

Value of Time

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King Parikshit was Arjuna's grandson. For insulting a Maharshi by name Sameeka, he was cursed to die within next seven days. Then King Parikshit asked all the great sages, who came to see him, to show him the way to Moksha before his death. Then Sage Suka narrated the following story:

Once upon a time there was a king by name 'Khatwanga'. He was a powerful king and used to rule the entire earth!

During those days demons(Asuras) attacked the heaven and defeated the devathas. All the devathas including Indra came to Khatwanga, narrated their story and asked for help. Khatwanga was a very great warrior. He went to heaven, fought with the demons and killed them. He gave back the heaven to Indra once again. Devathas were very happy to get their abode back. They offered Khatwanga a boon.

Khatwanga said, "O Devathas! Please tell me when would I die. I want no other boon than this information".

Devathas replied, "Dear King, we are sorry but you just have one Muhurtham (1 1/2 hrs) left, before you die".

Khatwanga wasted no time. He came back to earth very fast. He developed dispassion (Vairagyam) towards all the things to which he was attached, like his relatives, friends, other luxuries and comforts. He meditated upon the Lord Narayana and attained Moksha by chanting the name 'Govinda'.

After narrating this story, sage Suka said, "Oh King Parikshith, It was just 1 1/2 hrs left for Khatwanga and he made use of it to attain Moksha by chanting the divine name Govinda. You have seven days. Do not worry".

How much time do we have? Shouldn't we make use of this valuable time?

Jai Srimannarayana!



BADARINATH

Lord Narayana is performing penance along with Nara in the form of mountain at Badarinath situated in the Divine atmosphere at the peaks of Himalayas.

After Devathas perform worship for 6 months (during which the temple remains closed) the temple at Badarinath is going to be opened for human worship from May 13th this year. Our Ashtakshari Kshethram offers free food to all the Pilgrims and Sadhus during those 6 months.

