

## Devadhidev Tirthankar Parshvanath - 2

The queen Vamadevi aroused king Asvasena with sweet-speech from his sleep. The king also twisted his limbs out of inertia and arose from sleep. King Asvasena asked, "Oh Queen, why have you come here now?" Vamadevi answered, "Your Majesty! I saw fourteen dreams like that of the elephant and other while I was asleep in my palace - chamber. Please tell me the indication of it. King Asvasena said, "Oh innocent queen, you have seen much auspicious dreams. So your (new born) son will become a monarch or a tranquil ascetic." "You are right," said Vamadevi to her righteous husband king Asvasena, accepted his words and returned to her chamber.

Next morning were called the experts of the dream - indication who gave the same reply. The good have unanimity in thinking. Vamadevi did not take extremely astringent, hot, pungent and cold food for protection of her baby to be born. Gradually the nine months passed and when all the planets were in high positions, on the tenth day of the bright Pausa month of the Hemanta season Vamadevi gave birth to the illustrious son Lord Parsvanatha, whose lips were ruddy like the Bimba fruit, face like the moon, complexion like a blue lotus, who was soft like the inner stuff of a Banana, who was pleasingly fit to be respected by gods, demons and people and endowed with all good bodily marks. Then immediately sixty four Devendras gathered together with devotion to offer holy bathing to the Lord on his birth. Sixty four Devendras bowed to Lord Parsvanatha, praised hymns and carrying him in their hands came over to the mountain Meru.

Then (sixty four) Indras like Saudharma seated Lord Parsvanatha on the top of mount Meru and celebrated his birthday. Devendras after having celebrated the birthday of Lord Parsvanatha and considering themselves blessed returned. Then the gods showered thirty two crores of silver and golden coins and thirty two crores gems in the palace of King Asvasena. Then Lord Parsvanatha being nourished by five foster mothers began to grow like the moon of the second day of the bright fortnight.

Lord Parsvanatha gradually attained youth and the father got him married with the princess Prabhavati.

One day outside the city, an ascetic named Kamatha arrived, who was a fool and hypocrite performing ignorantly austerity of the Five Fires bearing pains. At that time Lord Parsvanatha, sitting in a balcony, asked his servants, "O Servants, Where are the citizens going today?"

The servants replied, O best prince, an ascetic named Kamatha has come today and these people are going there to pay him obeisance. Lord Parsvanatha too riding on his elephant which was like a rival to the celestial elephant Airavata with an excuse of sporting, came over immediately to that ascetic. To the ascetic practising austerities ignorantly, Lord Parsvanatha told, "You indeed are practising austerity without knowing and that too, without compassion."

He said, in turn, to Parsvanatha, "You are Prince and you are expert in sporting with horses but not in our austeric tendencies.

Immediately then by the order of Lord Parsvanatha, his servant cut wood into two with the axe and brought out from the piece of wood a unburnt snake alive. Then the people hated the hypocrite ascetic and praised Lord Parsvanatha repeatedly.

Several years later Lord Parsvanatha pondered over the proper time, distributed alms (for one year) and took initiation.

Once upon a time Lord Parsvanatha himself was above physical conscience with his eyes closed in meditation, at that time the ascetic Kamatha, who had died in the wicked meditation and was born as a god name Meghamali, created hurdles (in Lord Parsvanatha's meditation), but Lord Parsvanatha did not deviate even a little. Lord Parsvanatha, on having attained the absolute knowledge and having lived for a hundred years attained the absolution.