

Om Shree Krishnaaya Param Brahmane Namah!

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॥ ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय ॥

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श्रीमद्भागवतं - सप्तमस्कन्धः

**SREEMADH BHAAGAWATHAM - SAPTHAMASKANDDAH
MOOLAM (ORIGINAL)**

॥ सप्तमस्कन्धः ॥

SAPTHAMASKANDDAH (CANTO SEVEN)

॥ चतुर्थोऽध्यायः - ४ ॥

CHATHURTHTHOADDHYAAYAH (CHAPTER FOUR)

**PrehlaadhaCharithe [Prehlaadha Charitham] (Within the Story of
Prehlaadha {The Atrocities of Hiranyakasipu} [Story of Prehlaadha])**

[After performing the severest austerity and penance, Hiranyakasipu was able to fulfill almost all his desires, except immortality. When Brahmadheva disappeared after granting the boons to Hiranyakasipu, he remembered that his younger twin brother, Hiranyaaksha, was killed by Vishnu. He

immediately planned to avenge the death of his brother. He asked all other Asura leaders to go and search for Vishnu and to kill all the devotees, saints, Dhevaas and anyone who follows Vishnu. He conquered all the three worlds and all the ten directions of the universe. Even the Trios, Brahma-Vishnu-Siva were conquered by him and brought them under his control. Though everything in all the three worlds were under his command, he was not satisfied as he wanted to deregulate the Vedhic norms and stipulations. He did all the atrocities to the universe by killing and destroying all pious and virtuous people who follow the righteous path. As it became unbearable, the Maharshees and Dhevaas including the Brahma-Vishnu-Siva worshiped the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan to relieve them from griefs inflicted to them by Hiranyakasipu. Vishnu Bhagawaan pacified them by saying that he will torment his son, Prehlaadha, and at that time He will kill and destroy the Asura and asked to wait patiently until that time. Please continue to read for details...]

नारद उवाच

Naaradha Uvaacha (Naaradha Brahmarshi Said):

एवं वृतः शतधृतिर्हिरण्यकशिपोरथ ।
प्रादात्तप्तपसा प्रीतो वरांस्तस्य सुदुर्लभान् ॥ १ ॥

1

Evam vrithah sathaddhrithirHiranyakasiporettha
Praadhaaththaththapasaa preetho varaamsthasya sudhurlllebhaan.

Lord Brahmadheva was very much pleased and satisfied with the severe austere penance of Hiranyakasipu. Brahmadheva after speaking to Hiranyakasipu granted all the boons and benedictions, though they were very difficult and extremely rare for one to achieve, asked by Hiranyakasipu, fulfilling all his desires and wishes.

ब्रह्मोवाच

BrahmOvaacha (Brahmadheva Said):

तातेमे दुर्लभाः पुंसां यान् वृणीषे वरान् मम ।
तथापि वितराम्यङ्ग वरान् यदपि दुर्लभान् ॥ २॥

2

“Thaatheme dhurillebhaah pumasaam yaan vrineeshe varaan mama
Thatthaapi vitharamyangga varaan yedhapi dhurillebhaan.”

“It is impossible for anyone to achieve the boons and benediction you have requested me to grant you. Nobody can get them. Still then, my darling son, due to my untamable affection to you I have granted you all the boons and benediction you desired.”

ततो जगाम भगवानमोघानुग्रहो विभुः ।
पूजितोऽसुरवर्येण स्तूयमानः प्रजेश्वरैः ॥ ३॥

3

Thatho jegaama Bhagawaanmoghaanugreho Vibhuh
Poojithoasuravaryena sthooyamaanah prejeswaraih.

Hiranyakasipu, the best of the Asuraas, worshiped and honored Brahmadheva who awarded infallible benedictions and fulfilled all the wishes of his devotees. Thereafter, Brahmadheva departed from there being glorified and praised by the Dhevarshees.

एवं लब्धवरो दैत्यो बिभ्रद्धेममयं वपुः ।
भगवत्यकरोद्वेषं भ्रातुर्वधमनुस्मरन् ॥ ४॥

4

Evam lebddhavarro dheithyo bibhradddhemamayam vapuh
BHagawathyakarodhdhvesham bhraathurvaddhamanusmaran.

The body of Hiranyakasipu was as colorful and as effulgent as molten gold. When he was granted with such infallible benedictions by Brahmadheva, he immediately remembered the death of his twin brother, Hiranyaaksha. With the remembrance of the killing of his brother, he immediately thought and fixed uncontrollable anger and rivalry and became envious of the killer

Hari who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

स विजित्य दिशः सर्वा लोकांश्च त्रीन् महासुरः ।
देवासुरमनुष्येन्द्रान् गन्धर्वगरुडोरगान् ॥ ५॥

5

Sa vijithya dhisah sarvvaalokaamscha threen mahaasurah
DhevaAsuraManushyEndhraan GenddharvvaGerudOragaan.

सिद्धचारणविद्याध्रानृषीन् पितृपतीन् मनून् ।
यक्षरक्षःपिशाचेशान् प्रेतभूतपतीनथ ॥ ६॥

6

SidhddhaChaaranaVidhyaaddhraanRisheen Pithrupatheen Manoon
YekshaRekshaPisaachesaan PrethaBhoothpatheenattha.

सर्वसत्त्वपतीन् जित्वा वशमानीय विश्वजित् ।
जहार लोकपालानां स्थानानि सह तेजसा ॥ ७॥

7

Sarvvasaththvapatheenjjithvaa vasamaaneeya visvajith
Jehaara lokapaalaanaam stthaanaani saha thejasaa.

He conquered all the universe and became a Dhigvijayee, meaning the one who is victorious in all directions. He defeated with heroic bravery and established victory over: Dhevendhra, All the Top Leaders of Asuraas, The best of all the Kings and Emperors, The King of Genddharvvaas, Geruda – the king of birds -, Anantha – the king of Sarppaas -, The King of Chaaranaas, The King of Sidhddhaas, The King of Vidhyaaddharaas, The Rishees, The Pisaachaas, The Manoos, Yekshaas, Pithroos, Prethaas, The Lords of Bhootha Genaas, The Best of all Rekshasas and thus all the best and the lords of all the species. And thus, he became the most exalted being of the universe with effulgence and luster of universal victory.

देवोद्यानश्रिया जुष्टमध्यास्ते स्म त्रिविष्टपम् ।
महेन्द्रभवनं साक्षान्निर्मितं विश्वकर्मणा ।
त्रैलोक्यलक्ष्म्यायतनमध्युवासाखिलर्द्धिमत् ॥ ८॥

8

Dhevodhyaanasriyaa jushtamaddhyaasthe sma thrivishtapam
Mahendhrabhavanam saakshaannirmitham Visvakarmmanaa
ThrailokyaLakshmyaayathanamaddhyuvaasaakhilardhddhimath.

Hiranyakasipu with all the opulence began residing in heaven which was endowed with the renowned garden of Nandhana which was being enjoyed by the Dhevaas thus-far. In fact, he resided in the most opulent palace of Dhevendhra – the king and lord of all Dhevaas - called Amaraavathy which was built by the heavenly architect called Visvakarma.

यत्र विद्रुमसोपाना महामारकता भुवः ।
यत्र स्फाटिककुड्यानि वैदूर्यस्तम्भपङ्क्तयः ॥ ९॥

9

Yethra vidhrumasopaanaa mahaamaarakathaa bhuvah
Yethra spaatikakudyaani vaidooryasthambhapangkthayah

यत्र चित्रवितानानि पद्मरागासनानि च ।
पयःफेननिभाः शय्या मुक्तादामपरिच्छदाः ॥ १०॥

10

Yethra chithravithaanaani padhmaragaasanaani cha
Payahphenanibhaah syiyaa mukthaadhaamaparichcchadhaah

कूजद्धिर्नूपुरैर्देव्यः शब्दयन्त्य इतस्ततः ।
रत्नस्थलीषु पश्यन्ति सुदतीः सुन्दरं मुखम् ॥ ११॥

11

Koojadhbirnnoopuraairdhdhevyah sabdhayanthya ithasthathah

Rethnastthaleeshu pasyanthi sudhatheeh sundharam mukham.

All the steps of king Indhra's palace were made of coral, the floors were tiles with most valuable emeralds, the walls were made of crystal and the columns made of costly turquoise stones. The canopies were very beautiful with full decoration and the seats were bedecked with rubies and the silk beddings and cushions were as soft as foams of milk and were decorated with pearls on all the sides. All the vessels and utensils of Amaraavathy were decorated with chains of pearls. The Apsaras or the ladies of heaven were all very beautiful and charmingly attractive being blessed with beautiful teeth and wonderfully beautiful faces and when they walked here and there in the palace, their ankle bells were tinkling melodiously and at times they will stand still on the floor and enjoy their own beauty and charm on the reflections on the gems on the floor.

तस्मिन् महेन्द्रभवने महाबलो
महामना निर्जितलोक एकराट् ।
रेमेऽभिवन्द्याङ्घ्रियुगः सुरादिभिः
प्रतापितैरूर्जितचण्डशासनः ॥ १२॥

12

ThasminMahendhrabhavane mahaabelo
Mahaamanaa nirjjithaloka ekaraat
Remeabhivandhyaangghriyugah suraadhibhih
Prethaapithairoorjjithachandasasaanah.

With unchallengeable physical strength and incredible mental power Hiranyakasipu easily conquered all the three worlds and severely ruled everyone and everything under his sole command. He oppressed and defeated all the most powerful Dhevaas like Soorya or Sun, Indhra, Agni, Vaayu, etc. and forced them to bow their heads down and offer obeisance at his feet. He placed all of them under his strict command and none of them could perform their duties without his permission. [Example that Soorya cannot rise in the morning and provide energy to the universe unless Hiranyakasipu orders him to do so or if Hiranyakasipu says do not rise one day then he cannot rise; like that.] Thus, he lived in the palace of heaven with all opulence and power.

तमङ्ग मत्तं मधुनोरुगन्धिना
विवृत्तताम्राक्षमशेषधिष्ण्यपाः ।
उपासतोपायनपाणिभिर्विना
त्रिभिस्तपोयोगबलौजसां पदम् ॥ १३॥

13

Thamangga maththam maddhunorugenddhinaa
Vivriythathaamraakshamaseshaddhishnyapaah
Upaasathopaayanapaanibhirvinaa
Thribhithapoyogabelaujasaam Padham.

Hiranyakasipu always drank strong-smelling wines and liquors and because of that his eyes were always reddened and rolling. Nonetheless, with the mystic power he gained by performing severe austere penance all the Dhevaas except the three, Lord Brahmadheva, Lord Sree Mahaadheva and Lord Maha Vishnu, had to prostrate at his feet and offer obeisance to him.

जगुर्महेन्द्रासनमोजसा स्थितं
विश्वावसुस्तुम्बुरुरस्मदादयः ।
गन्धर्वसिद्धा ऋषयोऽस्तुवन् मुहु-
र्विद्याधराश्चाप्सरसश्च पाण्डव ॥ १४॥

14

JegurmMahendhraasanamojasaa stthitham
VisvaavasusThumbururasmadhaadhayah
GenddharvvaSidhddhaa Rishayoasthuvanmuhur-
Vidhyaaddharaa Apsarasascha Paandava!

Oh, Mahaaraaja Yuddhishtira, the best of the Paandoos! With personal might and prowess, Hiranyakasipu occupied the most exalted throne of Dhevendhra with all opulence and prosperity and controlled and ruled all the inhabitants of all the three worlds. The two Genddharvvaas, Visvaavasus and Thumburu and I myself and the Vidhyaaddharaas, the Apsaras and the sages and all offered prayers and obeisance again and again just to glorify him.

स एव वर्णाश्रमिभिः क्रतुभिर्भूरिदक्षिणैः ।
इज्यमानो हविर्भागानग्रहीत्स्वेन तेजसा ॥ १५॥

15

Sa eva varnnaasramibhih krethurbhirbhooridhekshinaih
Ijyamaano havirbhaagaangaangraheeth svena thejasaa.

He has insisted to all those Varnnaasramees, meaning those who strictly follow the Ddharmmaas of Varnnaas and Aasramaas, who perform Yaagaas and Yejnjaas to appease the Deities or the Dhevaas that they should offer Yejnjabhaaga or the share of the Sacrifice only to him as he, being the supreme power and authority in all the three worlds. And he forcibly took all the Yejnjabhaaga.

अकृष्टपच्या तस्यासीत्सप्तद्वीपवती मही ।
तथा कामदुघा द्यौस्तु नानाश्चर्यपदं नभः ॥ १६॥

16

Akrishtapachyaa thasyaaseeth saptadhveepavathee mahee
Thatthaa kaamadhughaa dhyasthu naanaascharyapadham nabhah.

The Planet of Earth which consists of seven divisions, or seven islands or continents was afraid of him and even without tilling and ploughing and fertilizing it became very fertile and delivered sufficient food grains and fruits and other products. Surabhi or Kaamaddhenu, the heavenly cow, who fulfills all the desires of Rishees and Dhevaas willingly provided whatever is needed, including all divine products, for him with honor and respectful regards.

रत्नाकराश्च रत्नौघांस्तत्पत्न्यश्चोहूर्मुभिः ।
क्षारसीधुघृतक्षौद्रदधिकीरामृतोदकाः ॥ १७॥

17

Rethnaakaraascha rethnaughaamsthathpathnyaschohuroormmibhih
Kshaaraseeddhughrithakshaudhradheddhiksheeraamrithodhakaah.

The oceans of the seven islands regularly used to supply, their treasures of gems and jewels and the products like salt, wines and liquors, clarified butter or ghee, sugarcane juice, water which is as good as Amrith, curd or yogurt and milk through the flow of waves of their tributary rivers which were their wives, for the use of Hiranyakasipu because they were afraid of him.

शैला द्रोणीभिराक्रीडं सर्वर्तुषु गुणान् द्रुमाः ।
दधार लोकपालानामेक एव पृथग्गुणान् ॥ १८॥

18

Sailaa dhroneebhiraakreedam sarvvarththu gunaan dhrumaa
Dheddhaara lokapaalaanaameka eva prithhaggunaan.

The mountains and valleys became fields of pleasure for Hiranyakasipu or he converted the mountains and valleys as playgrounds for him to play and enjoy and get entertained. Trees and plants provided him fruits, roots and grains and other edibles in all the seasons throughout the year without any interruption according to his wishes and needs and requirements. The three top most leaders of Dhevaas like: Indhra, Vaayu and Agni who are the universal heads of the departments like: pouring of water or rain, drying and burning were under his total command and he ordered them how and when to activate and perform their responsibilities. [That means Indhra will pour only with the orders of Hiranyakasipu and so on and so forth.]

स इत्थं निर्जितककुबेकराड् विषयान् प्रियान् ।
यथोपजोषं भुञ्जानो नातृप्यदजितेन्द्रियः ॥ १९॥

19

Sa iththam nirjjithakaKuberaadvishayaan preeyaan
Yetthopajosham bhunjaano naathyapyathajithendhriyah

Hiranyakasipu became the controller of all directions and Commander of Ashtadhikpaalaas including Kubera who is the Lord and god of wealth and opulence. He enjoyed all types of material pleasures and sense gratifications as he was a slave to the senses, or he was unable to

overcome material senses despite severe austerity and penance. Instead of controlling the senses he became a slave or servant of senses. Thus, he was dissatisfied even with unlimited and immeasurable material pleasures and sense gratifications.

एवमैश्वर्यमत्तस्य दृप्तस्योच्छास्त्रवर्तिनः ।
कालो महान् व्यतीयाय ब्रह्मशापमुपेयुषः ॥ २० ॥

20

Evamaisvaryamaththasya dhripthasyochcchaasthravarththinah
Kaalo mahaan vyetheeyaaya Brahmasaapamupeyushah

Hiranyakasipu was fully intoxicated with false pride and ego. When he became the supreme authority of all the three worlds and everyone and everything in the universe including the universe consisting of all the three worlds under his complete control like not even single fly in the universe can fly without the permission of Hiranyakasipu, he lost his senses and discretionary power and was unable to distinguish what is doable and what is not doable. He abandoned all the norms, rules, standards, ethics, laws, Vedhic stipulations, Scientific Principles and Standards, etc. which prevailed in the universe, and which were the controlling force leading the universe and maintaining it in order. He became the subject of curses, abuses and hatred of the Brahmins and pious and serene Saints. Hiranyakasipu thus wasted his long life of Sixty-Seven Yugaas (Trillions of Human Years).

तस्योग्रदण्डसंविग्नाः सर्वे लोकाः सपालकाः ।
अन्यत्रालब्धशरणाः शरणं ययुरच्युतम् ॥ २१ ॥

21

Thasyogradhendasamvignaah sarvve lokaah sapaalakaah
Anyaaathraalebddhasaranaah saranam yeyurAchyutham.

Everyone, including the Lords or the Rulers of the Directions and Planets, was severely distressed by cruel and illegitimate punishments imposed by Hiranyakasipu as the unchallengeable supreme Lord of the whole universe. They could not get any refuge from anyone like the Trios, Brahma, Vishnu

and Siva. As they were unable to stand to the cruel brutalities of Hiranyakasipu and as they had no refuge from anywhere else they approached Achyutha Bhagawaan or Saarnggi or the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, and sought to save their lives before being killed by Hiranyakasipu and for ongoing protection.

तस्यै नमोऽस्तु काष्ठायै यत्रात्मा हरिरीश्वरः ।
यद्गत्वा न निवर्तन्ते शान्ताः सन्न्यासिनोऽमलाः ॥ २२ ॥

22

Thasyai namoasthu kaashttaayai yethraathmaa HarirEeswarah
Yedhgethvaa na nivarththanthe saanthaah sanyaasinoamalaah.

इति ते संयतात्मानः समाहितधियोऽमलाः ।
उपतस्थुर्हृषीकेशं विनिद्रा वायुभोजनाः ॥ २३ ॥

23

Ithi they samyethaathmaanah samaahithaddhiyoamalaah
UpathastthurHrisheekesam vinidhraaa vaayubhojanaah.

All of them undertook severe meditation by abandoning all the activities of the material senses and organs and with full concentration of mind and heart they started praying to the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. They were like fully renounced Sanyaasees or Saints. They did not take any food or drink and the only thing they consumed was air. They did not sleep. Because of that their souls were pure and serene and were with full devotion and with no material ego or any material interests. They were with the full realization that fully renounced Sanyaasees would be worshipping the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, to reach His abode of Vaikuntta, from where they would never return to material world, to offer unconditional obeisance unto the lotus feet of the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. With that realization they all started worshipping and praying Lord Hrisheekesa or the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, looking at the direction of Vaikuntta by chanting the following powerful Manthraas:

[This worship is not in the Sanskrit version I am referring to copy the Slokaas. Therefore there will be a discrepancy in the numbers from here.]

24

“Om Namō Bhagawathe Thubhyam Purushaaya Mahaathmane
Visudhddhaanubhavaanandhasandhohaaya yethoabhayam.”

“We worship and offer our respectful and devotional obeisance unto the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, Who is the killer and remover of all types of fears from our mind. We worship and offer our respectful and devotional obeisance unto the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, Who is the source and embodiment of ultimate and blissful and perfect happiness. We worship and offer our respectful and devotional obeisance unto the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, Who is the source and embodiment of prosperity and auspiciousness. We worship and offer our respectful and devotional obeisance unto the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, Who is the sole essence of pure mind. We worship and offer our respectful and devotional obeisance unto the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, Who is the Supreme Great Soul. We worship and offer our respectful and devotional obeisance unto the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, Who is the provider of all perfect happiness, prosperity, peace of mind and release from the miseries of material world and provider of salvation. We worship and offer our respectful and devotional obeisance unto the Supreme Soul, Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.”

तेषामाविरभूद्वाणी अरूपा मेघनिःस्वना ।
सन्नादयन्ती ककुभः साधूनामभयङ्करी ॥ २४॥

25-24

Theshaamaavirabhoodhvaanee Aroopaa Meghanisvanaa
Sannaadhayanthee kakubhah saaddhoonaamabhayankaree.

At that time they appeared before them or they heard a thunderous transcendental vibration without a body from which the sound or vibration was produced. The echo of the sound was reverberating and spreading in all the ten directions of the universe. That bodiless transcendental vibration was capable of removing all the fears of the innocent souls including the Ashtadhikpaala-Dhevaas of the entire universe and it removed the fears.

मा भैष्ट विबुधश्रेष्ठाः सर्वेषां भद्रमस्तु वः ।
मद्दर्शनं हि भूतानां सर्वश्रेयोपपत्तये ॥ २५ ॥

26-25

“Maa Bhaishtha Vibuddhasreshttaah Sarvveshaam bhadhramasthu vah
Madhdhersanam hi bhoothaanaa sarvvasreyopapaththaye.”

“Oh, the best of learned and intelligent Lord of Dhevaas! Do not fear. I wish you good fortune and prosperity and auspiciousness. Not only that I am satisfied with your prayers but also by hearing the chanting of these powerful Manthraas all other living entities also would become My devotees. And My devotees would definitely obtain good fortune and attain prosperity and auspiciousness.”

ज्ञातमेतस्य दौरात्म्यं दैतेयापसदस्य च ।
तस्य शान्तिं करिष्यामि कालं तावत्प्रतीक्षत ॥ २६ ॥

27-26

“Jnjaathamethasya dhauraathmyam dheitheyaapasadhasya cha
Thasya saanthim karishyaami kaalam thaavath pretheekshitha.”

“I am aware of all the cruel, brutal and atrocious deeds of that demonic Hiranyakasipu. I will certainly put an end to all violence and crimes of his. You please wait patiently for a little bit more time as we can stop it only at the destined time.”

यदा देवेषु वेदेषु गोषु विप्रेषु साधुषु ।
धर्मे मयि च विद्वेषः स वा आशु विनश्यति ॥ २७ ॥

28-27

“Yedhaa Dheveshu Vedheshu Goshu Vipreshu Saaddhushu
Ddharmme mayi cha vidhveshah sa vaa aasu vinasyathi.”

“When a person becomes despicable and envious to Dhevaas or gods who represent Me, Braahmanaas or Brahmins represent piety and purity and devotion to Me, Cows or Vedhaas which are the source of all knowledge and or ultimately of Me who is embodiment of Religious Principles and Righteousness; he and his supporters will be vanquished and destroyed. There is no doubt about that.”

निर्वैराय प्रशान्ताय स्वसुताय महात्मने ।
प्रह्लादाय यदा द्रुह्येद्धनिष्येऽपि वरोर्जितम् ॥ २८॥

29-28

“Nirvvairaaya Presaanthaaya svasuthaaya mahaathmane
Prehlaadhaaya yedhaa dhruhyedhddhanishyeapi varorjjitham.”

“Hiranyakasipu will tease and harm and mistreat his own son Prehlaadha who is a great soul, who is very peace-loving, who is very sober and an ardent and steadfast devotee of Me. At that time, I will kill and destroy that demonic, violent and cruel Hiranyakasipu, however powerful and mighty he is with the benediction of Brahmadheva.”

नारद उवाच

Naaradha Uvaacha (Dhevarshi Naaradha Said):

इत्युक्त्वा लोकगुरुणा तं प्रणम्य दिवोकसः ।
न्यवर्तन्त गतोद्वेगा मेनिरे चासुरं हतम् ॥ २९॥

30-29

Ithyukthaa lokagurunaa tham prenomya dhivaukasah
Nyevarththantha gethodhvegaa menire chaasuram hatham.

When the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan Who is the Universal Preceptor spoke like that all the Dhevaas who are residents of heaven become fearless and confidently confirmed that the supreme authority of all the Dheithyaas and Asuraas, Hiranyakasipu, is dead. They were satisfactorily relieved and returned to heavenly abode after prostrating at the direction from where they heard the voice of Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

तस्य दैत्यपतेः पुत्राश्चत्वारः परमाद्भुताः ।
प्रह्लादोऽभून्महांस्तेषां गुणैर्महदुपासकः ॥ ३० ॥

31-30

Thasya dheithyapatheh puthraaschathvaarah paramaadhbhuthaah
Prehlaadhoabhoonmahaamstheshaam gunairmmahadhupaasakah.

The best of Dhithi's son, Hiranyakasipu who was the leader of all Dheithyaas, had four sons who were all with good characters and qualities. Of them Prehlaadha always engaged in offering services to saintly Braahmanaas and Maharshees. He became a great dignified soul with pure good qualities.

ब्रह्मण्यः शीलसम्पन्नः सत्यसन्धो जितेन्द्रियः ।
आत्मवत्सर्वभूतानामेकः प्रियसुहृत्तमः ॥ ३१ ॥

32-31

Brehmanyah seelasampannah sathyasanddho jithendhriyah
Aathmavathsarvvabhoothaanaamekah priyasuhriththamah.

Prehlaadha offered devotional services daily to Braahmanaas. He was well qualified with good characters. He was honest. He had full control of all material senses. Just like the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, Prehlaadha was friend of everyone and hence was a universal friend.

दासवत्सन्नतार्याङ्घ्रिः पितृवद्दीनवत्सलः ।
भ्रातृवत्सदृशे स्निग्धो गुरुष्वीश्वरभावनः ।

33-32

Dhaasavathsamnathaaryaangghrih pithrivadhdheenavathsalah
Bhraathrivathsadhrise snigdhdho gurushveeswarabhaavanah
Vidhyaarththaroopajenmaaddyo maanasthambhavivarjjithah.

He will touch the feet of virtuous people and salute them with folded hands like a servant. To the needy and oppressed he will be like a father and treat them and take care of all their needs. He considers and treats the equals very affectionately like a brother. He worships and treats the Guroos or preceptors as if they are gods. He was very learned, highly scholarly, very intelligent, born into a top-class and highly cultured family, very wealthy and highly prosperous, very handsome and glamorous and above all he was ego-less without having any false pride. He controlled lusty desires.

नोद्विग्नचित्तो व्यसनेषु निःस्पृहः
श्रुतेषु दृष्टेषु गुणेष्ववस्तुदृक् ।
दान्तेन्द्रियप्राणशरीरधीः सदा
प्रशान्तकामो रहितासुरोऽसुरः ॥ ३३ ॥

34-33

Nodhvignachiththo vyesaneshu nihsprihah
Srutheshu dhrishteshu guneshvavasthudhrik
Dhanthendhriyapraanasareeraddheeh sadhaa
Presaanthakaamo rehithaasuroasurah.

He was free of any sorrows, distresses, difficulties, fear and or of any material interests. He has no interest and does not wish to possess any material wealth and or prosperity which are perishable and momentary. He realized that all the material senses and sensual luxuries are all unreal and illusory, false and meaningless. He had control over his senses, conscience and intelligence and mind. Though he was born into the Dheithya or Dhaanava or Asura or Demonic dynasty, he did not possess any quality of an Asura. He enjoyed a transcendental life having been released and free of any material interest and ego as a great divine soul.

यस्मिन् महद्गुणा राजन् गृह्यन्ते कविभिर्मुहुः ।
न तेऽधुनापिधीयन्ते यथा भगवतीश्वरे ॥ ३४॥

35-34

Yesminmahadgunaa Raajan! Grihyanthe kavibhirmmuhuh
Na theaddhunaapo ddheeyanthe yetthaa BhagawathEesware.

Hey Mahaaraajan! His greatness and the virtuous and pure qualities possessed by him cannot be explained by anyone. By fine qualities and good characters, he was as good as the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. All the Scholarly Dhevaas and Rishees are exclaiming his qualities like that. The great qualities and divine natures possessed by Prehlaadha would never be faded away from this universe at any time. [See, that is why even in this Kali Yuga we are explaining it.]

यं साधुगाथासदसि रिपवोऽपि सुरा नृप ।
प्रतिमानं प्रकुर्वन्ति किमुतान्ये भवादृशाः ॥ ३५॥

36-35

Yem Saaddhugaatthaa sadhasi ripavoapi suraa Nripaa!
Prethimaanam prekurvvanthi kimuthaanye bhavaadhrisaah.

Hey Mahaaraajan! Though the Dhevaas are born enemies of Asuraas by dynastically in the assemblies of Dhevaas where the Dhevarshees give spiritual discourses about the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and His devotees they used to quote and show Prehlaadha as an example of the most steadfast and staunchest devotee of Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. In all the divine discourses he was repeatedly quoted as a model devotee of Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

गुणैरलमसङ्ख्येयैर्माहात्म्यं तस्य सूच्यते ।
वासुदेवे भगवति यस्य नैसर्गिकी रतिः ॥ ३६॥

37-36

Gunairalamasamkhyeyairmmaahaathmyam thasya soochyathe
Vaasudheve Bhagawathi yesya naisarggikee rethih.

Hey best of the Kings! However, and how-long we explain his greatness and fine qualities and characters cannot be completed. They would always remain incomplete. All the explanations and narrations by the best of the orators would only be some indications about them. And the reason for that is because he was such a steadfast and staunch devotee of Sree Vaasudheva Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

न्यस्तक्रीडनको बालो जडवत्तन्मनस्तया ।
कृष्णग्रहगृहीतात्मा न वेद जगदीदृशम् ॥ ३७॥

38-37

Nyesthakreedanako baalo jedavaththanmanasthayaa
Krishnagrihagriheethathmaa na Vedha jegadheedhrisam.

During his childhood, he did not engage in playing with toys like other kids and children. His mind was the home of Krishna Bhagawaan and therefore every part of his mind was filled with Krishna Bhagawaan and there was no space for anything else. He himself was engulfed by the home of Krishna Bhagawaan. Just like the idols and icons made of stone or wood, in which the power of Krishna being invoked by chanting Manthraas by great Yogic Saints, are immovable his mind also became immovable from the thoughts and prayers of Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Thus, his mind and attention would not move away from Sree Krishna Bhagawaan not even for a blink of a moment. Therefore, he could not see anything other than Sree Krishna Bhagawaan in this universe. For him this universe was filled with Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

आसीनः पर्यटन्नश्नन् शयानः प्रपिबन् ब्रुवन् ।
नानुसन्धत्त एतानि गोविन्दपरिरम्भितः ॥ ३८॥

39-38

Aaseenah paryatannasnan sayaanah prepiban bruvan
Naanusanddhaththa ethaani Govindhaparirembhithah.

He does not know or rather he is unaware that whether he is sitting, standing, moving, drinking, eating, sleeping, speaking or anything else what he does in this material world as his mind would always be involved in enjoying and getting entertained in the blissful and transcendental thoughts of plays and playful deeds of Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

क्वचिद्बुदति वैकुण्ठचिन्ताशबलचेतनः ।
क्वचिद्भसति तच्चिन्ताह्लाद उद्गायति क्वचित् ॥ ३९॥

40-39

Kvachidhrudhathi Vaikunttachinthaasabalachethanah
Kvachidhddhasathi thachcchinthaahlaadha, udhgaayathi kvachith.

He would be in full meditation at times. Sometimes he may look moody and wearied and some other times he would be sobbing or crying and some other times he would be tremendously happy and smile and laugh aloud boisterously and some other times he would sing some songs out of transcendental blissful happiness proclaiming the glories of Sree Krishna Bhagawaan and dance and enjoy.

नदति क्वचिदुत्कण्ठो विलज्जो नृत्यति क्वचित् ।
क्वचित्तद्भावनायुक्तस्तन्मयोऽनुचकार ह ॥ ४०॥

41-40

Nadhthi kvachidhuthkantto vilejjo nrithyathi kvachith
Kvachiththadhbhaavanaayukthasthanmayoanuchakaara ha.

Sometimes very anxiously he will call Lord Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan like: "Hey Remaajaane, meaning the consort of Goddess Lakshmi Bhagawathi who is the embodiment of wealth and prosperity, Hey Lord, Hey Bhakthavathsala, meaning one who is affectionate and kind to

His devotees" as if he has seen Him and then he will dance alone very happily without any shame. Some other times he will imitate all the playful and glorious deeds of Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan as if he has sublimely merged with the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

क्वचिदुत्पुलकस्तूष्णीमास्ते संस्पर्शनिर्वृतः ।
अस्पन्दप्रणयानन्दसलिलामीलितेक्षणः ॥ ४१ ॥

42-41

Kvachidhuthpulkasthushneemaasthe samsparsanirvrithah
Aspandhaprenayaanandhasalilaameelithekshanah.

Sometimes, he would feel the sense of touch with the lotus hands of Lord Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and will become blissfully happy and very jubilant and horripilate and would remain silent as if he has attained salvation. Sometimes, his eyes will be filled with tears of blissful happiness and jubilation and will stay there without flowing out. Sometimes, he will lie down with the ecstasy of blissful joy of having associated with Lord Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

स उत्तमश्लोकपदारविन्दयो-
निषेवयाकिञ्चनसङ्गलब्धया ।
तन्वन् परां निर्वृतिमात्मनो मुहु-
र्दुःसङ्गदीनान्यमनःशमं व्यधात् ॥ ४२ ॥

43-42

Sa uththamaslokapadhaaravindhayo-
RnNishevayaakinjchanasanggalebddhayaa
Thanvan paraam nirvrithimaathmano muhur-
Dhdhuhsanggadheenaanyamanahsamam vyeddhaath.

Prehlaadha had association with only the perfect, unalloyed devotees of Lord Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Because of that he always

got engaged in offering devotional services at the lotus feet of Lord Sree Krishna Bhagawaan who is the Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. And because of that he attained ultimate blissful happiness and ecstasy of transcendental realization of permanent release from material life. Just by seeing the material body of Prehlaadha, those who did not have the opportunity to meet with virtuous and pious devotees of Sree Krishna Bhagawaan were also able to attain transcendental realization and enjoy ecstasy of blissful happiness by becoming devotees of Sree Krishna Bhagawaan.

तस्मिन् महाभागवते महाभागे महात्मनि ।
हिरण्यकशिपू राजन्नकरोदघमात्मजे ॥ ४३॥

44-43

ThasminMahaabhaagawathe Mahaabhaage Mahaathmani
Hiranyakasipoo Raajannakrodhaghamaathmaje.

Oh, best of the kings, Yuddhishtira! Prehlaadha was the crest jewel of all the devotees of Lord Sree Krishna Bhagawaan. He was like a ruby embossed in the middle of stud among the devotees. He was the embodiment and reservoir of greatness, fortune and all prosperities. He was the son of the Asura King, Hiranyakasipu. Though Prehlaadha was the son, Hiranyakasipu was always tormented by afflicting all types of cruel punishments.

युधिष्ठिर उवाच

Yuddhishtira Uvaacha (Yuddhishtira or Ddharmmaputhra Said or Asked):

देवर्ष एतदिच्छामो वेदितुं तव सुव्रत ।
यदात्मजाय शुद्धाय पितादात्साधवे ह्यघम् ॥ ४४॥

45-44

Dhevarsha eathadhichchaamo vedhithum thava Suvratha!
Yedhaathmajaaya sudhddhaaya pithaadhaan saaddhave hyagham.

Why did the father, Hiranyakasipu, inflict torments to his son, Prehlaadha, who was very pious, pure, virtuous and saintly and who always chose to move in the path of righteousness? I am very eager and anxious to know about it and with my request you please explain it to us. Therefore, please tell us the story in detail.

पुत्रान् विप्रतिकूलान् स्वान् पितरः पुत्रवत्सलाः ।
उपालभन्ते शिक्षार्थं नैवाघमपरो यथा ॥ ४५॥

46-45

Puthraan viprethikoolaan svaan pitharah puthravathsalaah
Upaalebhanthe sikshaarththam naivaaghamaparo yetthaa.

किमुतानुवशान् साधूंस्तादृशान् गुरुदेवतान् ।
एतत्कौतूहलं ब्रह्मन्नस्माकं विधम प्रभो ।
पितुः पुत्राय यद्वेषो मरणाय प्रयोजितः ॥ ४६॥

47-46

Kimuthaanuvasaan saaddhoomsthaadhrisaan gurudhevathan.
Ethath kauthoohalam Brahmannaasmaakam viddhama, Prebho,
Pithuh puthraaya yeddhvesho maranaaya preyojithah.

Even if the children are not moving in the right path, the parents would only punish them to correct them and other than no parent who is affectionate to their children would ever inflict torments like this on their own child as if like a totally unrelated outsider. As the facts are like that, how can a child who considers his parents and preceptors as God be inflicted with such cruel and merciless torments? What was the reason for that? Please explain. Yuddhishtira inquired further by asking that it is unnatural that a father can be so violent and cruel to a son who is very obedient, well-behaved and respectable to all others. And it is more wonderful and very interesting to know that the cause of Hiranyakasipu's end was his violent and cruel torments against his son, Prehlaadha. Therefore, please have positive regards to our interest and kindly explain it to us in detail.

इति श्रीमद्भागवते महापुराणे पारमहंस्यां संहितायां
सप्तमस्कन्धे प्रह्लादचरिते चतुर्थोऽध्यायः ॥ ४॥

Ithi Sreemadh Bhaagawathe Mahaa Puraane Paaramahamsyaam
Samhithaayaam
SapthamaSkanddhe PrehlaadhaCharithe [Prehlaadha Charitham]
ChathurththoAddhyaayah

Thus, we conclude the Fourth Chapter Named as the Story of Prehlaadha
[Atrocities and Terrorization of Universe by Hiranyakasipu and Torments to
Prehlaadha] Of the Seventh Canto of the Most Divine and the Supreme
Most and the Greatest Mythology Known as Sreemadh Bhaagawatham.

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