

श्रीसूक्तमहात्र्यम्

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These verses narrate the glory of Shri Suktam, the vedic hymn in praise of Shri or Laxmi Devi. They are in the form of a dialogue between Parasurama and Pushkara, the son of Varuna and are from chapter 129 of Shri Vishnu Dharmottara purana. The English translation given after each verse is not exact, but will convey the meaning of the verse.

Shri is the bestower of all that is auspicious to her devotees.

Generally She is said to grant wealth. But this limitation is in our mind only. Really She can grant all wishes including mokSha itself. The ShriSuktam thus is a prayer for not only wealth but all that is required for leading a dharmic life and attaining Her grace.

राम उवाच-

एकं मन्त्रं समाचक्षु देव लक्ष्मी विवर्धनम् ।

प्रतिवेदं जगन्नाथ यदोगणन्पात्रुज ॥ १ ॥

Parasurama said: O Lord! son of Varuna! Kindly tell me the mantras mentioned in each veda for attaining prosperity.

पुष्कर उवाच-

श्रीसूक्तं प्रतिवेदं ज्ञेयं लक्ष्मीविवर्धनम् ।

अस्मिन्नोके परे वापि यथाकामं द्विजस्य तु ॥ २ ॥

Pushkara said: The Shri Suktam contained in each veda is capable of giving all prosperity to one living in any of the worlds.

राम उवाच-

प्रतिवेदं समाचक्षु श्रीसूक्तं पुष्टिवर्धनम् ।

श्रीसूक्तस्य तथा कर्म सर्वधर्मभूतां वर ॥ ३ ॥

Parasurama said: O you who knows all details about dharmal kindly tell me about the Shri Suktam that is to be found in the vedas and also the procedure to be followed in observing it.

पुष्कर उवाच-

हिरण्यवर्णां हरिणीं श्लचः पञ्चदश द्विज ।

श्रीसूक्तं कथितं पुण्यं श्लगेन्दे पुष्टिवर्धनम् ॥ ४ ॥

Pushkara replied as follows. The fifteen verses beginning

हिरण्य वर्णम् are to be seen in the Rig veda.

It is auspicious and can confer prosperity.

रथे अक्षेभु वाजेति चतस्रस्तु तथा श्लचः ।

श्रीसूक्तं तु यजुर्वेदे कथितं पुष्टिवर्धनम् ॥ ५ ॥

Similarly, the four verses beginning रथे अक्षेषु वजे and the Shri Suktam to be seen in the Yajur veda are very beneficial.

श्रायस्त्रीयं तथा साम सामवेदे प्रकीर्तितम् ।

श्रियं दातुर्मयिदेहि प्रोज्जमाथर्वणे तथा ॥ ७ ॥

Similarly the verses beginning श्रायस्त्रीयम् in the Sama veda and the verses beginning श्रियं दातुर्मयिदेहि in the Atharvana veda along with the Shri Sukta are really very beneficial.

श्रीसूक्तं यो जपेद्भक्त्या तस्यालम्बिर्विनश्यति ।

दुःख्याद्यश्च धर्मञ्च हविष्येण विशेषतः ॥ ९ ॥

One who recites the Shri Sukta will get rid of his poverty in toto.

One who performs homa with oblations will receive similar benefits.

श्रीसूक्तेन तु पद्मानां घृताङ्गानां भृगून्म ।

अयुतं होमयेद्यस्तु बहो भक्तियुतो नरः ॥ ८ ॥

One performing the homa offering one thousand lotus flowers dipped in ghee (continued in the next verse)

पद्महस्ता च सा देवी तं नरं तूपतिष्ठति ।

दशायुतं तु पद्मानां दुःख्याद्यस्तथा जले ॥ ९ ॥

will be blessed by laxmi devi who holds the lotus flower in her hands. Like wise, if one offers homa with one hundred thousand flowers (with Shri Sukta) in water, (continued in the next verse)

नापैति तंकुलालक्ष्मीः विम्लोर्बद्धगता यथा ।

घृतान्नान्नु विभ्रानां हत्वा रामायुतं तथा ॥ १० ॥

Laxmi will reside in his house permanently, as She stays in the chest of Shri Vishnu. Further, if one performs homa with ten thousand bilva leaves dipped in ghee, (continued in the next verse)

बहुविभुमवाप्नोति स यावन्नसेच्छति ।

विभ्रानां लक्षहोमेन कुले लक्ष्मीमुपाश्रुते ॥ ११ ॥

he gets immense wealth as per his wish. If he performs homa for a hundred thousand times with bilva leaves then Laxmi will stay in his house permanently.

पद्मानामथ विभ्रानां कोटिहोमं समाचरेत् ।

श्रद्धधानः समाप्नोति देवेन्द्रत्वमपि ध्रुवम् ॥ १२ ॥

If one performs homa for ten million times with lotus and bilva leaves he is sure to attain the position of Indra.

संपूज्य देवीं वरदां यथावत् पद्मेऽसितैर्वा कुसुमैस्तथान्यैः ।

स्त्रीरेण धूपैः परमान्नभक्त्यैः लक्ष्मीमवाप्नोति विधानतश्च ॥ १३ ॥

Similarly one who worships Her with lotus, white flowers, milk,
incense and excellent food items as prescribed will receive great wealth.

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