



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**".



One day Lord Krishna and Lord Balarama were playing with the cowherd boys. One Demon named Pralamba came there disguised as a cowherd boy. Lord Krishna identified his original form but he kept quiet. Lord Krishna and his friends started

playing a game dividing the cowherd boys into two teams. According to their rules of the game, the members of the losing team should carry the members of the winning team on their shoulder. The demon was in Lord Krishna's team. Lord Balarama was their opponent team. Lord Balarama's team got victory. So Demon Pralamba carried Lord Balarama on his shoulder. Lord Balarama became so heavy so the demon changed to his original form. After witnessing the demon's original form, Lord Balarama hit him on his head and thereby the demon fell upon the ground and collapsed. All the cowherd boys appreciated Lord Balarama and Lord Krishna was very happy about him.



Demon Pralamba Carrying Lord Balarama

Andal describes how Lord Balarama along with Lord Krishna killed the Demon Pralamba in her following pasuram.

வண்ணம் திரிவும் மனங்குழைவும்

மானமிலாமையும் வாய்வெளுப்பும்

உண்ணலுறாமையுமுள்மெலிவும்

ஓதநீர்வண்ணனென்பானொருவன்

தண்ணந்துழாயென்னும் மாலைகொண்டு

சூட்டத்தணியும் பிலம்பன்றன்னைப்

பண்ணழியப்பலதேவன்வென்ற

பாண்டிவடத்தென்னையுய்த்திடுமின்

[நாச்சியார் திருமொழி 6.10.2]

vannam thirivum manangkuzhaivum mānamilāmayum vāyveluppum

unnalurāmayum ulmelivum othaneer vaNNan enbān oruvan

thannan thuzhāy ennum mālai kondu soottath thaniyum pilampan thannaip

pannazhiyap baladhevan venra pāndi vadaththu ennai uyththidumin

Meaning of the above pasuram is as follows:

[[She says, "I am growing pallid, my mind is confused and I have no sense of shame. My mouth is becoming pale, I don't want to eat or sleep and I am growing thin. If the god colored like the roaring ocean puts on me his cool thulasi garland, all these problems will go away. Take me to the banyan tree where Balarama conquered the Asuran Pilamban and leave me there." .]]



Lord Balarama killing the Demon Pralamba

Perialwar describes how Lord Balarama along with Lord Krishna killed the Demon Pralamba in his following pasuram.

கருளுடையபொழில்மருதும்

கதக்களிறும்பிலம்பனையும்கடியமாவும்

உருளுடையசகடரையும்மல்லரையும்

உடையவிட்டுஓசைகேட்டான்

இருளகற்றும்எறிகதிரோன்மண்டலத்தூடு

ஏற்றிவைத்துஏணிவாங்கி

அருள்கொடுத்திட்டுஅடியவரை

ஆட்கொள்வானமருமூர்அணியரங்கமே

[பெரியாழ்வார் திருமொழி 4.9.3]

karuludaiya pozhil marudhum kadhak kalirum pilambanaiyum kadiyamāvum

uruludaiya sakadaraiyum mallaraiyum udaiya vittu osai kettān

irulakarrum erikathiron mandalaththoodu erri vaiththu eni vāngi

arul koduththittu adiyavarai ātkolvān amarum oor aniyarangame.

Meaning of the above pasuram is as follows:

[[Our lord who destroyed the Asurans when they came as marudu trees in the dark groves, the rutting elephant Kuvalayabeedam, the Asuran Pilamban, the Rakshasa Kesi when he came as a wild horse, Sahatasuran when he came as a cart, and the wrestlers stays in beautiful Srirangam where he makes the bright sun rise in the sky and removes the darkness of the earth, giving his grace to his devotees as they worship him.

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

[To Be Continued...]

