

50. O Śiva, blessing has been conferred on my son in granting him a body. Thou dost not mind the offence to Thee. Resuscitate the sacrifice of Dakṣa.

51. O Lord of gods, be pleased. Remove all curses. Thou art my conscious encourager. Thou alone art the restrainer.

52. O great sage, after thus eulogising lord Śiva, I joined my palms in reverence and bent my head in humility.

53. Then Indra and other gods, the guardians of the quarters, of good mentality lauded lord Śiva whose lotus-like face beamed with brilliance.

54. The other gods too of delighted minds, the Siddhas, the sages and the Prajāpatis lauded Śiva joyously.

55. Then the gods of lower rank, Nāgas, and the brahmins, the members of the assembly, bowed with devotion and eulogised Śiva severally.

## CHAPTER FORTYTHREE

*(The Arrangement in Dakṣa's Sacrifice)*

*Brahmā said :—*

1. Thus eulogised by Viṣṇu, by me, by the gods, sages and others, the great lord became delighted.

2. After consoling Brahmā, Viṣṇu, the sages and the gods by His benign glance, Śiva spoke to Dakṣa.

*Lord Śiva said :—*

3. O Dakṣa, listen. I shall explain. O patriarch, I am delighted. Although I am independent lord of all, I am subservient to my devotees always.

4. Four kinds of meritorious persons worship me always. O patriarch Dakṣa, the latter are greater than the former.

5. They are—the distressed, the inquisitive, the fortune-seeker and the wise. The first three are ordinary and the fourth one is extraordinary person.