

33. Those who listen to his glory with devotion and faith will attain divine salvation hereafter after enjoying great happiness here.

## CHAPTER TWELVE

(The story of Śiva and Pārvatī including that of Kārttikeya)

*Brahmā said:—*

1. On seeing Tāraka killed, Viṣṇu and other gods, with faces refulgent with pleasure, eulogised Kārttikeya with devotion.

*The gods said:—*

2. Obeisance to you of good features, obeisance to you who confer auspiciousness on the universe, O kinsman of the universe, obeisance be to you. Obeisance to you, O purifier of the universe.

3. Obeisance to you, the slayer of the chief of the Asuras. O lord, obeisance to the slayer of the Asura Bāṇa. Obeisance to the destroyer of Pralamba. Obeisance to you of holy features. Obeisance to you, O son of Śiva.

4. You alone are the creator, sustainer and annihilator of the universe. You, born of firegod, be pleased. Your cosmic image is identical with the universe. O son of Śiva, kinsman of the distressed, be pleased.

5. O lord, protector of the gods, O lord, save us always. O merciful one, protector of gods, be pleased.

6. After killing the Asura Tāraka along with his followers, O great lord, the gods have been freed from adversities by you.

*Brahmā said:—*

7. O sage, thus eulogised by Viṣṇu and the other gods, lord Kumāra granted them fresh boons in order.

8. On seeing the mountains eulogising, the son of Śiva became very glad and spoke to them after granting boons.

*Skanda said:—*

9. All of you mountains will become worthy of being