

SREE MAHAABHAARATHAM

AADHI PARVVAM ANUKREMANIKAA PARVVAM

46. VaasukiJeralkkaaruSamaagamam (46. Meeting of Vaasuki and Jeralkkaaru)

Having revealed that he himself is the Jeralkkaaru who has been contemptuously ridiculed by the Pithroos or ancestors and with certain conditions Jeralkkaaru agreed to marry and lead a family life. Knowing that the great Brahmachaari Maharshi Jeralkkaaru has agreed to marry Vaasuki approaches him with his sister called Jeralkkaaru.

Soothan Said:

Hearing all this Jeralkkaaru became extremely sorrowful and with tears dripping from his eyes and with choking throat revealed to the Pithroos or ancestors: 1

Jeralkkaaru Said:

You are all my ancestors like my fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, and so on. Therefore, please tell me your desire and instruct me what should I do from now onwards? 2

Alas! I am that Jeralkkaaru you referred. I am the sinful and villainous son or grandson or great grandson of yours. Punish me and command me what is to be done by me. 3

Pithroos or Pithris or Ancestors Said:

Unnee or Dearest Child! It is so fortunate and only by our luck you accidentally or by chance came here and met us. Oh, Brahman! Why did you not according to the Aasrama Ddharmma marry and lead a Grihastthaasrama or family life with wife and children? 4

Jeralkkaaru Said:

Oh, Pithroos or Ancestors! My desire which existed in my mind and heart was that I should carry myself to the other world or in other words that I wanted to attain salvation. 5

My mind and heart have been possessed with the idea that I should not marry and have wife and not to lead a family life. But having seen you all in this condition of hanging head down like some birds, I have withdrawn from my decision of leading a Brahmacharyam or celibate life. Your desire would definitely be fulfilled, and I would certainly marry without any doubt. But my stipulation and conditions are that my name and my wife's name should be exactly the same and she should be bestowed directly to me as her own accord. And I should not have any responsibility in maintaining and managing the family life. 6-8

If I get anyone like that who fulfills all these conditions, then I will marry her. Otherwise, certainly I will not marry. 9

Hey, my Guru Pithaamahaas or my Preceptory Ancestors! This is my truthful vow. You will be saved from this dangerous situation and uplifted to higher sacred region or enable to attain salvation by the son or offspring born to me on that marriage. Oh, Grandsire Pithroos! You shall live forever in blissful happiness without any fear of destruction. 10-11

Soothan Said:

After telling so, that great ascetic Muni wandered circling around the earth. 11

Hey, Saunaka! As Jeralkkaaru thought and desired nothing came up and materialized. Remembering the words of the Pithroos, Jeralkkaaru became extremely sorrowful and dejected. 12

Once he went into a forest and cried aloud in grief and spoke with the intention of fulfilling the desire of his ancestors hanging on the almost-severed root of a Veerana grass. He repeatedly requested calmly three times to offer him a bride as a Bhiksha or alms. 13-14

Jeralkkaaru Said:

Oh, All movable and non-movable entities including those which cannot be seen please hear my words. My forefathers are in grief with extreme sorrowful and deplorable condition have commanded me to marry in order to beget children. I am wandering around the world, as prompted and induced by my ancestors, begging to offer a bride as alms for me to get wedded. I am roaming in poverty and sorrow all over the wide world for marrying a Kanyaka or maiden that I will be offered as alms. 14-17

Among all these entities of the world, whoever has a maiden please offer to me, who is wandering around the world, as my wife. It is my earnest request. Her name and my name should be the same. She should be offered to me directly as alms given to a beggar. She should not be controlled and maintained by me, that means she should maintain and manage her family life by herself. Please offer and provide me such a Kanyaka or maiden. 17-19

Soothan Said:

Immediately, those Pannagaas or snakes who have been appointed to track the moves of Jeralkkaaru and his desire reached Vaasuki and notified the news to him. 19-20

As soon as he heard the news about the inclination and intention of Jeralkkaaru, Vaasuki took with him his maiden sister decked with beautiful ornaments and dresses approached Jeralkkaaru in the forest. There Vaasuki bestowed his sister to that great Muneendhra Jeralkkaaru as alms to be wedded as his bride. But Jeralkkaaru did not accept her at once thinking that her name may not be the same as his and also that her maintenance and control could be a burden for him as nothing was settled about it. 20-22

The most ascetic Jeralkkaaru was aiming a transcendental life and desire to attain salvation. He was deeply concerned and fearful of leading and maintaining material life of duality. Oh, Bhrigu Nandhana - Saunaka! Jeralkkaaru asked her name and also told that he will not maintain her. 22-23

So ends this section.