

**Om Shree Krishnaaya Param Brahmane Namah!**

**Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!**

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**Om Namo Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!**

श्रीमद्भागवतं

**SREEMADH BHAAGAWATHAM**

**MOOLAM (ORIGINAL)**

अष्टमस्कन्धः

**ASHTAMASKANDDAH (CANTO EIGHT)**

॥ चतुर्थोऽध्यायः - ४ ॥

**CHATHURTHTHOADDHYAAYAH (CHAPTER FOUR)**

**GejendhraMokshanam Naama [Gejendhra Moksham -  
PoorvaVriththam] (Attainment of Salvation of Gejendhra [Continuation  
of Story of Attainment of Salvation of Gejendhra – Story of Previous  
Birth])**

[In this chapter we can read stories of the Crocodile and Gejendhra. In the previous birth the crocodile was a very famous and well-known Genddharva called Hoofoo. He was cursed by Dhevarshi Dhevala because of his misbehavior. Lord Vishnu Bhagawaan cut the head of the

crocodile with Sudhersana Chakra to provide deliverance from the curse. Worshipping Lord Vishnu, he went to Genddharva-Loka, his abode, happily. By the touch of Lord Hari or Vishnu Bhagawaan, Gejendhra removed all his material ignorance and bondage. He received Saaroopya-Mukthi and assumed the same bodily features of Lord Hari, being dressed in yellow garments and possessing four hands because of staunch devotion to Lord Vishnu in the previous birth. In the previous birth, he was the renowned Dravidian King of Paandya Dhesa with the name Indhradhyumna. He fabulously ruled the country for many years and then retired happily. After retirement he went to the forest in the mountains to lead a renunciated Sanyaasa life. One day when he was under a vow of silence and meditatively worshiping Lord Vishnu with full concentration, Agasthya Muni along with his disciples reached in his Aasrama. Because the king did not adhere to the formal etiquette of receiving him properly, Agasthya cursed him to be an elephant of ignorance. Indhradhyumna took it as the will of God and accepted the curse happily. After deliverance of the curse, Lord Vishnu elevated the king into the position of Vishnu Paarshadha. And not only that but also blessed him that anyone who recites the prayers he chanted at the end, in the form of an elephant, would be elevated to a heavenly planet even if he had committed evil deeds in his life. After blessing Gejendhra like that Lord Vishnu went back to His abode of Vaikuntta. As a Paarshadha, Indhradhyumna also went to Vaikuntta. Please continue to read for details...]

श्रीशुक उवाच

**SreeSuka Uvaacha (Sree Suka Brahmarshi Said):**

तदा देवर्षिगन्धर्वा ब्रह्मेशानपुरोगमाः ।  
मुमुचुः कुसुमासारं शंसन्तः कर्म तद्धरेः ॥ १ ॥

1

Thadhaa DhevarshiGenddharvaa BrahmEsaanapurogemaah  
Mumuchu kusumaasaaram samsanthah karmma thadhddhareh.

Immediately after The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan liberated the Gejasreshtta or Gejendhra from the capture of the crocodile, all the Dhevaas led by Brahmadheva and Siva, all

Genddharvvaas, the Dhevarshees and other celestial beings showered rains of flowers on The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and praised His glories. This liberation or release of Gejendhra clearly displayed the affection, love, mercy and compassion The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan has towards His devotees and shelter and support He provides to His devotees.

नेदुर्दुन्दुभयो दिव्या गन्धर्वा ननृतुर्जगुः ।  
ऋषयश्चारणाः सिद्धास्तुष्टुवुः पुरुषोत्तमम् ॥ २॥

2

Nedhurdhdhundhubhayo Dhivyaa Genddharvaa nanrithurjieguh  
RishayaasChaaranaah Sidhddhaasthushtuvuh Purushoththamam.

Sounds of heavenly divine musical instruments like kettledrums, drums, trumpets filled the whole atmosphere. All the Genddharvvaas started singing and dancing joyously. The Sidhddhaas, Saadhddhyaas, Kinnaraas and Dhevarshees started worshipping variously The Supreme Most First Personality, The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, with glorious Keerththans and Bhajans.

योऽसौ ग्राहः स वै सद्यः परमाश्चर्यरूपधृक् ।  
मुक्तो देवलशापेन हूहर्गन्धर्वसत्तमः ॥ ३॥

3

Yoasau graahah sa vai sadhyah paramaascharyaroopaddhrik  
Muktho Dhevalasaapena HoohoorgGenddharvasaththamah.

This crocodile was a very famous Genddharva called Hoofoo in the previous birth. Hoofoo became a crocodile because of the curse by Dhevala Maharshi. Dhevala gave him the curse release that when the crocodile's head is cut by The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu with His Chakra, he will be turned back to the original charming form of Hoofoo Genddharva. That is also a reason for The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu to incarnate as Lord Hari.

प्रणम्य शिरसाधीशमुत्तमश्लोकमव्ययम् ।  
अगायत यशोधाम कीर्तन्यगुणसत्कथम् ॥ ४॥

4

Prenamya sirasaaddheesamUththamaslokamavyeyam  
Agaayatha yesoddhaama keerththanyaguanasathkattham.

Understanding that by Whose mercy he has been delivered of the curse, he immediately offered his respectful obeisance with bowed down head and began chanting prayers suitable for the Transcendental Lord or The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu or The Uththamasloka, meaning the One Who is being worshiped by divinest and noblest Keerththans and Bhajans, and Who is Eternal and Who is the Absolute Truth.

सोऽनुकम्पित ईशेन परिक्रम्य प्रणम्य तम् ।  
लोकस्य पश्यतो लोकं स्वमगान्मुक्तकिल्बिषः ॥ ५॥

5

Soanukampitha Eesena parikremya prenamya tham  
Lokasya pasyatho lokam svamagaanmukthakilbishah.

Being blessed by Lord Sree Hari or The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu, he completely circumambulated and offered respectful obeisance to Lord Hari. Thereafter, Hoohoo who was relieved of all sins became sinless and went back to his abode of Genddharva-Loka, while all the Dhevaas and Rishees were looking on.

गजेन्द्रो भगवत्स्पर्शाद्विमुक्तोऽज्ञानबन्धनात् ।  
प्राप्तो भगवतो रूपं पीतवासाश्चतुर्भुजः ॥ ६॥

6

Gejendhro Bhagawathsparsaadhvimukthoajnjaanabendddhanaath  
Praaptho Bhagawatho roopam PeethavaasasaasChathurbhujah.

Because Gejendhra had been touched directly by Lord Sree Hari Who is The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu, he was immediately relieved of all material ignorance and bondages. Thus, he received Saaroopya-Mukthi, meaning he achieved the same bodily features of Lord Hari, being dressed in yellow garments and possessing four hands.

स वै पूर्वमभूद्राजा पाण्ड्यो द्रविडसत्तमः ।  
इन्द्रद्युम्न इति ख्यातो विष्णुव्रतपरायणः ॥ ७॥

7

Sa vai poorvvamabhoodh Raajaa Paandyo Dhrevidasaththamah  
Indhradhyumna ithi khyaatho Vishnuvrathaparaayanah.

Hey Mahaaraajan! Please understand that in the previous birth, this Gejendhra was a very popular and renowned king named Indhradhyumna. King Indhradhyumna was a very staunch and steadfast devotee of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu. He was a Dhrevidian or Dravidian king. He ruled Paandya-Dhesa or the state of Paandi. [Today's Tamil Nadu or the whole South India can also be called as Paandyadhesa] He has observed many severe and austere Vaishnava Vrathaas.

स एकदाऽऽराधनकाल आत्मवान्  
गृहीतमौनव्रत ईश्वरं हरिम् ।  
जटाधरस्तापस आप्लुतोऽच्युतं  
समर्चयामास कुलाचलाश्रमः ॥ ८॥

8

Sa ekadhaaaaaraaddhanakaala Aathmavaan  
Griheethamaunavratha Eeswaram Harim  
Jetaaddharasthaapasa aapluthoAchyutham  
Samarchchayaamaasa Kulaachalaasramah.

After retiring from family life, Indhradhyumna Mahaaraaja went to the Mountain of Malaya to perform austere Vratha. There he made an Aasrama and observed austerity. He wore a matted lock on his head and always engaged in austerity. Once, while he was observing a vow of

silence after stabilizing and balancing mind and conscious, he was engaged in worshipping The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan and was absorbed in the ecstasy of devotional love of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan.

यदृच्छया तत्र महायशा मुनिः  
समागमच्छिष्यगणैः परिश्रितः ।  
तं वीक्ष्य तूष्णीमकृतार्हणादिकं  
रहस्युपासीनमृषिश्चुकोप ह ॥ ९॥

9

Yedhrichcchayaa thathra mahaasayaa Munih  
Samaagemachcchishyagenaih parisrithah  
Tham veekshya thushneemakrithaarhanaadhikam  
Rehasyupaaseenamrishischu kopa ha.

On that day, when Indhradhyumna Mahaaraaja was under vow of silence and austerity, the most famous and most renowned Agasthya Maharshi along with many of his disciples reached there. Seeing that the King remained silent without following the formal and courteous etiquette of welcoming them with proper reception, the Maharshi became very angry.

तस्मा इमं शापमदादसाधु-  
रयं दुरात्माकृतबुद्धिरद्य ।  
विप्रावमन्ता विशतां तमोज्झं  
यथा गजः स्तब्धमतिः स एव ॥ १०॥

10

Thasmaa imam saapamadhaa”dhasaaddhu-  
Rayam dhuraathmaaakrithabudhddhiradhya  
Vipraavamanthaa visathaam thamoanddham  
Yetthaa gejah sthabddhamathih sa eva.”

The angry Agasthya spoke these curse words: “He is not gentle. Being low and uneducated and dull or ill-intelligent, he has insulted a Braahmana.

May he therefore be born in the region of utter darkness and receive the dull and dumb body of an elephant.”

श्रीशुक उवाच

**SreeSuka Uvaacha (Sree Suka Brahmarshi Said):**

एवं शस्वा गतोऽगस्त्यो भगवान् नृप सानुगः ।  
इन्द्रद्युम्नोऽपि राजर्षिर्दिष्टं तदुपधारयन् ॥ ११ ॥

11

Evam saphvaa gethoAgasthyo Bhagawaan, Nripa, saanugah  
Indhradhyumnoapi Raajarshirdhdhishtam thadhupaddhaarayan

After cursing Indhradhyumna like that, Agasthya Muni went away with his disciples. Raajarshi, meaning a King who has become a Rishi or Saint, Indhradhyumna took the curse of Agasthya Muni positively considering that it is because of his own sinful or evil actions in the previous birth or rather Indhradhyumna accepted the curse thinking that as the will or desire of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. [Because in this birth he has not committed any evil actions. And he did not want to blame Agasthya.]

आपन्नः कौञ्जरीं योनिमात्मस्मृतिविनाशिनीम् ।  
हर्यर्चनानुभावेन यद्गजत्वेऽप्यनुस्मृतिः ॥ १२ ॥

12

Aapanna kaunjareem yonimaathmasmrithivinaasineem  
Haryarchchanaanubhaavena yedhgejathveapyanusmrithih.

Therefore, though in the next life he got the body of an elephant, because of the devotional services offered to The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan in the previous birth, he remembered how to worship and pray The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan. Thus, as an elephant within his soul of consciousness he was engaged in transcendental advancement.

एवं विमोक्ष्य गजयूथपमब्जनाभ-  
स्तेनापिपार्षदगतिं गमितेन युक्तः ।  
गन्धर्वसिद्धविबुधैरुपगीयमान-  
कर्माद्भुतं स्वभवनं गरुडासनोज्जात् ॥ १३॥

13

Evam vimokshya gejayootthapamabjanaabha-  
Sthenaapi paarshadhagethim gemithena yukthah  
Genddharvvasidhddhavibuddhairupageeyamaana-  
Karmmaadhbhutham svabhavanam Gerudaasanoagaath.

The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan who is the Creator of Brahmadheva, immediately elevated Gejendhra who was Raajarshi Indhradhymna, a staunch and steadfast devotee of The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan in the previous life, to the position of Vishnu Paarshadha or Associate of Vishnu. And then The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan along with Gejendhra and other Paarshadhaas went back to His abode of Vaikuntta on the back of Geruda while the Dhevaas, Genddharvvaas, Kinnaraas and other celestial beings were worshipping Him with glorious Keerththans and Bhajans.

एतन्महाराज तवेरितो मया  
कृष्णानुभावो गजराजमोक्षणम् ।  
स्वर्ग्यं यशस्यं कलिकल्मषापहं  
दुःस्वप्ननाशं कुरुवर्यं शृण्वताम् ॥ १४॥

14

Ethanmahaaraaja, thaveritho mayaa  
Krishnaanubhaavo gejarajamokshanam  
Svarggyam yesasyam kalikalmashaapaham  
Duhsvapnanaasam, Kuruvarya, srinvathaam.

Hey, Mahaaraajan! Thus, I have narrated to you the story of Gejendhra Moksham. This story explains how The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan or Lord Sree Hari of His mercy

and compassion to His devotees. This story is so powerful that anyone who listens to this story would be able to wash off all the sins and evils of Kali Kaala or the Age of Kali infected or attached to him, he will not see any sickening nightmares in dreams, he will become very popular and renowned, and he would be able to reach heaven.

यथानुकीर्तयन्त्येतच्छ्रेयस्कामा द्विजातयः ।  
शुचयः प्रातरुत्थाय दुःस्वप्नाद्युपशान्तये ॥ १५ ॥

15

Yetthaanukeerththayanthyethachchreyaskaamaa dhvijaathayah  
Suchayah praatharuththaya dhuhsvapnaadhyupasaanthaye.

All the Brahmins who wish to prosper and become famous and to counter the troubles of bad dreams would take bath in the morning and after sanctifying will read this story with earnest interest without any deviation.

इदमाह हरिः प्रीतो गजेन्द्रं कुरुसत्तम ।  
शृण्वतां सर्वभूतानां सर्वभूतमयो विभुः ॥ १६ ॥

16

Idhamaaha Harih preetho Gejendhram Kurusaththama!  
Srinvathaam sarvvabhoothaanaam sarvvabhoothamayo Vibhuh.

Oh, the best of Kuru Dynasty! The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is Bhagawaan or God. The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is Hari. The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is within all the entities and elements. The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan is in the form of each element and entity. I will also explain to you what The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan spoke to the noblest and finest devotee, Indhradhyumna-Gejendhra at that time on the shore of that Saras or lake.

श्रीभगवानुवाच

**SreeBhagawaanUvaacha (Hari Bhagawaan Lord Sree Maha Vishnu Said):**

ये मां त्वां च सरश्चेदं गिरिकन्दरकाननम् ।  
वेत्रकीचकवेणूनां गुल्मानि सुरपादपान् ॥ १७॥

17

Ye Maam thvaam cha saraschedham girikandharakaanam  
Vethrakeechakavenoonaam gulmaani surapaadhapaan.

शृङ्गाणीमानि धिष्ण्यानि ब्रह्मणो मे शिवस्य च ।  
क्षीरोदं मे प्रियं धाम श्वेतद्वीपं च भास्वरम् ॥ १८॥

18

Sringgaaneemaani ddhishnyaani Brahmano Me Sivasya cha  
Ksheerodham Me priyam ddhaam Svethadhveepama cha bhaasvaram.

श्रीवत्सं कौस्तुभं मालां गदां कौमोदकीं मम ।  
सुदर्शनं पाञ्चजन्यं सुपर्णं पतगेश्वरम् ॥ १९॥

19

Sreevathsam Kausthubham maalaam gedhaam Kaumodhakeem Mama  
Sudhersanam Paanjchajenyam Suparnnam pathagesvaram.

शेषं च मत्कलां सूक्ष्मां श्रियं देवीं मदाश्रयाम् ।  
ब्रह्माणं नारदमृषिं भवं प्रह्लादमेव च ॥ २०॥

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Sesham cha mathkalaam sookshmaam Sriyam Dheveem Madhaasrayaam  
Brehmaanam Naaradhamrishim Bhavam Prehlaadhameva cha.

मत्स्यकूर्मवराहाद्यैरवतारैः कृतानि मे ।  
कर्माण्यनन्तपुण्यानि सूर्यं सोमं हुताशनम् ॥ २१॥

21

MathsyaKoormmaVaraahaadhyairavathaaraih Krithaani Me  
Karmmaanyananthapunyaani Sooryam Somam Huthaasanam.

प्रणवं सत्यमव्यक्तं गोविप्रान् धर्ममव्ययम् ।  
दाक्षायणीर्धर्मपत्नीः सोमकश्यपयोरपि ॥ २२॥

22

Prenavam sathyamvyektham govipraan ddharmmamavyeyam  
Dhaakshaayaneerdddharmmapathneeh SomaKasyapayorapi.

गङ्गां सरस्वतीं नन्दां कालिन्दीं सितवारणम् ।  
ध्रुवं ब्रह्मऋषीन् सप्त पुण्यश्लोकांश्च मानवान् ॥ २३॥

23

Gangaam Sarasvatheem Nandhaam Kaalindheem sithavaaranam  
Ddhruvam Brahmarsheen saptha punyaslokaamscha maanavaan.

उत्थायापररात्रान्ते प्रयताः सुसमाहिताः ।  
स्मरन्ति मम रूपाणि मुच्यन्ते ह्येनसोऽखिलात् ॥ २४॥

24

Uthtthaayaapararaathraanthe preyathaah susamaahithaah  
Smaranthi Mama roopaani muchyanthe hyenasoakhilaath.

Those who rise from the bed at the end of the night, early in the morning, and worship Me, The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, with full concentration of their mind and with great attention on My Form, your form, this Saras, this majestic mountain, this forest, these caves, this Parnnasaala or Aasrama covered with canes and bamboos, these mountain peaks covered with beautiful and charming trees and creepers, My abode, abode of Siva, My most favorite dwelling place of this Ksheerodhaddhi or Milky-Ocean, the most divine and prosperous Svetha-Dhveepa or the White-Island, My decorations and weapons like

Sreevathsam, Vana Maala, Kausthubha, Kaumodhaki-Gedha, Paanjchajenya Conch-Shell, Sudhersana-Chakra, Geruda or Thaarkshya, Brahmadheva, Maheswara or Siva, Prehlaadha, Dhevarshi Naaradha, Most divine and glorious unlimited deeds of My First Incarnations like Mathsya or Fish, Koormma or Tortoise, etc. Soorya, Chandhra, Vahni or Agni, Eternal Ddharmmaas, Absolute Truth which is unclear, Pranava Manthra, Cows, Braahmanaas, Wives of Soma, Wives of Kasyapa, The Chaste Wives of Dheksha and his Sons, Holi Rivers like Ganga, Saraswathi, Nandha, Kaalindhi, etc. Saphtharshees, Great Kings like Ddhruva and all, All other Virtuous beings, and all the elements and entities; would be able to destroy all their sins and would be liberated from the attachments of material life and would attain transcendental realization.

ये मां स्तुवन्त्यनेनाङ्ग प्रतिबुध्य निशात्यये ।  
तेषां प्राणात्यये चाहं ददामि विमलां मतिम् ॥ २५ ॥

25

Ye maam sthuvanthyanaanaanga, prethibudhddhya nisaathyaye  
Theshaam praanaathyaye chaaham dhedhaami vimalaam mathim.

Those who get up early in the morning and worship Me, The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan, by chanting the prayers recited by you, I will provide eternal residence in the spiritual world at the end of their lives.

श्रीशुक उवाच

**SreeSuka Uvaacha (Sree Suka Brahmarshi Said):**

इत्यादिश्य हृषीकेशः प्रध्माय जलजोत्तमम् ।  
हर्षयन् विबुधानीकमारुरोह खगाधिपम् ॥ २६ ॥

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Ithyaadhisya Hrisheekeasah preddhmaaya jelajoththamam  
Harshayanvibuddhaaneekamaaruroha khagaaddhipam.

After speaking or advising like this, Lord Sree Hari Bhagawaan or The Supreme Soul Lord Sree Vaasudheva Sree Maha Vishnu Bhagawaan Who is also known as Hrisheekesa meaning the Lord and Controller of Senses blew His Paanjchajenya Conch Shell, provided blissful happiness to all the Dhevaas and Rishees and other Celestial Beings and boarded His Vehicle of Geruda, the Lord and King of all birds.

इति श्रीमद्भागवते महापुराणे पारमहंस्यां संहितायां  
अष्टमस्कन्धे गजेन्द्रमोक्षणं नाम चतुर्थोऽध्यायः ॥ ४॥

Ithi Sreemadh Bhaagawathe Mahaa Puraane Paaramahamsyaam  
Samhithaayaam  
AshtamaSkanddhe GejendhraMokshanam Naama [Gejendhra Moksham -  
PoorvaVriththam] ChathurththoAddhyaayah

Thus, we conclude the Fourth Chapter Named as Attainment of Salvation of Gejendhra [Continuation of Story of Attainment of Salvation of Gejendhra – Story of Previous Birth] Of the Eighth Canto of the Most Divine and the Supreme Most and the Greatest Mythology Known as Sreemadh Bhaagawatham.

**Om Shree Krishnaaya Param Brahmane Namah!**  
**Om Namoh Bhagavathe Vaasudhevaayah!**  
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