

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam

Canto One

With the
Sārārtha-darśinī commentary

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Canto One – Chapter Eight

Kuntī's prayers and Yudhiṣṭhira's grief

Prayers by Queen Kuntī, and Parīkṣit Saved

**Kuntīdevī begins to offer
prayers to the departing Lord
(17-43)**

|| 1.8.24 ||

viṣān mahāgneḥ puruṣāda-darśanād
asat-sabhāyā vana-vāsa-kṛcchrataḥ
mṛdhe mṛdhe 'neka-mahārathāstrato
drauṇy-astrataś cāsma hare 'bhirakṣitāḥ

You saved us (hare abhirakṣitāḥ āsma) from Bhīma getting poisoned (viṣān), from the burning house of lac (mahāgneḥ), from the sight of rākṣasas like Hidimbā (puruṣāda-darśanād), from the gambling den (asat-sabhāyā), from the hardships of living in the forest (vana-vāsa-kṛcchrataḥ), from unlimited weapons thrown by great warriors in countless battlefields (mṛdhe mṛdhe aneka-mahāratha astrato), and from the brahmāstra of Aśvatthāmā (drauṇy-astrataḥ).

In this verse she shows the variety of dangers.

Viṣād refers to the giving of poison to Bhīma.

Mahāgneḥ means from the burning of the house of lac.

Puruṣāda means the rākṣasas like Hiḍimbā.

Asat-sabhāyāḥ refers to the gambling match.

|| 1.8.25 ||

vipadaḥ santu tāḥ śaśvat
tatra tatra jagad-guro
bhavato darśanam yat syād
apunar bhava-darśanam

O guru of the universe (jagad-guro)! May we have dangers (tāḥ vipadaḥ santu) in such situations (tatra tatra) continually (śaśvat), because in those dangers (yat) we will see you (bhavato darśanam syād), and by that we will gain release from this material world (apunar bhava-darśanam).

These dangers are a great blessing to me.

O guru of the universe! To give benefit to us, you destroy
unsteadiness caused by intoxication with material comfort by
giving the ointment of dangers arising out of your mercy.

Through those dangers (yad) we can see you.

By seeing you, we no longer will see the suffering of material
existence.

|| 1.8.26 ||

janmaishvarya-sruta-sribhir
edhamana-madah puman
naivarhaty abhidhatum vai
tvam akiñcana-gocaram

A man swelling with pride (edhamana-madah puman)
because of birth, power, learning or money (janma-aiśvarya-
sruta-sribhir), cannot chant your names (na eva arhaty
abhidhatum vai). You are available to those who have nothing
except you (tvam akiñcana-gocaram).

The security of the material world is actually a danger.

Abhidhātum means “to say the names of the Lord.”