

CHAPTER SIX

(*The miraculous feat of Kārttikeya*)

Brahmā said:—

1. There Kumāra showed a miraculous feat. O Nārada, listen to it that bestows devotion.

2. Then a certain brahmin Nārada came there, seeking refuge in Kumāra. He was glorious and had been performing a sacrifice.

3. Approaching Kumāra, bowing to and eulogising him with auspicious hymns the delighted brahmin related his tale.

The brahmin said:—

4. O lord, listen to my words. Relieve my distress. You are the lord of the universe. I seek refuge in you.

5. I began a goat sacrifice. The goat got loosened and strayed away from my house.

6. I do not know where it has gone. I have searched for it here and there but have not found it. Hence this will cause a serious default in my sacrifice.

7. While you are the lord, how can there be an obstacle to my sacrifice? O lord, after pondering over this matter please fulfil my task.

8. O lord, O son of Śiva, who else can I approach except you, who are worthy of being resorted to, who are the lord of the entire universe and are served by all the gods.

9-10. You are the kinsman of the distressed. You are worthy of being served well. You are favourably disposed to your devotees. You are the great lord eulogised by Viṣṇu, Brahmā and other gods. You are Skanda the delighter of Pārvatī, the sole destroyer of enemies, the great soul, the lord who bestows his own self upon the good seeking refuge in him.

11. O lord of the distressed, O great lord, O son of Śiva, O lord of the three worlds, O master of magical art, I have to seek refuge in you. O favourite of the brahmins, save me. You are the lord of all. You are eulogised by