

40. It is conducive to wealth, fame, and longevity. It increases prosperity and possession of food-grains. It yields heavenly pleasure and salvation. What else do you wish to hear ?

41. He who reads and hears the exalted narrative will enjoy all pleasures here and attain salvation hereafter.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

(*The Resuscitation of Indra in the context of the destruction of Jalandhara*)

Vyāsa said:—

1. O holy lord, son of Brahmā, it has been heard by me before that the lord Śiva killed the great Asura Jalandhara.

2. O intelligent one, please narrate the story of the moon-crested lord in detail. Who can be satiated with listening to the spotless glory of the lord ?

Sūta said:—

3. On being requested thus by Vyāsa, the great sage and son of Brahmā of eloquent speech spoke the following significant words without excitement.

Sanatkumāra said:—

4. O sage, once Bṛhaspati and Indra went to Kailāsa with great devotion, to see lord Śiva.

5-6. Coming to know of the arrival of Bṛhaspati and Indra eager to see him, lord Śiva wished to test their knowledge. Accordingly, the lord, the excellent goal of the good, stood blocking their path in the naked form with matted hair and beaming face.

7-9. Bṛhaspati and Indra were walking on gleefully. On their way they saw this wonderful person of huge size. He was quiet and composed and very refulgent with matted hair on his head. He was fair-complexioned with long arms and wide chest. He was terrible to look at. Without realising that the person who stood there blocking their path