brahamanas are of special liking.
- b) He Who is specially liked by the brahamanas.



Please enjoy the talk given by Saibanisa ji in Telugu

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*The recitation of the **Vishnu Sahasranamam** brings unwavering calm of mind, complete freedom from stress and eternal knowledge. Nothing evil or inauspicious will befall a man here or hereafter who daily hears or repeats these names. Whichever devoted man, getting up early in the morning and purifying himself, repeats this hymn devoted to Vasudev, with a mind that is concentrated on Him, that man attains to great fame, leadership among his peers, wealth, that is secure and the supreme good unsurpassed by anything. He will be free from all fears and be endowed with great courage and energy and he will be free from diseases. Beauty of form, strength of body and mind, and virtuous character will be natural to him, one who reads this hymn every day with devotion and attention attains to peace of mind, patience, prosperity, mental stability, memory and reputation. Whoever desires advancement and happiness should repeat this devotional hymn on Lord Vishnu. Never will defeat attend on a man who adores the Lotus-eyed One, Who is the Master of all the worlds, Who is birthless, and out of whom the worlds have originated and into whom they dissolve.*



Children Section

Learn and
Participate

Stories from “Chinna Katha”

Reward for sincere yearning



There was a Sultan once, ruling over the region of Mathurâ, Vrindâvana and other places, on the Yamunâ. During his reign the emperor of Vijayanagara came on pilgrimage and stayed at Vrindâvana for some days, where he paid homage to Krishna in the temple. The sultan argued that he must have come so only to pay respects to someone greater than himself. He was determined to see that One, come what may. So late one night he went and called out before the closed doors of the temple, "Who is inside?" He heard a voice, which gave the reply. "Govinda Mahârâj and Râdhârânî!" The Sultan was now sure that there were two persons living inside, a Super-Emperor and

His Super-Empress. He was filled with an agonizing yearning to see the distinguished occupants of the temple. He waited outside the door, without food or drink for three full days. He was overcome with hunger and thirst; but he did not stir, for he was afraid the Imperial Couple may emerge any moment and he might miss the Darshan ('the seeing' - the presence of the guru; the favor of saints and great sages to their followers to enjoy their presence).

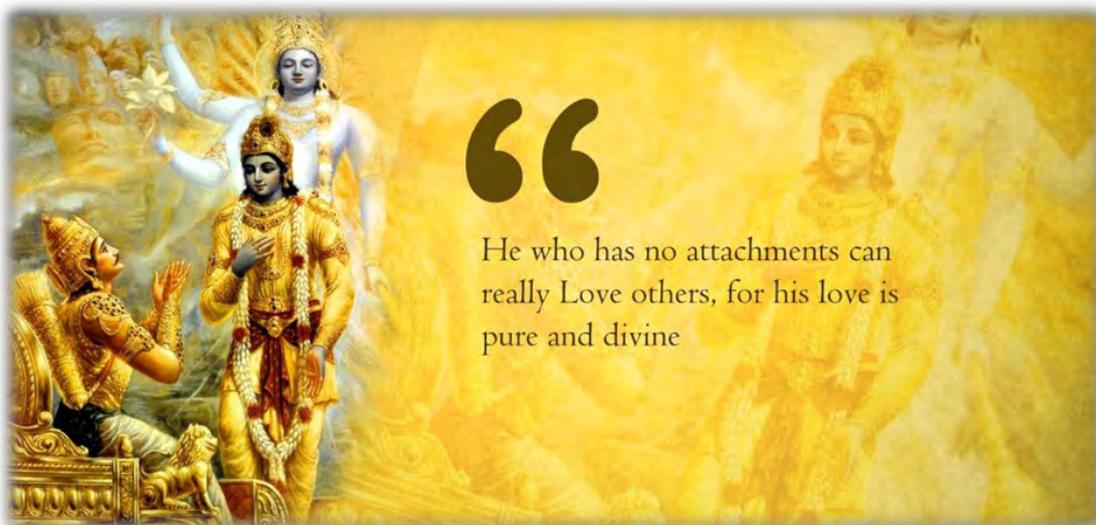


That night, when the town was asleep, just before midnight Govinda Mahârâj and Râdhârânî emerged from the temple. They signed him to follow them. They were magnificently dressed and had elaborately bejeweled head-gear, necklaces, wristlets and ornaments for the hands and feet. They moved on until they reached the banks of the Yamunâ, where thousands of Gopas and Gopîs were gathered to welcome them. There was music and dance in the bright moonlight, heavenly joy shone on every face. At 4

A.M. They returned to the temple and before they passed through the closed door, they gave into his hands the Kankanas they wore on the wrists, for safekeeping. Before he could say anything, they had gone.

A party of priests came along at that time, and seeing him, asked him, why he was standing there and what he had in his hands. They had come to open the locks of the outer and inner doors and inaugurate the ceremonials of the day, with Suprabhatam (morningprayer) and Nagara-Sankirtan (Awakening hymn and moving choirs - gathering together in the hours before dawn, and walk slowly along the streets, singing Bhajans glorifying God). The Sultan said, "Govinda Mahârâj and Râdhârâni have just gone in; I was with them at the Yamunâ bank from midnight till a few minutes ago. They gave me these kankanas for safekeeping. I don't know why." They surmised he was a thief who, caught in the act, was spinning a yarn and so bound and beaten him. But they found the locks unbroken, everything intact. Only the idol of Krishna had no gold kankanas! Now they were convinced that the man outside was a great bhakta, who had the unique vision of the Lord. They honored him and craved pardon for the wrong perpetrated in ignorance. Such is the reward for sincere yearning. Unlimited ananda can be earned through implicit faith in God.







*Komalarigaya
Namaha*

Sri Sai Baba's Sermon

SHRI BHAKTA LEELAMRUT

Chapter-31

At night Appa fell ill with cholera. He suffered from loose motions and vomiting. His body grew cold, his eyes sank deeper and deeper and his pulse became weaker. Seeing his condition Appa's wife got frightened, rushed to the mosque, fell at Baba's feet and started crying. She said to Baba that her husband was dying and asked for udhi to save him. Baba said in reply "Do not grieve".

Death awaits all those that are born. Birth and death are deeds of the Almighty. No one lives or dies here. If you see with the eye of knowledge, you will realize you are no different. When the clothes become old and frayed, you throw them away. In the same way, the soul, which is immortal casts off the worn out body. Do not therefore, ask for "udhi to patch up the old rags. Do not stop him from going. Let him leave. He has reached his life's goal. He will go to heaven. He is right now-changing the clothes before me ". Thus saying, Baba sent her home and Appa died soon after. The next day a couple of more people went down with cholera. The people of Shirdi were frightened and begged Baba to stop the scourge from spreading. Baba said to them. "Only seven people will die of cholera and after that Shirdi will be rid of the disease." Exactly seven people died of cholera in Shirdi. Baba's prediction came true to the last word.

Kondya Sutar was a devotee of Baba who loved Baba in his own special way. One day Baba asked Kondya to go to the Khalwadi (the place where the harvest is threshed) and put out the fire there. He said that the central stack of the harvest had caught fire. Frightened, Kondya rushed to the Khalwadi and made anxious enquiries but found no signs of fire. Returning, he complained to Baba saying that he had been put to unnecessary trouble and that his feet were scorched through walking in the hot sun. Baba replied, "Listen. My words are never untrue. Look behind you and see the smoke for yourself. The harvest stacks lie close together in a heap but the central stack is on fire." It was a summer afternoon and a sprightly wind was blowing. Trees were breaking and roofs were flying. "Fire! Fire!" shouted the people of Shirdi as they rushed to Baba and begged him to save the harvest and thus save the people and the cattle of the village from hunger and death. Moved by their appeal. Baba got up at once and went to the 'Khalwadi.' He poured water around the central stack which was on fire. He then said to the villagers. "Only this stack will burn. This one is the share of Agni. Do not try to extinguish the fire.
.....Will continue



Sri Sooktam:

*Kardamena Prajaa-Bhuutaa Mayi Sambhava Kardama |
Shriyam Vaasaya Me Kule Maataram Padma-Maaliniim ||11||*

Meaning:

11.1: (*Harīh Om. O Kardama, Invoke for me your Mother*) As Kardama (referring to Earth represented by Mud) acts as the substratum for the Existence of Mankind, Similarly O Kardama (now referring to sage Kardama, the son of Devi Lakshmi) you Stay with me,

11.2: *And be the cause to bring your Mother to Dwell in My Family; Your Mother who is the Embodiment of Sri and Encircled by Lotuses.*

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