

Om Shree Krishnaya Param Brahmane Namah!

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श्रीमद्भागवतं

SREEMADH BHAAGAWATHAM

MOOLAM (ORIGINAL)

पञ्चमस्कन्धः

PANJCHAMASKANDDHAH (CANTO FIVE)

॥ तृतीयोऽध्यायः ॥

THRITHEEYOADDHYAAYAH (CHAPTER THREE)

Naabhi Charithe Rishabha Avathaara [Naabhi Charitham – Rishabha Charitham] (Incarnation of Rishabha in the Story of Naabhi [Story of Naabhi – Story of Rishabha])

[In this chapter we can read the story of Naabhi, son of Agneedhddhra. Naabhi was married to Merudhevi. As they did not have any children for a long time after marriage, Naabhi with pure and austere mind worshiped and conducted a Yejnja to appease Lord Vishnu and to obtain his blessings to have a son who would be equal to Vishnu. The Rithviks conducted the Yaaga for Naabhi in accordance with all Vedhic stipulations. At the

conclusion of the Yaaga Lord Vishnu appeared and told them that he has not seen anyone equal to him. Therefore, he himself will incarnate as the son of Naabhi and Merudhevi. Rishabhadheva was that incarnation. Please continue to read for more details...]

श्रीशुक उवाच

SreeSuka Uvaacha (Sree Suka Brahmarshi Said):

नाभिरपत्यकामोऽप्रजया मेरुदेव्या भगवन्तं
यज्ञपुरुषमवहितात्मायजत ॥ १ ॥

1

Naabhirapathyakaamoaprejaya Merudhevyaa Bhagawantham Yejnja-
Purushamavahithaathmaa yejath.

Mahaaraaja Naabhi, the son of Emperor Agneedhddhra, wished to have a son and therefore he started worshiping and praying and offering obeisance and performing Yejnjaas to appease and obtain blessings from Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is the Master of the universe and the enjoyer of the Yejnjaas and sacrifices. Queen Merudhevi, the wife of Naabhi, also joined her husband with full devotion in worshiping and offering obeisance to please the Supreme Soul and Yejnja Purusha, Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, with the intention of fulfilling the same wish of her husband.

तस्य ह वाव श्रद्धया विशुद्धभावेन यजतः प्रवर्ग्येषु
प्रचरत्सु द्रव्यदेशकालमन्त्रत्विग्दक्षिणाविधानयोगो-
पपत्त्या दुरधिगमोऽपि भगवान् भागवतवात्सल्यतया
सुप्रतीक आत्मानमपराजितं निजजनाभिप्रेतार्थ-
विधित्सया गृहीतहृदयो हृदयङ्गमं मनोनयनानन्दना-
वयवाभिराममाविश्वकार ॥ २ ॥

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Thasya ha vaava sredhddhayaa visudhddhabhaavena yejathah preva-

Rggyeshu precharathsu
dhrevyadhesakaalamanthrarthvigdhakshinaavidhaa-
Nayogopapaththyaaya dhuraddhigamoapi Bhagawaan Bhaagawathavaa-
Thsalyathayaya supretheeka aathmaanamapaaraajitham nijajenaabhipre-
Thaarhtthaviddhithsayaya griheethahridhayo hridhayamggamam
manonaya-
Naanandhanaavayavaabhiraamamaavischakaara.

The Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is not approachable or Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan cannot be appeased by any of the seven regular norms of common principles of worshiping. The seven regular norms of common principles of worshiping are: 1) Kaalam means by choosing the right terms according to the time of worship [Soorya Gayathri Manthram in the morning], 2) Dhesam means by choosing the right terms at the place of worship [example do not stand in front of the icon of Siva and worship Brahma], 3) Dhrevyam means by offering valuable things or eatables, 4) Manthra means by reciting Manthraas or Hymns, 5) Yoga means choosing well decorated Sathsangaas or assemblies of Sages and discourses, 6) Rithvik means by selecting renowned priests and 7) Dhekshina means by offering attractive rewards for the priests as well for the deities. But Janaardhdhana Swamy who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan would always be available and willing to provide audience of His Cosmic Divine Form with charming and attractive transcendental and physical parts very happily to his true and sincere devotees who worship Him with full Concentration, Attention, Care, Purity of Mind, Maintenance of Regularity and Proper Anushtaanam.

अथ ह तमाविष्कृतभुजयुगलद्वयं हिरण्मयं पुरुषविशेषं
कपिशकौशेयाम्बरधरमुरसि विलसच्छ्रीवत्सललामं
दरवरवनरुहवनमालाच्छूर्यमृतमणिगदादिभिरुपलक्षितं
स्फुटकिरणप्रवरमुकुटकुण्डलकटककटिसूत्रहारकेयूर-
नूपुराद्यङ्गभूषणविभूषितमृत्विक्सदस्यगृहपतयोऽधना
इवोत्तमधनमुपलभ्य सबहुमानमर्हणेनावनतशीर्षाण
उपतस्थुः ॥ ३॥

Visesham kapisakauseyaambaraddharamurasi vilasachchree-
Vathsalalaamam dheravaravanaruhavanamaalaachchuryamrithamanige-
Dhaadhibhirupalekshitham sphutakiranaprevaramukutakundalakatakaka
Tisoothrahaarakeyooranoopuraadhyangabhooshanavibhooshithamrithviks
adha-

Syagrihapathayoaddhanaa ivoththamaddhanamupalebhya sabehumaana-
Marhanenaavanathaseershaana upathastthuh.

Janaardhdhana Swamy who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan appeared in front of king Naabhi. The most blissful and divine Form of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is self lustrous like a millions of Suns rising together with the following features could be seen by King Naabhi and other devotees present in the assembly: Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan appeared to them with four hands wearing Samkh or Conch-shell, Chakra or Sudharsana Chakra or the Sudharsana Disk, Abja or Lotus Flower and Gedha or Club or Mace. Those signatory signs were most befitting and extremely suitable and most appropriate with perfect match. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan was wearing Silk garments in a beautiful bright yellow color. His chest was beautifully decorated with the mark of Sreevathsa. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan was adorned with glittering Golden Girdles, Kaushtubha Gem, Golden Crown, Pair of Ear Studs, Many Bangles, Garlands of Forest Flowers, Pearl Necklace, Armlets, and Anklets with Bells and other very many divinely decorative adornments. When such divine Form of Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan appeared, all those who assembled in the hall of worship along with the Rithviks or Priests and King Naabhi saw, appreciated and enjoyed blissfully that Divine Form just like how a poor beggar would be happy when he gets treasures of fortune. They all started worshiping and offering prayers to the Supreme God Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with glorifying songs filled with devotion, reverence and respect:

ऋत्विज ऊचुः

Rithvija Oochuh (The Priests Said):

अर्हसि मुहुर्हत्तमार्हणमस्माकमनुपथानां नमो नम
इत्येतावत्सदुपशिक्षितं कोऽर्हति पुमान् प्रकृतिगुण-

व्यतिकरमतिरनीश ईश्वरस्य परस्य प्रकृतिपुरुषयो-
रर्वाक्तनाभिर्नामरूपाकृतिभी रूपनिरूपणम् ॥ ४॥

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Arhasi muhurarhaththamaarhanamasmaakamanupatthaanaam
Namo nama ithyethaavathsadhupasikshitham koarhathi pumaan
Prekrithigunavyethikaramathiraneesa Eeswarasya parasya Prekri-
ThiPurushayorarvvaakthaNaabhirnnaamaroopaakrithibhi roopaniroo-
Panam.

Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan!
You are the most worship-able One! Please accept our prayers and
worships and offers of devotional obeisance of your servants, very
pleasantly and delightfully. Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri
Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! We salute and prostrate you. This is the only
thing we have been taught by our most respectable priests and preceptors
and the only ways and means we know how to worship you. As we, human
beings, are totally entangled under the influence of contamination of
material natures we can concentrate our mind and intelligence only in
material matters. And because of that we are incapable to recognize and
or to understand transcendental affairs as our mind and intelligence are
under the darkness of material ignorance. Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri
Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are above and beyond
both Prekrithi and Purusha which are of material natures. Your form is
purely transcendental. So how would we be able to recognize or realize
purely transcendental form? And therefore, how is it possible for us to
worship your glories with names and vocabularies all of which have come
up after you and that too only in the material universe? Therefore, we are
incapable to pray and worship and offer obeisance unto you with the
Anushttaanaas or process and procedures developed after you in the
material universe. [Lord Vishnu is purely transcendental. Transcendental
is beyond the material universe. So, it is difficult to recognize or
understand transcendental form by
material creatures. That is what the priests are saying here.]

सकलजननिकायवृजिननिरसनशिवतमप्रवर-
गुणगणैकदेशकथनादृते ॥ ५॥

Sakalajenanikaayavrijinanirasanasivathamaprevaragunage-
naikadhesakatthanaadhrithe.

Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! We have neither the power nor the knowledge to glorify you properly. Our words may be able to represent only a very infinitesimally smaller portion of your glories because your glories are immensely larger than all the infinite number of universes manifested, maintained and dissolved by you from Kalpa Kalpaanthara. Even if infinite number of Brahmadhevaas and or infinite number of Mahaadhevaas and or infinite number of Vedhaas would try together for infinite number of Kalpaas not even the glories of one small hair of you can be represented. In spite of all those we know that if we can say even a small word about the nobility and greatness of transcendentalism then that would be sufficient to cross the ocean of material miseries by your devotees. Therefore, let us try with what we know and what we can to glorify you within the limit of our knowledge and power. But we know for sure that you are compassionate and merciful to your true and sincere devotees. Therefore, please accept gladly our prayers.

परिजनानुरागविरचितशबलसंशब्दसलिलसित-
किसलयतुलसिकादूर्वाङ्कुरैरपि सम्भृतया सपर्यया
किल परम परितुष्यसि ॥ ६॥

Parijanaanuraagavirachithasabalasamsabdhasalilasithaki-
Saleyathulasikaadhoorvvaangkurairapi sambhrithayaa saparyayaa
Kila parama parithushyasi.

Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the most perfect and pure supreme transcendental form in all respects. You are our ultimate Lord. We are all your servants, and we are always willing to offer obeisance and services at your lotus feet. Our words are faltering. Our pronunciations are imperfect and incorrect and unclear. Oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! It is wondrous, amazing and surprising to note that your mercy and compassion fully

accept and provide unconditional blessings and blissful happiness even with the paltry and deficient offerings and services either by these faltering and unclear words or by worships or by prayers or by or by a few seeds of corn or by few drops of water or by few Thulasi leaves or by few twigs of buds or by few flower petals or by grass or by twigs offered by your staunch devotees. You are amazingly beyond recognition by any material means.

अथानयापि न भवत इज्ययोरुभारभरया समुचित-
मर्थमिहोपलभामहे ॥ ७॥

7

Atthaanayaapi na bhavatha ijyayorubhaarabharayaa samuchitha-
marththamihopalebhaamahe.

Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! We have sorted many different means to worship and offer obeisance unto your lotus feet including with arrangements of many paraphernalia and conducting many different Yaagaas and Yejnjaas to appease you and obtain your blessings. But we do understand that none of those offerings are useful unless they are coming from within our heart and soul with true and sincere devotion unto your lotus feet. Also, we understand that none of these complex arrangements are required to appease you if they are coming from within our heart and soul to appease you. Simple Pooja and or worship with full involvement of our mind and heart with true love and affection and devotion are more than sufficient to obtain your blessings.

आत्मन एवानुसवनमञ्जसाव्यतिरेकेण बोभूयमा-
नाशेषपुरुषार्थस्वरूपस्य किन्तु नाथाशिष
आशासानानामेतदभिसंराधनमात्रं भवितुमर्हति ॥ ८॥

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Aathmana evaanusavanamanjjasaa vyethirekena bobhooya-
maanaasesha purusharththasvaroopasya kinthu naatthaasisha aasaa-
Saanaanaamethadhabhisamraaddhanamaathram bhavithumarhathi.

Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! The opulence, the prosperities, the auspiciousness, the fortunes, the

treasures and all other imaginable materials are directly and unlimitedly and unceasingly and self-sufficiently available within you as you are the sole embodiment and source of all of them. Then what is the use of worshipping or offering obeisance and sacrifices with all these paraphernalia to you. And moreover you are embodiment of transcendentalism. All these paraphernalia are material substances and so what is the use of all these things to you. What fools are we! But then again, oh Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, we are all paltry material creatures in this material world fully contaminated by material natures without any transcendental realization and therefore we have nothing else to offer you. Therefore, we humbly request and pray for your compassion and mercy to accept our respectful and devotional offerings with material paraphernalia and provide us with blissful blessings.

तद्यथा बालिशानां स्वयमात्मनः श्रेयः पर-मविदुषां
परम परमपुरुष प्रकर्षकरुणया स्वमहिमानं
चापवर्गाख्यमुपकल्पयिष्यन् स्वयं नापचित
एवेतरवदिहोपलक्षितः ॥ ९॥

9

Thadhyetthaa baalisaanaam svayamaathmanah sreyaah paramavidhu-
Shaam paramaparamapurushaprekarshakarunayaa svamahimaanam
chaa-

Pavarggaakhyamupakalpayishyan svayam naapachitha evetharava-
dhihopalekshithah.

Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are Lord of Illusory Power and hence known and called as Maayaapathi. You are the noblest primordial primary supreme personality and the perfection and embodiment of Purushaarthtthaas and hence known and called as Purushoththama. Oh Lord, we are ignorant of the execution of Purushaarthtthaas, which are Ddharmma, Arthttha, Kaama and Moksha. Only by proper execution of Purushaarthtthaas one can attain liberation from the material world. We do not know that because we are fully covered within your Illusory Power and hence ignorant of the process of transcendental realization. Now you have appeared before us in the guise of a person soliciting worship and as if it is the result of our worship and Yaagaas. But actually, You are present here only to give us the divine and

blissful opportunity for us to see you. You have come out of Your abundance of causeless mercy and compassion in order to serve our selfish purpose, our selfish interest and to give us the benefit of your glory which would enable us to get liberated from all the material miseries. We know that we did not worship you properly due to our ignorance, but your greatness is not mindful of that. And we also know that you, being purely transcendental, are beyond offers of worship and obeisance. Your mercy, compassion, greatness, nobility and other magnanimous qualities are beyond any assessment by any means.

अथायमेव वरो ह्यर्हत्तम यर्हि बर्हिषि राजर्षेर्वरदर्षभो
भवान् निजपुरुषेक्षणविषय आसीत् ॥ १०॥

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Atthaayameva varohyarhaththama yerhi Berhishi Raaja-
Rshervaradharshabho Bhavaannijapurushenavishaya aaseeth.

Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! We are so immensely fulfilled and happy that you blessed us with your audience as we were offering our prayers and worship in this Yaaga conducted by Raajarshi Naabhi who is the noblest king of the dynasty of Berhish. We are so fortunate and lucky that we are able to see your form with our own physical eyes. What a divinely and blissfully delightful sight is it for our eyes! The purpose of our life is now fulfilled. We have nothing beyond this to attain in our lives. This is the divinest of the divine boon one can ever obtain in life. We are transcendently blissful now.

असङ्गनिशितज्ञानानलविधूताशेषमलानां
भवत्स्वभावानामात्मारामाणां मुनीनामनवरत-
परिगुणितगुणगणपरममङ्गलायनगुणगण
कथनोऽसि ॥ ११॥

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Asangganisithajnjaanaanalaviddhoothaaseshamalaanaam Bhawa-
Thsvabhaavaanaamaathmaaraamaanaam
muneenaamanavarethaparigunitha-
Gunagenaparamamanggalaayanagunagenakatthanoasi.

The greatest of the sages and the divinest of the blissful saintly personalities with incessant recitals and discourses proclaiming the glories of the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan would be able to abandon all material desires and acquire the power and energy of Vairaagya Budhddhi, meaning the transcendental power and energy acquired by liberation from material life. How could they do that? They were able to burn out all their material desires in the eternal energy of the fire produced from the transcendental knowledge gained proclaiming the glories of the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. They became Aathmaaraamaas by merging themselves within you and becoming you, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. And as they became the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, they acquired the qualities of You as well. Thus, now they are roaming around the world carrying your qualities and proclaiming your glories.

अथ कथञ्चित्स्खलनक्षुत्पतनजृम्भणदुरवस्थानादिषु
विवशानां नः स्मरणाय ज्वरमरणदशायामपि सकल-
कश्मलनिरसनानि तव गुणकृतनामधेयानि
वचनगोचराणि भवन्तु ॥ १२॥

12

Attha katthanjchith skalanakshuthpathanajrembhanadhuravastthaa-
Naadhishu vivasaanaam nah smaranaaya jvaramaranadhesaayaamapi
Sakalakasmalanirasanaani thava gunakrithanaamaddheyaani
Vachanagocharaani bhavanthu.

Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! We may not be able to know and understand your Name, Form, Qualities and other Features due to material miseries like stumbling or hunger or falling down or yawning or suffering from dreadful and miserable disease conditions at the time of death with high fever. Oh Lord, you are always very affectionate and compassionate with your devotees. Therefore, we earnestly pray unto you to be compassionate with us and help us to remember your holy Names, Glories, Attributes, Qualities, Forms, Features, etc. which are capable to dispel all the reactions of our sinful

activities in this material life as well as in all other past and future lives.
That is the only blessing we need and request from you.

किञ्चायं राजर्षिरपत्यकामः प्रजां भवादृशीमाशासान
ईश्वरमाशिषां स्वर्गापवर्गयोरपि भवन्तमुपधावति
प्रजायामर्थप्रत्ययो धनदमिवाधनः फलीकरणम् ॥ १३॥

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Kinjchaayam raajarshirapathyakaamah prejaam Bhawaadhriseemaasaa-
Saana Eeswaramaasishaam svarggaapavarggayorapi Bhawanthamupa-
Ddhaavathi prejaayaamarththaprethyayo ddhanadhamivaaddhanah
phalee-
Karanam.

Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan!
Not only that but we also have one more request to you. This Raajarshi
Naabhi worshiped and conducted the Yaaga for fulfillment of the
Purushaarththaas with the ultimate goal of having a son exactly like you.
Oh Lord, we know full well that you are capable of providing whatever he
wanted including to elevate him to the most exalted position of Vaikuntta
Padham with transcendental realization of Aathmasaakshaathkaaram. It is
just like a beggar begging for paltry few grain seeds from Kubera, the god
of wealth and treasures and fortunes. Similarly, how silly is that Raajarshi
Naabhi has offered obeisance unto your lotus feet seeking for a son like
you instead asking for transcendental realization and Nithya Mukthi and
attainment of Vaikuntta Padham!

को वा इह तेऽपराजितोऽपराजितया मायया-
नवसितपदव्यानावृतमतिर्विषयविषरयानावृत-
प्रकृतिरनुपासितमहच्चरणः ॥ १४॥

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Ko vaa iha theaparaajithoaparaajithayaa maayayaana-
Vasithapadhavyaanaavrithamathirvishayavisharayaanaavrithaprekri-
Thiranupaasithamahachcharanah.

Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! Who in this universe is capable not only to surpass but even to properly recognize the magnanimity and majesty of Your Eternal Illusory Power? Not even a single entity of this universe including Lord Brahma or Lord Vishnu or Lord Maheswara who is capable to conquer and supersede the Power of Illusion. Your Illusory Power and Energy are unconquerable. Only those who offer unconditional worship, obeisance and devotional services at your lotus feet without any material desire would be able to attain transcendental realization and would be able to recognize the power of illusory energy and such Sages or Rishies are called as Sajjenaas with qualities not contaminated with material nature. Is it possible for anyone to attain the exalted position of transcendental realization and Vaikuntha Padham? No, it is impossible.

यदु ह वाव तव पुनरदभ्रकर्तृरिह समाहूत-
स्तत्रार्थधियां मन्दानां नस्तद्यद्देवहेलनं देवदेवार्हसि
साम्येन सर्वान् प्रतिवोढुमविदुषाम् ॥ १५॥

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Yedhu ha vaava thava punaradhabhrakararththariha samaahoothasthathraa-
Rththhaddhiyaam mandhaanaam nasthadhyadhdhevahelanam
dhevadhevaarhasi
Saamyena sarvvaan prethivoddumavidhushaam.

Oh, the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan! You are the performer of many wonderful activities. You are the embodiment of transcendental knowledge and energy. You are at the most exalted position of Vaikuntha. We are with least intelligence and transcendental knowledge and realization. We are the most negligible and useless material creatures. We do not know anything about you, and we do not know how to worship you properly by proclaiming your glories. For fulfillment of paltry material desire of having a son for Raajarshi Naabhi we conducted the Yaaga and offered obeisance unto you and brought you over to hear that too without knowing how you should be worshiped properly and how obeisance should be offered to you appropriately. Oh Lord, we know that we have committed an unpardonable offense. We are retarded. We are ignorant. There is only one thing in our mind of fulfilling material motive. We committed despicable action to the Supreme Deity

Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. But we know that you are the embodiment of causeless mercy and compassion. You see everyone, whether a sinner or a saint or an evil doer or a righteous person, as equal. Therefore, we humbly and earnestly request you to pardon us for our offense.

श्रीशुक उवाच

SreeSuka Uvaacha (Sree Suka Brahmarshi Said):

इति निगदेनाभिष्टूयमानो भगवाननिमिषर्षभो
वर्षधराभिवादिताभिवन्दितचरणः सदयमिदमाह ॥ १६॥

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Ithi nigadhenaabhishtooyamaano Bhagawaananimisharshabho
Varshaddharaabhivaadhithaabhivandhithacharanah sadhayamidhamaaha.

When the Rithviks or Priests of Raajarshi Naabhi humbly worshiped and spoke to the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with proclamation of His glories, the God of all the gods the Supreme Soul Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with compassion and mercy spoke to them:

श्रीभगवानुवाच

SreeBhagawaanUvaacha (Sree Bhagawaan Said):

अहो बताहमृषयो भवद्धिरवितथगीर्भिर्वरमसुलभ-
मभियाचितो यदमुष्यात्मजो मया सदृशो भूयादिति ॥ १७॥

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Aho bethaahamrishayo bhavadhbhiravithatthageerbhirvaramasu-
Labhamabhiyaachitho yedhamushyaathmajo mayaa sadhriso bhooyaa-
Dhithi.

Oh Brahmin Rithviks! This is great! Great! Wonderful! I am truly pleased with your prayers. You are very truthful. It is interesting that you have

worshipped me for the benediction of Raajarshi Naabhi who is desirous or actually yearning to have a son equal to me or like me! That is very difficult to obtain. Of course, the king and you are all very selfish and selfishly motivated. But do you think that is practical and can happen?

ममाहमेवाभिरूपः कैवल्यादथापि ब्रह्मवादो न मृषा
भवितुमर्हति ममैव हि मुखं यद्विजदेवकुलम् ॥ १८॥

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Mamaahamevaabhiroopah kaivalyaadhatthaapi Brahmavaadho na
MRishabhavithumarhathi, mamaiva hi mukham yedhdhvijadhevakulam.

Hey Vipraas or Dhvijaas or Rithviks or Brahmin Priests! There is absolutely none – no one - equal to me or like me in any respect. But at the same time, I am very particular that the efforts and or the words of commitments of the Brahmins should not become futile and meaningless because the Brahmins are my own face. [What Lord Vishnu says here is about the concept that Brahmins are manifested from the face or Brahmins represent the face of Brahma who is a form of Vishnu.] Therefore, I myself would be born as a plenary portion from the womb of Merudhevi, the wife of Raajarshi Naabhi who is the son of Agneedhddhra. Therefore, your effort of conducting the Yaagaas and worshiping me and the desire of Raajarshi Naabhi would be fulfilled.

तत आग्नीध्रीयेंऽशकलयावतरिष्याम्यात्मतुल्य-
मनुपलभमानः ॥ १९॥

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Thatha Aagneeddhreeyeamsakalayaavatharishyaamyaathmathulyamanu-
Palebhamaanah.

I have so far not seen anyone equal to me or like me therefore now I will incarnate as a plenary portion in the family of Agneedhddhra as the son of Naabhi and Merudhevi without any doubt and hesitation. Oh, Brahmins be sure of that.

श्रीशुक उवाच

SreeSuka Uvaacha (Sree Suka Brahmarshi Said):

इति निशामयन्त्या मेरुदेव्याः पतिमभिधाया-
न्तर्दधे भगवान् ॥ २० ॥

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Ithi nisaamayantyaa Merudhevyaah pathimabhiddhaayaanthardhdheddhe
Bhagawan.

Merudhevi was very pleased and thrilled when she heard of the blessings given by the Supreme Soul Naaraayana Swaamy Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan disappeared after providing the blessings and boon like that to Naabhi.

बर्हिषि तस्मिन्नेव विष्णुदत्त भगवान् परमर्षिभिः
प्रसादितो नाभेः प्रियचिकीर्षया तदवरोधायने
मेरुदेव्यां धर्मान् दर्शयितुकामो वातरशनानां
श्रमणानामृषीणामूर्ध्वमन्थिनां शुक्लया
तनुवावततार ॥ २१ ॥

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Berhishi thasminneva Vishnudheththa Bhagawaan Paramarshibhih
Presaadhitho Naabheh priyachikeershayaa thadhavaroddhaayane
Merudhevyaam ddharmmaandharsayithukaamo vaatharasanaanaam
sremanaa-

Naamrisheenaamoorddhvamanththinaam suklayaa thanuvaavathathaara.

Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan was pleased with the noble Yejnja conducted by the Rithviks at the instance and for the sake of Naabhi to fulfill the material desire of having a son like Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Krishna Bhagawaan who is Lord Sree Hari or Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, who was always willing to fulfill the desires of his devotees, fully understood and recognized their desire properly. And with that clear understanding and also with the purpose of showing and teaching the world the Ddhaarmic or proper and righteous

path of Brahmacharya Vrata or Austere Celibacy and to Thaapasaas or Sages who always undertake austerities and penance for the benefit of the universe and to Avaddhoothaas the selfless social and spiritual responsibilities Lord Sri Vaasudheva Sri Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan with pure Sathwa Guna or Virtuous Quality incarnated in Merudhevi who was residing in the harem of Raajarshi Naabhi.

इति श्रीमद्भागवते महापुराणे पारमहंस्यां संहितायां
पञ्चमस्कन्धे नाभिचरिते ऋषभावतारो नाम तृतीयोऽध्यायः ॥ ३॥

Ithi Sreemat Bhaagawathe Mahaa Puraane Paaramahamsyaam
Samhithaayaam
Panjchamaskanddhe Naabhi Charithe Rishabhaavathaaro Naama
Thritheeyoaddhyaayah

Thus, we conclude the Third Chapter named as The Incarnation of Rishabha in the Story of Naabhi of Fifth Canto of the Most Divine and the Supreme Most and Greatest Mythology known as Sreemad Bhagawatham.

Om Shree Krishnaya Param Brahmane Namah!
Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!
Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!
Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!