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SHRI SATYANARAYANA VRATHA KATHA

Worship of Lord Sri Satyanarayana (Sri Maha Vishnu) is an integral part of Sanatan Dharma. This auspicious Satyanarayana Katha narration comes from one of the 18 puranas, the Skanda Purana. It is in the form of a dialog between Lord Vishnu and Sage Narada. Sri Satyanarayana puja gives devotees the opportunity to shower the Lord with prema and bhakti (love and devotion), and in return, the four rewards of life are fulfilled : dharma (spiritual needs), artha (material needs), kaama (personal needs), moksha (liberation).

Once, 88,000 rishis assembled at the forest Naimisharanya and asked Maharishi Sootha, the narrator of Puranas, "Oh! Maharishi, please tell us how mankind can attain salvation?" Maharishi Sootha answered: "Once, Narada Muni asked Lord Vishnu, the consort of Goddess Lakshmi, the same question. I will tell you what Lord Vishnu told Narada, so listen carefully.

Once, Narada, during one of his sojourns to the various worlds, came to earth. There he saw the people suffering as result of their past deeds. To alleviate their sufferings and bring them salvation, Narada travelled to Vishnu Loka. There he found Lord Vishnu adorned with 'ShankSa', 'Chakra', 'Gadha' and Lotus in his four hands and a Garland around his neck. Narada spoke humbly: "Oh, supreme Lord, the savior of the destitute and the troubled, I surrender at thy feet." Lord Vishnu said: "Narada, why have you come here? Tell me what you want and I will fulfill your wishes." To which Narada replied, "oh, Bhagavan, people on earth are suffering in many ways as a result of their own past sinful deeds. Please bestow thy grace and reveal to me as to how they can be helped." Lord Vishnu replied, "Oh, Narada, mankind can rid itself of all its sorrows by performing a puja called SATYANARAYANA PUJA. This puja when performed according to religious rites will bring happiness, peace of mind and wealth in this life and salvation beyond." On hearing this, Narada was filled with joy and addressed Lord Vishnu thus: "Oh, Lord, in your infinite grace, please tell me the details of the puja that you just mentioned, how and when to perform it and who has to perform it before." Lord Vishnu answered: "This puja can be performed in any month on a full-moon day. One must gather his friends and relatives perform the puja with devotion and offer fruits, ghee, milk, butter, wheat flour, sugar, honey to God. After the puja is over, he must read the Satyanarayana Katha and distribute Prasad to everybody. If the puja is thus performed, it will bring fulfillment of one's wishes. Particularly, in this Kaliyuga, this puja brings contentment."

Maharishi Sootha continued the assembled rishis "Oh rishis, I will tell you who all have observed the Satyanarayana puja in the past. Once, there lived a very poor Brahmin in the beautiful city of Kasi. Plagued by Cutie hunger, he used to wander here and there every day. Lord Vishnu took the form of an old man, appeared before the poor Brahmin and asked "Friend, why are you wandering aimlessly?" The poor Brahmin replied, "Sir, I am a very poor man. Unable to bear the pangs of hunger, I beg for alms. Sir, if you know a way out of this misery, please tell me". Where upon, Lord Vishnu, who was in the guise of an old man, replied, "Oh Brahmin, Lord Satyanarayana grants his devotee's wishes and removes their sorrows. So you should perform his puja and reap its benefits". Lord Vishnu then explained the details of the Satyanarayana Vrata to the poor Brahmin and disappeared.

The poor Brahmin immediately resolved to perform the puja. After a sleepless night, he got up early in the morning and went to beg for alms, his mind fixed only one thing, namely the puja. That day he got a lot of money with which he bought fruits and milk, curd and honey and performed the puja with his relatives and friends. With Lord Satyanarayana's grace, he shed his poverty and lived a contented life. Every month on full moon day he performed the puja and finally attained Moksha (salvation).

Maharishi Sootha thus told the assembled rishis the story which originally was narrated by Lord Vishnu to Narada Muni.

The Rishis Again addressed Maharishi Sootha: "Oh, Great one, please tell us in detail who else performed the puja."

Maharishi Sootha continued: One day when the poor Brahmin from Kasi was observing the Satyanarayana Vrata, a wood-cutter entered his house and asked for water. Seeing the Brahmin perform the puja, the wood cutter inquired what the puja was about and what good it would bring. The Brahmin, who had been bestowed with Lord Narayana's grace, spoke: "This is called Satyanarayana Vrata. Anyone who observes this Vrata will get riches. I myself have been bestowed with wealth." The wood-cutter was delighted to hear this. He learned the proper way to perform the puja, ate the Prasad that was offered and went his way.

With Lord Satyanarayana on his mind, the wood-cutter resolved that he would observe the Vrata with whatever he was going to make by selling firewood that day. He went to that part of the city where rich people lived, sold the firewood and made twice the normal profit. Please with his luck, the wood-cutter bought bananas, sugar, ghee, milk, curd, and honey and wheat flour and performed the Satyanarayana puja with his friends and relatives. By Lord Narayana's grace, he too acquired enormous wealth and lived comfortably and attained moksha (salvation).

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Maharishi Sootha continued: "Oh, best of ascetics, I will now tell you the story further. In the older days there lived a wise king by the name Ulkamukha. He had mastered all his senses and always spoke the truth. He used to go to the temple every day and give gifts to the Brahmins. His lotus-faced wife was a pure and pious woman. One day, the royal was performing the Satyanarayana Puja at the banks of the river Bhadrashree. At that time a merchant called Sadhu sailed by. Seeing the king perform some puja, Sadhu stopped his boat, got off and addressed the king humbly: "Oh, King would you kindly tell me what are you doing with such devotion and concentration?" The King replied, "Oh, Sadhu, I have no children. In order that I may be blessed with children, I am worshipping the almighty Lord Satyanarayana."

On hearing this Sadhu spoke humbly: " Oh, King, please tell me how to perform the puja. I would like to observe the Vratha, as I too have no children." The King told him all the details. Sadhu returned home and with great joy told his wife that they should perform Satyanarayana puja which will fulfill their desire to have children. He then resolved to performed the puja after the child was born.

Then by the divine grace, Sadhu's wife Leelavathi conceived and in due course, a beautiful daughter was born to them. They named the child Kalavathi.

One day, Leelavathi reminded her husband of his promise to perform puja. Sadhu told his wife that he would do the puja at the time of his daughter's wedding and got busy with his work.

In the meantime, Kalavathi grew up and blossomed into a lovely girl sadhu sent out messengers to find a suitable bridegroom for his daughter. One of his messengers found a good-natured and handsome boy in a vaishya family from Kanchana Nagar. Sadhu found the boy to be a suitable match for Kalavathi and celebrated his daughter's wedding with great pomp and show. But sadhu completely forgot about the Satyanarayana puja and thus angered Lord Satyanarayana.

Then one day Sadhu went on a business trip with son-in-law. He stopped to trade at Ratnapura that was ruled by Chandrakethu. Lord Satyanarayana placed a curse on Sadhu. One day in Ratnapura, some thieves robbed the king's treasury and were running away. The king's soldiers followed them in hot pursuit. The frightened thieves threw the things they robbed, near Sadhu and son-in-law who were sleeping under a tree, and escaped. Finding the king's treasure near Sadhu and his son-in-law, the king's soldiers arrested them and brought them before the king. The king ordered them to be chained and thrown into prison. Because of Lord Narayana's Maya, nobody even listened to what sadhu had to say in his defense .King Chandrakethu also confiscated all their merchandise.

Lord Narayana's curse did not spare Sadhu's wife. Some robbers broke into her house and Leelavathi lost everything.

One day, Kalavathi was very hungry and ran out of the house. She wandered here and there and stopped at a house where Satyanarana puja was being performed. She stayed at that place until puja was over and ate the Prasad that was offered. When she reached home, It was late night. Leelavathi asked her where she had been. Kalavathi told her mother that she was listening to Satyanarayana Katha in somebody's house. Leelavathi at once remembered her husband's promise to perform the puja and resolved to observed Satyanarayana Vratha. She collected all her relatives and friends and prayed to Lord Satyanarayana to forgive their sins

Lord Satyanarayana was pleased with Leelavathi's prayers.He appeared before King Chandrakethu in his dream and told him to release the two merchants from the prison as they were not the real thieves. If the king failed to do so, Lord Satyanarana warned that his kingdom, wealth and children would suffer.

Next morning, the king told his counselors about his dream and ordered Sadhu and his son-in-law to be released. The latter were frightened and stood before the king with bowed heads. The king talked to them gently and said, "You two have suffered a great deal because of your fate, but there is nothing to fear." The king returned the merchandise, gave them new clothes and lots of gifts and bade them good-bye.

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Sadhu and son-in law loaded their boat with the riches given to them by the king and sailed homeward. Lord Satyanarayana wanted to test the Sadhu further. He took the form of an ascetic with a trident, appeared before Sadhu and him what he was carrying in his boat. Without realizing that the ascetic was indeed Lord Narayana in disguise, Sadhu laughed mockingly and said, "You Brahmin, were you thinking of stealing my thing? We do not have any valuables in the boat except vessels." Whereupon Lord Narayana replied, "Oh, Sadhu, so be it." The Ascetic then departed and went to the seashore to meditate.

When Sadhu went into his boat, he discovered to his horror that the boat was filled with vessels just as he falsely told the ascetic. Sadhu swooned at the sight but he was revived by his son-in-law who said: "This must be the curse of the ascetic. He must be a mystic. Let's go to him and ask his forgiveness." The two merchants then went to the seashore where the ascetic was meditating. They fell at his feet and repeatedly begged for his forgiveness.

Pleased by Sadhu's devotion, the Lord said, "Sadhu do not weep. You suffer because you have broken your promise time and again." On hearing this, Sadhu prayed to God, "Oh Lord, even Brahmin and other Devas drowned in your Maya, cannot comprehend your form completely. How can I with my limited knowledge, comprehend your various forms? I pray with my limited knowledge. Please show me your true form and bless me."

Upon hearing his prayer, God was pleased and granted his wishes, restoring his merchandise in the boat and disappeared. The two merchants then joyfully sailed homeward. On reaching their hometown, they sent a messenger to their wives to inform them of their safe arrival. At that time Leelavathi and Kalavathi were performing Satyanarayana puja, Leelavathi quickly finished the puja and asked her daughter to do so. She then hurried to the seashore to meet her husband. Kalavathi, in her eagerness to meet her husband, forgot to eat and rushed to the seashore. This action of hers angered Lord Satyanarayana. He caused the boat and her husband to drown in the sea.

Not finding her husband, Kalavathi started weeping. All were wonderstruck and frightened. Sadhu was at a loss to know what to do. Thinking that it was Lord Narayana's Maya, he announced to that he would perform Satyanarayana puja and prayed to Lord again and again. At this, Lord Satyanarayana, the savior of the sinners, was very pleased and said, "Oh Sadhu, your daughter did not eat the Prasad in her haste to see her husband, so I made him and the boat disappear. Let her go home, take the Prasad and return." On hearing this, Kalavathi rushed and took the Prasad. When she returned to the seashore, she found her joy, her husband and the boat. Then Sadhu returned home happily with his relatives and performed the Satyanarayana puja every full moon day. With God's grace, he enjoyed all the comforts in this world and finally attained salvation

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Maharishi Sootha continued: "Once there was a king called Thungadhwaia who underwent a lot of misery after refusing the Satyanarayana Prasad. "One day, after hunting, he was resting under a shady tree. Some cowherds were happily performing Satyanarayana puja nearby. The king, in his vanity, refused the Prasad they offered. When he reached his palace, he found that his kingdom, his 100 sons, his wealth and everything was destroyed. Then it occurred to him that Lord Satyanarayana was probably angry with him. He went back to the cowherds, prostrated himself before lord Satyanarayana and performed the puja with great devotion. Lord Satyanarayana showered his blessing and the king regained everything he had lost earlier. He lived happily and reached Vaikuntha after death.

Maharishi Sootha said, "Oh holy men, I have narrated to you the Satyanarayana Katha which was originally told by Lord Vishnu to Narada Muni. By observing this Vratha, Mankind can attain salvation

In this Kaliyuga, observance of the Vratha can lead to gratification of one's wishes." Thus ended the narration of Maharishi Sootha after which the rishis returned to their respective homes

End of Chapter Five [OM SHRI Satyanarayana Namah]

Jai Lakshmi Ramana Swami Jai Lakshmi Ramana,
Satyanarayan Swami Jan Patak Harana,
Jai Lakshmi Ramana.....

Ratan Ja Rat Singhasan Adhbut Chabee Rajey,
Narad Kahat Niranjan Ghanta dhun bhajey
Jai Lakshmi Ramana.....

Praghat Bhaye Kali Karan Dwaj Ko Daras Diyo
Budha Brahman Bankey Kanchan Mahal Kiyo
Jai Lakshmi Ramana.....

Durbal Bhil Kathier Jan Par Kripa Karey
Chandra Choor Ik Raja Jinaki Vipat Hari
Jai Lakshmi Ramana.....

Vashey Manorath Payo Shradha tuj Dini
So Fal Bhogyo Prabhji phir Sutati Kini
Jai Lakshmi Ramana.....

Bhav Bhagti Ke Karan Chhin Chhin Roop Dharyo
Shardha Dharan Kini Tin Kay Karj Saryo
Jai Lakshmi Ramana.....

Gwal Bal Sang Raja Ban Mein Bhakti Karey
ManVanchit Fal Dina Deen Dayal Hari
Jai Lakshmi Ramana.....

Charhat Prasad Sawayo Kadali Fal Mewa
Dooop Dheep Tulsi Se Raje Sat Deva
Jai Lakshmi Ramana.....

Shri Satya Narayan Ji Ki Aarti jo koi gaavey
Kahat Shianand Swami ManVanchit Fal Paavey
Jai Lakshmi Ramana....

ॐ जय लक्ष्मी रमना, स्वामी जय लक्ष्मी रमणा
सत्य नारायण स्वामी, जन पातक हरणा, ॐ जय लक्ष्मी रमना...

रतन जड़ित सिंहासन अद्भुत छवि राजे
नारद करत निरंतर, घंटा ध्वनि बाजे, ॐ जय लक्ष्मी रमना...

प्रगट भए कलि कारण, द्विज को दरश दियो
बूढो बाहमण बनकर कंचन महल कियो, ॐ जय लक्ष्मी रमना...

दुर्बल भील कराल जिन पर कृपा करी
चंद्रचूड़ एक राजा जिनकी विपति हरी, ॐ जय लक्ष्मी रमना...

वैश्य मनोरथ पायो श्रद्धा तज दिनी
सो फल भोग्यो प्रभुजी, फिर स्तुति किन्ही, ॐ जय लक्ष्मी रमना...

भाव भक्ति के कारण, छिन-छिन रूप धरयो
श्रद्धा धारण किन्ही तिनको काज सरयो, ॐ जय लक्ष्मी रमना...

गवाल बाल संग राजा वन में भक्ति करी
मन वांछित फल दीन्हो, दीन दयाल हरी, ॐ जय लक्ष्मी रमना...

चढ़त प्रसाद सवायो कदली फल मेवा
धूप दीप तुलसी से राजी सत्यदेव, ॐ जय लक्ष्मी रमना...

श्री सत्यनारायण जी की आरती जो कोई नर गावे
तन मन सुख सम्पति, मन वांछित फल पावे, ॐ जय लक्ष्मी रमना...

Items	Quantity	Description
Agarbatti	1 Packet	
Banana	1 Dozen	
Betel leaves	30	
Blouse piece	1	(Red or Yellow)
Cardamom	10 g	
Coconuts	7	
Fruits	4 Varieties	
Flowers	2 Bunches	
Ghee	1 Bottle	
Honey	Small bottle	
Kalasham	1	
Kumkum	25 g	
Match box	1	
Milk	1 Gallon	
Navadhanya	1 Packet	
Oil	100 g	
Photo's of GOD	Satyanarayana Swamy	
Sri Satyanarayana Katha (Story)	Please print as many copies as needed	
Quarters (coins)	40	
Rice	4 lbs	
Saffron	1 Small Packet	
Sandal Powder	1 Small Packet	
Sugar	25 g	
Towels	1 Big Size	
Turmeric Powder	50 g	