



Bhagavatha Purana - Sri Krishna Charitham

Namaskaram to All Acharya, Perumal and Periya Piratti.

In Bhagavatha Purana 10th Canto describes the "**Krishna Avatharam**". It is also called as Dasama Skanda. In 22 avatharams of Lord Vishnu, "**Rama Avatharam**" and "**Krishna Avatharam**" are called "**Paripoorna avatharam**". Alwar's **Nalayira Divya Prabhandam** and Vedanta Desikar's **Yadavabhyudaya** describes about Krishna Avatharam.

In this article I would like to continue about "**Sri Krishna Charitham**" from "**The Bhagavatha Purana**" along with Pasurams where it got mentioned in "**Nalayira Divya Prabhandam**".



Meanwhile, Kamsa sent to the village of Gokula a Demoness named Putana, who was wandering here and there killing small babies. One day, Putana arrived at the house of Krishna in Gokula and disguised herself as a beautiful lady. She entered Krishna's bedroom and took him in her lap. Yashoda and Rohini did not object her as her personality silenced them.

She offered her breast for Krishna for drinking milk but her breast was smeared with poison. The child sucked her breast and made her intolerable with that pain

so that she resumed to her original form and fell to the ground. Then Lord Krishna pretended to play with her like a small child.



Putana and Baby Krishna

Bhutathalwar describes the killing of Putana in his following pasuram.

உகந்து உன்னை வாங்கி ஒளி நிறம் கொள் கொங்கை

அகம் குளிர உண் என்றாள் ஆவி - உகந்து

முலை உண்பாய் போலே முனிந்து உண்டாய் நீயும்

அலை பண்பால் ஆனமையால் அன்று

[இரண்டாம் திருவந்தாதி - 8]

uganthunnai vangi olinirangol kongai

agamkulira unnenral avi uganthu

mulaiyunpay pole muninthunday neeyum-

alaipanpal anamaiyal anru

Meaning of the above pasuram is as follows:

[[When Putana took you in her lap and gave milk from her beautiful breast saying, "Drink happily," you pretended to drink her milk and killed her. Even though she came as a mother and gave milk to you, you killed her because she had come to kill you.]]

Thirumangayalwar describes the killing of Putana in his following pasuram.

தன் மகன் ஆக வன் பேய்ச்சி தான் முலை உண்ணக் கொடுக்க

வன் மகன் ஆய் அவள் ஆவி வாங்கி முலை உண்ட நம்பீ

நன் மகள் ஆய்மகளோடு நானில-மங்கை மணாளா

என் மகனே அம்மம் உண்ணாய் என் அம்மம் சேமம் உண்ணாயே

[பெரிய திருமொழி - 10.4.7]

thanmakannaka van peyssi thanmulai unnak kotukka

vanmakannay aval avivangi mulaiyunta nambi

nanmakal aymakalotu nanila mangai manala

enmakanne ammam unnay en ammam semam unnaye

Meaning of the above pasuram is as follows:

[[When Putana, the devil woman, came as a mother and fed you the milk from her breasts, O Nambi, you drank her poisonous milk and killed her. You are the beloved of earth goddess and of beautiful Nappinnai, daughter of a cowherd. My son, drink milk. Come and eat your food.]]

All the Gopis and Yashoda took away the child and Mother Yashoda fed him milk and made him sleep.



Mother Yashoda and Baby Krishna

Nanda Maharaja and other people who returned from Mathura were shocked to see Demoness Putana lying dead. They came to know whatever happened and Nanda Maharaja recollected Vasudeva's words about their safety. They all cut the body of Putana and burned the pieces of her body in a fire. Although Putana came to kill Lord Krishna, she was killed by Lord Krishna and attained salvation in Lord's feet. Everyone enquired about the welfare of baby Krishna and Nanda Maharaja placed him in his lap.

By Acharyan's krupai, Piratti and Perumal's krupai let's learn the experience of the childhood days of Lord Krishna in Vrindavan.

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