ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Pradosha Stotram

Skanda Purana, spoken by Shandilya

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

Nine verses as the Skanda Purana gives them, the last two being Shandilya's words to Uma. The printed closing line is given at the end.

VERSE 1

सत्यं ब्रवीमि परलोकहितं ब्रवीमि सारं ब्रवीम्युपनिषद्धृदयं ब्रवीमि ।
संसारमुल्बणमसारमवाप्य जन्तोः सारोऽयमीश्वरपदाम्बुरुहस्य सेवा ॥

I speak the truth, I speak what is good for the world to come, I speak the essence, the very heart of the Upanishads. For a being who has entered this harsh and hollow round of births, the one thing of real worth is service at the lotus feet of the Lord.

VERSE 2

ये नार्चयन्ति गिरिशं समये प्रदोषे ये नार्चितं शिवमपि प्रणमन्ति चान्ये ।
एतत्कथां श्रुतिपुटैर्न पिबन्ति मूढास्ते जन्मजन्मसु भवन्ति नरा दरिद्राः ॥

Those who do not worship Girisha, Lord of the mountain, at the Pradosha hour, others who do not even bow to Shiva when he is worshipped, and the deluded who do not drink in this story with their ears: the verse says such people are poor in birth after birth.

VERSE 3

ये वै प्रदोषसमये परमेश्वरस्य कुर्वन्त्यनन्यमनसोंऽघ्रिसरोजपूजाम् ।
नित्यं प्रवृद्धधनधान्यकलत्रपुत्रसौभाग्यसम्पदधिकास्त इहैव लोके ॥

Those who, at the Pradosha hour, worship the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord with a mind fixed on nothing else: the verse says they abound, ever more, in wealth, grain, spouse, children, good fortune and prosperity in this very world.

VERSE 4

कैलासशैलभुवने त्रिजगज्जनित्रीं गौरीं निवेश्य कनकाचितरत्नपीठे ।
नृत्यं विधातुमभिवाञ्छति शूलपाणौ देवाः प्रदोषसमये नु भजन्ति सर्वे ॥

In his abode on Mount Kailasa, the trident-bearer seats Gauri, mother of the three worlds, on a jewelled throne set with gold, and longs to dance. At that Pradosha hour all the gods come to worship him.

VERSE 5

वाग्देवी धृतवल्लकी शतमखो वेणुं दधत्पद्मजस्तालोन्निद्रकरो रमा भगवती गेयप्रयोगान्विता ।
विष्णुः सान्द्रमृदङ्गवादनपटुर्देवाः समन्तात्स्थिताः सेवन्ते तमनु प्रदोषसमये देवं मृडानीपतिम् ॥

Saraswati, goddess of speech, holds the vina; Indra holds the flute; Brahma, the lotus-born, keeps the beat with busy hands; the goddess Lakshmi is ready with song; Vishnu, skilled on the deep-toned mridanga, plays the drum. The gods stand all around and, at the Pradosha hour, serve the god who is lord of Mridani (Parvati).

VERSE 6

गन्धर्वयक्षपतगोरगसिद्धसाध्यविद्याधरामरवराप्सरसां गणांश्च ।
येऽन्ये त्रिलोकनिलयाः सहभूतवर्गाः प्राप्ते प्रदोषसमये हरपार्श्वसंस्थाः ॥

The hosts of Gandharvas, Yakshas, birds, serpents, Siddhas, Sadhyas, Vidyadharas, the immortals and the finest Apsaras, and all others who dwell in the three worlds together with the hosts of beings: when the Pradosha hour arrives, they all stand at the side of Hara (Shiva).

VERSE 7

अतः प्रदोषे शिव एक एव पूज्योऽथ नान्ये हरिपद्मजाद्याः ।
तस्मिन्महेशे विधिनेज्यमाने सर्वे प्रसीदन्ति सुराधिनाथाः ॥

Therefore at Pradosha Shiva alone is to be worshipped, and not the others such as Vishnu and Brahma. When that great Lord is worshipped in the proper way, the verse says all the lords of the gods are pleased.

VERSE 8

एष ते तनयः पूर्वजन्मनि ब्राह्मणोत्तमः ।
प्रतिग्रहैर्वयो निन्ये न दानाद्यैः सुकर्मभिः ॥

In his former birth this son of yours was an excellent Brahmin, but he spent his life in accepting gifts, not in good deeds such as giving.

VERSE 9

अतो दारिद्र्यमापन्नः पुत्रस्ते द्विजभामिनि ।
तद्दोषपरिहारार्थं शरणं यातु शङ्करम् ॥

That is why your son has fallen into poverty, O Brahmin lady. To remove that fault, let him go to Shankara for refuge.

CLOSING

इति श्रीस्कान्दोक्तं प्रदोषस्तोत्राष्टकं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

Thus ends the Pradosha Stotra Ashtakam, as told in the Skanda Purana.

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