

Shri Maheshwara Vratam

(told by Lord Shiva himself)



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*Om Thath Purushaya Vidhmahi
Maha Devaya Dheemahi
Thano Rudhra Prachodhayath*



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Preface

Brahma murari surarchita lingam
Nirmala bashita shobhita lingam
Janmaja dukha vinashaka lingam
Thatpranami Sadha shiva lingam

Lord Shiva or Parmeshwara is the symbol of prosperity..Those who always remember Lord Shiva don't get any misfortunes, accidents etc. They get all kinds of prosperity. Lord Shiva loves his devotees a lot. If you remember him once he feels very happy. Those who pray to Lord Shiva with a calm mind they get rid of all sorrows. The navagrahas don't bother the devotees of Lord Shiva. Those who always pray to Lord Shiva are not affected by any graham doshas.

With the grace of Lord Srinivasa, till now I have written 15 books. Among these 14 are based on Leelas of Lord Srinivasa. All these books are being read daily by many devotees in India and abroad. All this is Lord Srinivasas grace. All, those who read these books are having a lot of good things happen.(Some get good jobs, success or promotion in jobs, success in business, the unmarried, get married, those who want children get children etc.) They are all living very happily.

I wrote the vratham Shri Venkateshwara Vratha Kalpam, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Vratham. Shri Ananda Anjeneya vratam, Shri Subhramaniam Vratham, Shri Shubha Duga, Shri Sai Raksha Vratham, Shri Rama Raksha Vratham, Shri Gyana Saraswathi Vratham. These vratham are liked by many devotees a lot. These 8 vrathas are being performed by several devotees in their homes often. They are also being performed in various temples all over the world. What greater fortune can there be?

With Lord Shivas grace I am able to write this book. During writing this book several miracles happened. As soon as I started writing this I had darshan of Lord Chandhramouli, then I continuously got to see 2 Lord Shivas temples. Every letter in this book is due to the Lords grace. Every moment, I wrote this book, Lord Karthikeya, Lord Shivas son sat in front of me in the form of Bala subhramaniam. He smiled beautifully. I am grateful to all the gods who gave me the fortune of writing these books.

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Sarvo Jana Sukhino bavanthu !!
Shri Uma Maheshwara Kataksha Sidhirasthu.

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Few important things about the vratham

- Any body can perform this vratham anytime, there is no restriction of age, gender or caste to perform it. There is no need to fast on the day of the vratham. It is very good to read these stories Pournami or Ekadhashi or on the day of the Arudhra star, it is even more auspicious. It is good to read this book on Mondays. If one reads these stories on a Monday of the Karthika month, bad karma accumulated for several births will vanish. One will get lots of punya (good merit) . No need to fast on the day of the vratham.
- Before performing this vratham, do pray to Lord Ganesha in your mind then pray to the navagrahas. Then say your name, your family members names and your gothram and then start the vratham. Then chant the 108 names of Goddess Parvathi and Lord Shiva. Then perform Adhanga puja of Lord Shiva. Then read the 5 of this vratham.
- If you do this vratham before competitive exams you will get great success in those exams. Even before going to interviews if you do this vratham you will get great success in the interview.
- There is no rule that the couple should do this vratham together. The husband and wife can do the vratham according to their convenience and sometimes when possible they can do it together too.
- Unfortunately if a person lost his/her spouse they can do this vratham. They will get mental piece as a result of the vratham.
- Every Monday if one reads the 5 stories of this vratham and offers bananas or guavas to Lord Shiva and then takes prasadam any kind of diseases will immediately vanish. There will be no misfortunes or untimely deaths, Those who cannot read can listen to the stories from their relatives and there will be a lot of benefit.
- If the priest reads these stories every Monday in the temple, the temple will become very powerful and famous, all the devotees coming there will get Lord Shivas grace.
- If one performs this vratham in one of the Jyorthirlinga (12 famous Lord Shivas temples), the bad karmas from several births will vanish. Their bodies will get a new glow and they will live happily.
- Those people who don't have kids, if they read the ashtotram and stories in a temple for three continuous days, once each day (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) they will get good kids. Similarly a girl or boy who is unmarried and seeking to get married, reads the ashtotram and stories in a temple for 3 days beginning on a Monday, they will get a good spouse soon.
- If your kids living far away cannot read, you can read for them to have kids, get married or get a good job. There will be good results.
- When possible it gives good results to call the priest and get this vratham done keeping a Kalasha and praying to Navagrahas and ashtadikpalakas.
- In this way any body can read this book according to their convenience and get good results.

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Adhanga Puja (praying to all parts of the lords body)

Om Shankaraya Namaha – Padho Pujiyami (praying to feet)
Om Shivaya Namaha – Jamphe Pujiyami
Om Maheshwaraya Namaha – Jangi Pujiyami
Om Thrilokeshaya Namaha - Uram Pujiyami
Om Vrishabha roodhaya Namaha – Gulbhav Pujiyami
Om Bhasmodhoolitha Vighraya Namaha – Kathim Pujiyami
Om Mrithyunjayaya Namaha – Naabhim Pujiyami
Om Rudhraya Namaha – Udharan Pujiyami
Om Sambhaya Namaha – Hrudhayam Pujiyami
Om Bhujanga Bushanaya – Hasthe Pujiyami
Om Sadha Shivaya Namaha – Bhuje Pujiyami
Om Vishweshwaraya Namaha Kantham Pujiyami
Om Girishaya Namaha – Mukham Pujiyami
Om Tripuranthakaya Namaha – Nethrani Pujiyami
Om Virupaksheya Namaha – Lalatham Pujiyami
Om Ganga dharaya Namaha – Shiram Pujiyami
Om Jatadharaya Namaha – Moulim Pujiyami
Om Pashupathiya Namaha – Sarvangani Pujiyami

Lord Shivas Ashtotram (108 names)

1. Om Shivaya Namaha	2. Om Maheshwaraya namaha
3. Om Sambave Namaha	4. Om Pinakine Namaha
5. Om Shashi Shekaraya Namaha	6. Om Vama devaya Namaha
7. OmVirupakshaya Namaha	8. Om Kapardhine Namaha
9. Om Neela lohithaya Namaha	10. Om Shankharaya Namaha
11. Om Shoola paniye Namaha	12. Om Katwangine Namaha
13. Om Vishnu valabhaya Namaha	14. Om Shipivishthaya Namaha
15. Om Ambika Nadhaya Namaha	16. Om Shri Kanthaya Namaha
17. Om Bhakta Vatsalaya Namaha	18. Om Bhavaya Namaha
19. Om Sarvaya Namaha	20. Om Trilokeshaya Namaha
21. Om Shitikanthaya Namaha	22. Om Shiva Priyaya Namaha
23. Om Ugraya Namaha	24. Om Kapaline Namaha
25. Om Koumaraye Namaha	26. Om Andhaka Sura Sudhanaya Namaha
27. Om Gangadharaya Namaha	28. Om Lalathakshaya Namaha
29. Om KalaKalaya Namaha	30. Om Kripandhaye Namaha
31. Om Bheemaya Namaha	32. Om Parashuhasthaya Namaha
33. Om Mriga Paniye Namaha	34. Om Bheemaya Namaha
35. Om Jata dharaya Namaha	36. Om Kailasha vasine Namaha
37. Om Kavachine Namaha	38. Om Katoraya Namaha
39. Om Tripuranthakaya Namaha	40. Om Vrashankaya Namaha
41. Om Vrishabarudhaya Namaha	42. Om Bhasmodhoolitha Vighraya Namaha
43. Om Sama Priyaya Namaha	44. Om Sarva Mayaya Namaha
45. Om Triya Murthy Namaha	46. Om Anishwaraya Namaha
47. Om Sarvagya Namaha	48. Om Paramathmane Namaha
49. Om Soma Surya agni Lochanaya Namaha	50. Om Havishne Namaha
51. Om Yagya Mayaya Namah	52. Om Somaya Namaha
53. Om Pancha Vakraya Namaha	54. Om Sada shivaya Namaha
55. Om Vishweshwaraya Namaha	56. Om Veerabhadhraya Namaha
57. Om Gananadhaya Namaha	58. Om Prajapathy Namaha
59. Om Hiranya Rethase Namaha	60. Om Durdharshaya Namaha
61. Om Gireeshaya Namaha	62. Om Girishaya Namaha
63. Om Anaghaya Namaha	64. Om Bujanga Bhooshanaya Namaha
65. Om Bharghaya Namaha	66. Om Giridhanvine Namaha
67. Om Giri priyaya Namaha	68. Om Krathi Vasanaye Namaha
69. Om Purarathaya Namaha	70. Om Bhagvathe Namaha
71. Om Pramadhahipaya Namaha	72. Om Mruthyunjayaya Namaha
73. Om Sushma tanvine Namaha	74. Om Jagadvypine Namaha
75. Om Jagadguruve Namaha	76. Om Vyomakeshaya Namaha
77. Om Maha sena Janakaya Namaha	78. Om Chaaru Vikramaya Namaha
79. Om Rudhraya Namaha	80. Om Bhootha Pathye Namaha
81. Om Sdhanave Namaha	82. Om Ahirbdhyaye Namaha
83. Om Dhigambaraya Namaha	84. Om Ashtamoorthy Namaha
85. Om Anekathmane Namaha	86. Om Sathwikaya Namaha

87. Om Shudha Vighraya Namaha	88. Om Shashwithaya Namaha
89. Om Khankdha Parushwe Namaha	90. Om Ajhaya Namaha
91. Om Pasha vimochakaya Namaha	92. Om Mrudhaya Namaha
93. Om Pashu pathye Namaha	94. Om Pashupathye Namaha
95. Om Devaya Namaha	96. Om Mahadevaya Namaha
97. Om Avyayaya Namaha	98. Om Haraye Namaha
99. Om Bhagnethrabhidhe Namaha	100. Om Ayyakhthaya Namaha
101. Om Sahasthrakshaya Namaha	102. Om Sahasthra Padhe Namaha
103. Om Apavargapradhaya Namaha	104. Om Ananthaya Namaha
105. Om Tarakaya Namaha	106. Om Parameshwaraya Namaha
107. Om Ganga pathye Namaha	108. Om Neelikanthaya Namaha
109. Om Namaha	

Goddess Parvath Ashtotram (108 names)

1. Om Parvathye Namaha	2. Om Mahdevye Namaha
3. Om Jaganmathre Namaha	4. Om Saraswathye Namaha
5. Om Chandikaye Namaha	6. Om Lokajananye Namaha
7. Om Sarvadevadhiveyave Namaha	8. Om Gourye Namaha
9. Om Paramaye Namaha	10. Om Eeshaya Namaha
11. Om Nagendhra Tanayave Namaha	12. Om Sathye Namaha
13. Om Brahma Charine Namaha	14. Om Sarvanye Namaha
15. Om Deva Mathre Namaha	16. Om Trilochanye Namaha
17. Om Brahmanye Namaha	18. Om Vaishnavye Namaha
19. Om Roudhre Namaha	20. Om Kalarathre Namaha
21. Om Thapaswine Namaha	22. Om Shivaduthye Namaha
23. Om Vishalakshye Namaha	24. Om Chamundhaya Namaha
25. Om Vishnu Sodharye Namaha	26. Om Chith kalaye Namaha
27. Om Chinmaya karaya Namaha	28. Om Mahisha Asura Mardhine Namaha
29. Om Kathyayanye Namaha	30. Om Kala Roopaya Namaha
31. Om Girijaya Namaha	32. Om Menakathmajaya Namaha
33. Om Bhavanye Namaha	34. Om Shri Mathre Namaha
35. Om Maha Gourye Namaha	36. Om Ramaye Namaha
37. Om Raamaye Namaha	38. Om Shuchi Smithaya Namaha
39. Om Brahma swaroopinye Namaha	40. Om Rajya Lakshmye Namaha
41. Om Shiva Priyaye Namaha	42. Om Maha Shakthye Namaha
43. Om Navodhaye Namaha	44. Om Bhagya dhayinye Namaha
45. Om Anna poornaya Namaha	46. Om Sadha Anandhaye Namaha
47. Om Youvanaya Namaha	48. Om Mohinye Namaha
49. Om Agyanashudhye Namaha	50. Om Gyana Gamya Namaha
51. Om Nithyaye Namaha	52. Om Nithya Swaropinye Namaha
53. Om Kamalaye Namaha	54. Om Kamalakaraye Namaha
55. Om Raktha Varnaya Namaha	56. Om Kala nidhye Namaha
57. Om Madhu priyaya Namaha	58. Om Kalyanye Namaha
59. Om Karunaye Namaha	60. Om Janashanaye Namaha
61. Om Veera pathnye Namaha	62. Om Virupakshye Namaha
63. Om Hemabhasaya Namaha	64. Om Shrushthi roopaya Namaha
65. Om Shrishthi Samhara Karinye Namaha	66. Om Ranjanaya Namaha
67. Om Yavana Karaya Namaha	68. Om Paramesha Priyaye Namaha
69. Om Paraya Namaha	70. Om Pushpinye Namaha
71. Om Pushpa Akaraya Namaha	72. Om Purushardhapradhayine Namaha
73. Om Maharoopaye Namaha	74. Om Maharoudhre Namaha
75. Om Kamakshye Namaha	76. Om Vaamadevye Namaha
77. Om Varadhaya Namaha	78. Om Bhaya Nashinye Namaha
79. Om Vaaghdevye Namaha	80. Om Vaachanye Namaha
81. Om Varahye Namaha	82. Om Vishwa thopinye Namaha
83. Om Vardhinye Namaha	84. Om Visha lakshya Namaha
85. Om Kula SampathPradhayine Namaha	86. Om Artha Dukha Chedhadhakshayae Namaha
87. Om Ambhaya Namaha	88. Om Neekhila yoginye Namaha
89. Om Nikhiliyoginye Namaha	90. Om Sadha Purasthayinye Namaha
91. Om Tharomalathalangathaya Namaha	92. Om Hara vaha sama yukthaya Namaha
93. Om Muni Moksha Parayanaya Namaha	94. Om Dharadhara Bhavaya Namaha
95. Om Mukthye Namaha	96. Om Paramanthraya Namaha
97. Om Kara Pradhaya Namaha	98. Om Kalyanye Namaha
99. Om Vaagbhavye Namaha	100. Om Devye Namaha
101. Om Klem Karinye Namaha	102. Om samvidhye Namaha
103. Om Eeshwarye Namaha	104. Om Hreemkara Bheejaya Namaha
105. Om Shambhavye Namaha	106. Om Pranavathmikaya Namaha
107. Om Shri Maha Gouriye Namaha	108. Om Shubha Pradhaye Namaha

Linga Ashtakam

Brahma Murari Surarchitha Lingam
Nirmala Bhashita Shobhitha Lingam
Janmaja Dhukha Vinashaka Lingam
Thath pranamami Sadha shiva Lingam

Deva Muni Pravarachita Lingam
Kaama Dahana Karuna Kara Lingam
Ravana Dharpa Vinashaka
Thath pranamami Sadha shiva Lingam

Sarva sughandha Sulephitha Lingam
Budhi vivarhdahan Karana Lingam
Sidhi Surasura vandhita Lingam
Thath pranamami Sadha shiva Lingam

Kanaka Maha Mani Bhushitha Lingam
Pani pathi Veshthitha Lingam
Dhaksha Suyaghya Vinashaka Lingam
Thath pranamami Sadha shiva Lingam

Kumkuma Chandhana Lepitha Lingam
Pankaja Hara Sushobhitha Lingam
Sanchitha Paapa Vinashika Lingam
Thath pranamami Sadha shiva Lingam

Deva Gana rchitha Sevitha Lingam
Pankaja Hara Sushobhitha Lingam
Sanchitha Paapa Vinashaka Lingam
Thath pranamami Sadha shiva Lingam

Devaganarchitha Sevitha Lingam
Bhaveirbhakthi Revacha Lingam
Dhinakarakothi Prabhakara Lingam
Thath pranamami Sadha shiva Lingam

Ashtadhalopori Veshthitha Lingam
Sarvasamudhabhava Karana Lingam
Ashtha Dharidhra Vinashaka Lingam
Thath pranamami Sadha shiva Lingam

Suruguru Suruvara Pujhitha Lingam
Suravara Pushapa Sadha rchitha Lingam
Paramapadham Pramathmika Lingam
Thath pranamami Sadha shiva Lingam

Lingashthakam Midham Punyam Yapthechiva Sanidhou

Shivaloka Mavasnothi Shivena Saha madhathe

Om trayambhikam Yajamahe Sugandhim Pushta vardhinim
Urvarukamiva Bandhanath Mruthyormkshye Mamruthahth

First Story of Shri Maheshwara Vratam

Lord Maheshwara loves his devotees dearly and helps those who seek refuge in him. Each day if you say Om Nama shivaya atleast once, all good prosperous things will happen. There will be no mishaps. There will be no fear of untimely death. Lord Maheshwara himself told this vratham to a great devotee called Vishwapathi RamaKrishna Murthi. Those who do this vratham with a calm mind with devotion towards the Lord Shiva will get all kinds of prosperity.

In olden days in the banks of river Kaveri, there lived a great devotee of Lord Shiva called Shiva sharma. He was learned in all the Shastras and was well-noted in the neighbouring towns and cities as a learnt and knowledgable scholar. He was a scholar of literature and Astrology. He and his wife Sumathi had two daughters. Both daughters got married to very good gentlemen. They always thought this to be due to the blessings of Lord Shiva. Sumathi always helped Shivasharma and was supportive of him.

On every Ekadhashi Shiva Sharma did abhishekam to the lord (11 times reading Namakam and chamakam and offering 11 coconuts), this is called Ekadhasa Rudhra abhishekam. On that day Shiva sharma and Sumathi made sure all the friends and relatives who came to their house were served meals. Every moment Shivasharma and his wife remembered and prayed to the Lord Shiva.

Unfortunately it so happened that shiva sharma got an eye disease and he could not see well. He took a lot of medicines but there was no use. The vision kept deteriorating as days passed. Because he could not see properly he tripped over something fell and broke his leg. He had to be on bed for 2 months.

The couple Shivasharma and Sumathi felt very unhappy and depressed thinking that although they were devoted to Lord Shiva they got so many troubles. They always prayed to Lord Shiva saying “Parameshwara why all are we having all these troubles”

For anyone, they have to suffer as a result of bad karma from the previous lives. Lord Shiva is very merciful. Since Shivasharmas bad karma was over, Lord Shiva decided to help his bhakta. The next day Lord Shiva came to their house in the form of an old Brahmin. Shiva sharma and Sumathi thought there is divine glow in the old Brahmin. The couple bowed to the Brahmin and said “Swami. You look like a great Tapaswi, Please have mercy on us and tell us a way to get rid of our troubles.”

Then Lord Shiva who was in the form of an old Brahmin said “ I understand your sorrow! I will tell you a way to get rid of all your troubles. In few hours journey from here there is a place called Shiva giri. The Lord Shiva there is very powerful. Go there as soon as possible and have a darshan of the Lord. With the Lords darshan all your troubles will immediately vanish.

The very next day Shivasharma along with his wife Sumathi, started for Shivagiri. The temple was on a hill and the stairs to that temple were not proper. The hill was steep. Shivasharma started doubting if he can climb the hill since he could not see well and his legs were hurting badly. He asked some devotees coming down how many steps there were. They said there are 1000 steps and it takes more then 2 hours to go up. Shiva sharma felt very sad. He was worried how he could climb the hill with the pain in his legs. In his mind he could see the old Brahmin. He limped and climbed a few steps. It was very tough. Shiva sharma sat down after every 10 steps. After 200 steps he had no energy left in him. He sat there thinking he will not be able to go any further.

Then a devotee climbing the hill said come with me, you can easily get on to the hill and took Shivasharmas hand and led him forward. As soon as shiva sharmas hand touched that devotees hand he felt like some electricity went through his body. Holding his hand Shivasharma climbed up the stairs very easily and quickly. As soon as he went on top of the hill he saw the magnificent temple. Shiva sharma and Sumathi went into the temple with closed eyes deeply meditating on the lord and as soon as Shiva sharma opened his eyes his vision was perfect. He had darshan of the lord. The couple prayed to the Lord with several stotras. Then they looked for the devotee who brought them there but Surprisingly the devotee who was with them till then was not seen anywhere. Then the couple understood that Lord Shiva himself brought them there.

Om Namo Parvathi pathye !! Om Hara Hara Mahadevaya Namaha

Second Story of Shri Maheshwara Vratam **Shankar Baths story**

The reason for the entire universe and its existence is Lord Parameshwara. All the devas always keep praying to Lord Shiva. In the entire day, if you remember Lord Shivas name atleast once, the bad karma and paapam from several lives vanishes. Moreover if anyone chants Lord Shivas name in the evening they get a lot of merit. Those who always pray to Lord Parmeshwara who is Omnipresent get lots of prosperity and wealth. They never get any disease. They live comfortably and happily all their life and attain Moksha.

In olden days on the banks of river Krishna there was an Brahmin called Shankar Bhatt. He had studied in the vedha patha shala in his village and became a priest and did the pujas and functions in the neighbouring villages. He lived a very righteous life. He had a wife and two sons. All of them lived comfortably. He always spent time in prayers and chanting the name of Lord Shiva. He attained a good name as a priest and his income increased. He became 50 years old and due to his earnings he became arrogant. His devotion to the lord and god fearing nature decreased. He fell in bad ways and got used to several bad habits. Even his wife and children started resenting him. He started going after other women and the villagers threw him out of the village.

Shankar Bhatt started kept roaming from village to village and begging for food. He also became disease ridden. One evening leaving a village and going to the next one he lost his way and got stuck in the forest. It was dark and he could not see anything hence he slept under a tree. He could not sleep well due to the shoutings of the different animals in the forest. In the morning he started walking again. But since he was very weak he could not walk very far. It became dark again and he felt that death is the only alternatinve for him.

Then Shankar Bhatt found an old building, it was very worn out and in need of repairs. There were several rooms in it. He went into the building. He wanted to sleep there that night. It was very dirty and there were several leaves and twigs on the floor. In order to sleep there he cleaned that whole place. He just threw the leaves away. It was dark and he could not make out what the building was.

Although he tried to sleep, because of being weak and hungry he could not sleep at all. It became morning. Lord Parameshara manifested himself and said to Shankar Bhatt. "My son Shankar Bhatt! You did lots of bad things before. But with what you did yesterday night unknowingly, I am very pleased with you. Yesterday was my favorite day, Maha shivarathri. This temple was very well known by the name MAHESHWARAM. Since no one bothered about it for so many years it is worn out. After so many years You tried to cleaned it. Also you took the Bilwa leaves that were fallen here from a long time and threw them in one side, on my Shiva

Lingam. On Maha Shivarathri, you cleaned my temple, fasted and also did archana for me with Bilva leaves. From this moment I am giving you all kinds of wealth. Just close your eyes and meditate on me.

As soon as Shankar Bhatt opened his eyes, he was in his home. He was completely healthy all his diseases vanished. He understood this as the blessings of Lord Shiva and was very grateful. He told everything that happened to his wife, children and the villagers. He left his bad habits and ways completely. He always prayed to Lord Shiva and did good deeds. Living like this he finally attained Moksha.

Lord Shiva is that merciful. He showered his blessings on Shankar Bhatt who prayed to him unknowingly. So if we pray to Lord Shiva consciously the merit we will accrue cannot be described or measured. Lord Shiva is pleased easily and grants all kinds of wealth even if we chant his name once.

These are our prayers and Namaskarams to Lord Shiva who is the abode of all auspiciousness and giver of moksha too.

Om Namo Parvathi pathye !! Om Hara Hara Mahadevaya Namaha

Shri Maheshwara Vratam Third Story **Story of Shiva dasu**

Lord Shiva is very merciful and loves his bhaktas a lot. He always saves his devotees where ever they are in the 13 lokas. Lord Shiva never thinks whether the bhakta is poor or rich. If one prays to Lord Shiva with full devotion, He gives them all kinds of wealth and prosperity. Ishwara stands for one who gives unlimited Aishwaryam. The work Eeshwara indicates all prosperity.

In olden days at the banks of river Godhavari there was a great devotee of Lord Shiva by name Shiva dasu. He spent his time doing several small jobs for his livelihood. Since his childhood, he was a devotee of Lord Shiva and always chanted the name of Lord Shiva. Whichever work he does he would say “Parameshwara arpanamastu” (I am doing this for Lord Shiva or offering the fruits of this work to him). Due to the Lords grace he got a job as a clerk in the Zamindar Sheshayyas house. Shiva dasu was very happy to have the job. He started getting up early, having bath and then doing abhishekham to the shivalingam at his house.

Shiva dasu would never forget to do the abhishekam, how ever busy he was. Even if he had to sleep late at night due to work, he still would get up early in the morning and do the abhishekam. He never left the house without completing the abhishekam. Even if he was not feeling well, he still determinedly got up, have bath and do the abhishekam. He always said Lord Shiva would take care of everything. Lord Shiva was very pleased with Shiva dasus unwavering faith and devotion.

When days were going like this one night a very big wind storm came. It poured very heavily all night long. Even in the morning it was still raining heavily. Shiva dasu did not bother about the rain. He went to the lake got fresh water, did the abhishekam and then went to the Zamindars house. Because of heavy rain, he became a little late. As soon as Zamindar saw Shiva dasu he started shouting at him. “ Why are you so late, Will your Shiva not keep quiet if you don’t do the abhishekam” He said several things that hurt Shiva dasu a lot.

Lord Shiva watched all this and got very angry with the Zamindar. Parameshwara loves his devotees a lot, and he does not keep quiet if anyone says a single word against his devotees. Lord Shiva was extremely angry with the Zamindar for hurting Shiva dasu who always remembered Lord Shiva and performed the abhishekam everyday. The Zamindar got severe paralysis and got bedridden. All his wealth and prosperity went away too. He did not understand why all this happened suddenly.

One day a Sadhu came into the village. All the villagers said that the Sadhu was powerful and can get rid of any kind of diseases with his powers. The Zamindars wife met the Sadhu and prayed to help her. Sadhu had mercy on her and came home to see the Zamindar. He closed his eyes meditated and then told the Zamindar “ Son a few days ago you unnecessarily insulted and hurt your clerk Shiva Dasu. He is a very dear devotee of Lord Shiva and since you insulted him, the Lord is very angry with you. That is the reason of all the mishaps”. He then turned to the Zamindars wife and said. “ Call the Shiva dasu home and wash his legs and offer your prayers to him. Then the Lord will be pleased and all your problems will vanish.”

The next day itself, the Zamindar and his wife invited Shiva dasu to their house. They asked his forgiveness. They prayed to him and washed his feet and sprinkled the water on their heads. Immediately the Zamindar became completely healthy and got up and stood. They couple was very happy they, thanked Shiva dasu. They also praised Lord Shiva with a lot of hymns and stotras. Then the Zamindar became a great devotee of Lord Shiva. He would do Shiva Abhishekam every day. He also built a Shiva temple in the village. He lived a comfortable and happy life and finally attained Moksha.

Om Namo Parvathi pathye !! Om Hara Hara Mahadevaya Namah

Shri Maheshwara Vratam Fourth Story **Gangarajus story**

Lord Parameshwara loves his devotees immensely. Even if you attain his name once in the entire day, he gives all kinds of prosperity and saves you from misfortune. Those who pray to the lord always get all kinds of prosperity and even knowledge. They attain fame in their field of study and all the things they undertake are completed successfully.

In olden days on the banks of river Ganga there was a small businessman called Ganga raju. He did several small businesses and earned a lot of money. He never gave any charity. He was very miserly. He also cheated his customers for money.

Due to all the bad karma, after his death he was born as a blind person in a very poor family. His parents died when he was a baby. He had no one to support him and he just lived on begging. He would live in a village for a few days and then go to another village. In this fashion he reached a village called Lingapalli. In this village there was a very famous Shiva temple. There used to be a Shiva Linga below each tree there. Everybody said that the gods and goddesses did the prathishta of the shiva lingams in this village. Gangadharam would live under a huge tree and would go to beg food everyday once in the morning and once in the evening. He ate what he got. One day no body gave him any food. He thought he would get something in the evening. Even in the evening he went around all the roads, but no body gave him any food. He did not understand why no body gave him everything. Since he was weak, he slowly walked to his tree. There was a big rain. He became wet and took shelter under a small tree. His dish was filled with rain water and he threw it on one side. That is all a miracle happened.

Gangaraju got his vision and he also found a small bag of gold coins next to him. He started a small business with that money and earned a lot of wealth. He also became a great Shiva devotee. He gave a lot of wealth in charity. He lived happily and finally attained moksha. Lord shiva gets please easily even if we offer only one Bilva leave.

Let us all pray to Lord Shiva.

Om Namo Parvathi pathye !! Om Hara Hara Mahadevaya Namaha

Shri Maheshwara Vratam Fifth Story

Lord Parmeshwara loves his devotees a lot and protects one who says Om Namah Shivaya even once in his entire life. The lord himself told these 5 stories to a bhaktha called Vishwapathi. Those who read these stories daily will attain the grace of Lord Shiva.

In olden days in a village called Ekanatha puram, there was a big Shiva temple. Everyone said that the gods themselves did pratishta of the shiva linga in that temple. All In all the neighboring villages the temple became famous. Devotees would come in bullock carts from far of places and pray to the Lord Shiva over here. Every year the month of Karthik, in that temple a big festival was organized. The temple was decorated with different kinds of flowers. Many special pujas were performed during the festivals.

In the temple there was a priest called Bhikshamaya. Everybody said he was very learnt in Vedas. One day a small silver vessel used for the worship of the lord everyday was missing. Bikshamaya searched a lot but did not find it. In the temple there was a man called Gopalla. He was a devotee of Lord Shiva, he would help clean the temple and make arrangements for pujas. He would always chant lord Shivas name. Bhikshamaya thought that he stole the silver vessel. Bhikshakayya asked Gopala about the vessel and Gopala said he did not steal it. Bhikshakayya shouted at him still the reply was the same, Bhikshukayya still did not believe him and he also got angry on Gopala, he took a stick and beat him hard. Since Gopala repeated the same this saying I didnt do anything Bhikshakaya got tired and went home.

Gopala was very upset at being unnecessarily accused of stealing. Next day when Bhikshkayya opened the temple he saw several stripes on the Shiva linga. He was surprised and immediately understood Lord took the beatings he gave Gopala. He felt bad he committed a mistake by accusing and beating Gopala. Immediately a rat came with the silver dish, left it there and went off. He prayed to Lord Shiva asking for forgiveess for beating and accusing Gopalaya. He did abhishekam to the lord with milk, ghee, curd, suger and honey. He also called Gopala and asked him to forgive him.

The lord does not want a great amount of Knowledge of the sastras etc. He wants us to be humble even if we have a lot of knowledge or wealth. He wants pure devotion. If we remember the lord with devotion and a calm mind he will surely bless us.

Om Namo Parvathi pathye !! Om Hara Hara Mahadevaya Namaha

Mangalam Bhagwan Shambho! Mangalam Vrashabhadhwaja !
Mangalam Parvathi Nadha! Mangalam Bhaktha vasaladhu!

MANGALAM

Om Mangalam ! Omkaa Mangalam !
Om Nama Shivaya Mangalam !

Na Mangalam ! Nakaara Mangalam !
Naga bhindu kalatheetha Deva Managalam!
Mangalam ! Omkaa Mangalam !
Om Nama Shivaya Mangalam

Ma Mangalam! Makara Mangalam
Mahadeva dhaya sindho eesha Managalam
Mangalam ! Omkaa Mangalam !
Om Nama Shivaya Mangalam !

Shi Mangalam! Shikara Mangalam
Siddhi Budhi Rahitha Parabrahma Managalam
Mangalam ! Omkaa Mangalam !
Om Nama Shivaya Mangalam

Vaa Mangalam! Vakara Mangalam
Vaadha bhedha Rahitha Managalam
Mangalam ! Omkaa Mangalam !
Om Nama Shivaya Mangalam

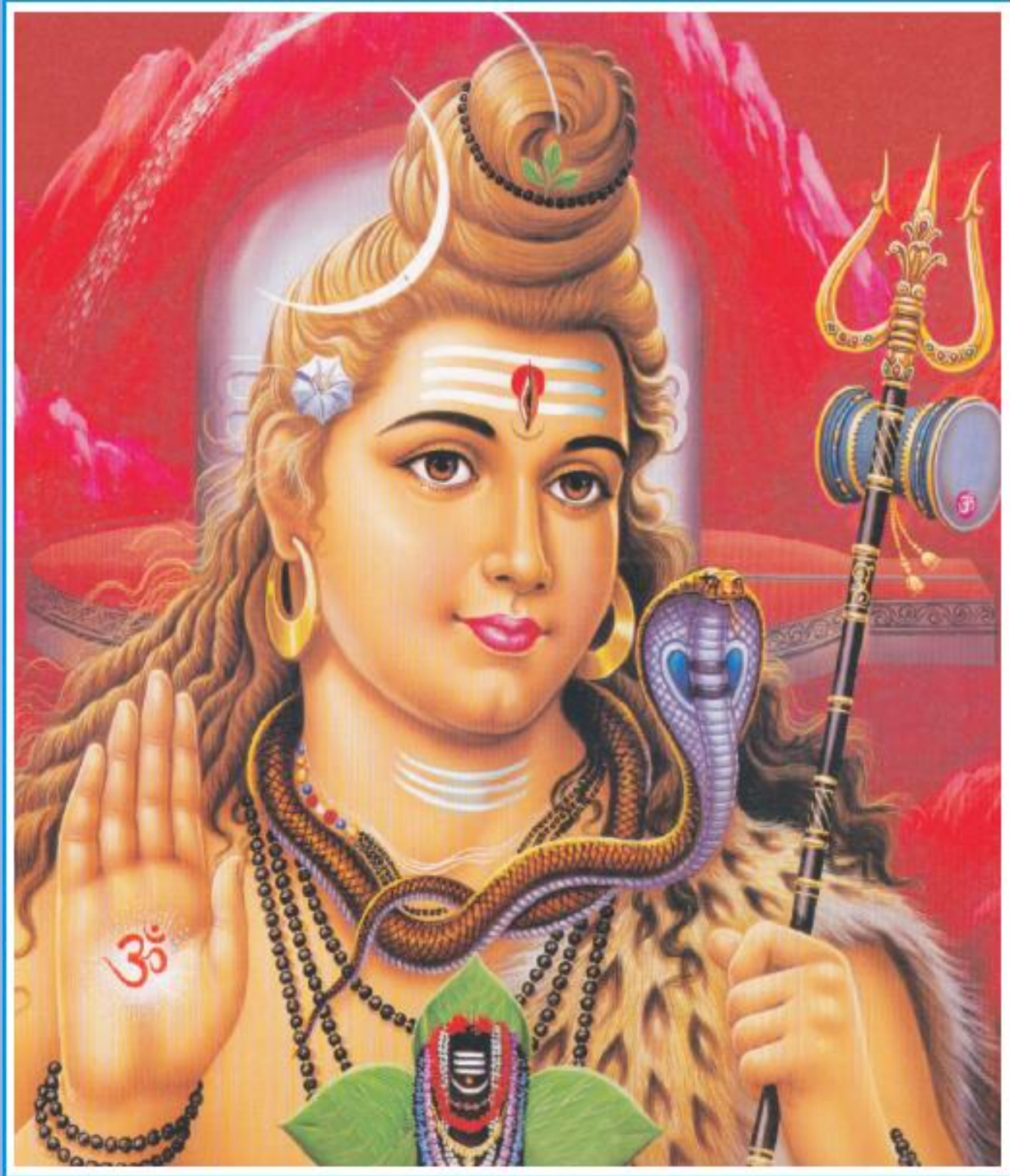
Ya Mangalam! Yakara Mangalam
Yadhathathya Paigyana Vedhya Managalam
Mangalam ! Omkaa Mangalam !
Om Nama Shivaya Mangalam

Om Mangalam ! Omkaa Mangalam !
Om Nama Shivaya Mangalam

Om Mangalam ! Omkaa Mangalam !
Om Nama Shivaya Mangalam



Mangalam Bhaghwan Shambho
Mangalam Vrishabhdwaja
Mangalam Parvathi Nadha
Mangalam Bhakhta Vatsala



Om Namah Shivaiah