

Laghu-Bhāgavatāmṛtā

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**Part 1: The sweetness of
Kṛṣṇa**

**Chapter 5 :
Para-avasthas and Svayaṁ-bhagavān**

**Why Hiraṇyakaśipu did not get
liberation?**

Text 44

Since he did not accept Nṛsiṁha as supreme Brahman, without beginning or end, he did not absorb his mind in him.

Why Rāvaṇa did not get liberation?

Text 45

When he was born as Rāvaṇa, and was killed by the Lord in the form of Rāma, he saw the form of the Lord, but did not recognize him as the Lord, because he was absorbed in lust for Sītā.

Instead of having attraction for the Lord, he unfortunately thought of Rāma as a mere human being.

As a result of being killed by Rāma, he again attained birth with unimpeded wealth by being born as Śísupāla, in the family of Cedirāja, praised by the whole earth.

When Rāvaṇa was killed by Rāma who is Kṛṣṇa himself, why did he not get liberation?

Even the form of Rāma there did not display the attractive power for generating liberation.

He saw Kṛṣṇa who had taken the form of Rāma, but saw him as the son of Dasaratha - a person who, because of previous pious acts, was born in royal family.

He thought of Rāma only as a human being.

Rāvaṇa thought of Sītā as an attractive young girl, not as Lakṣmī.

Those persons who see the Lord as a king or great person do not take birth again like ordinary people, but attain great wealth in the next birth.

Vedānta-sūtra 3.3.53

The smṛti says:

If one sees the Lord as a human, one gains heavenly planets, but if one sees him as the Lord, one attains liberation.