

speaking so much here. You can go or stay. Why at all did you come ?

31. Your husband Śiva is known to the wise as inauspicious. He is not of a noble lineage. He is the king of goblins, ghosts and spirits. He is excluded from Vedic rites.

32. Knowing Śiva to be of indecent dress and features, my dear daughter I did not invite him to the sacrifice in the presence of gods and sages.

33. Induced by Brahmā I gave you in marriage to the wicked haughty Śiva who does not know customs. I have been a sinner and slow-witted.

34. Hence leave off your anger. Calm yourself. (Let us see) you smile sweetly. Having come (all the way) to this sacrifice you can take your own share.

*Brahmā said:—*

35. The daughter Satī honoured in the three worlds, on being addressed thus, became very angry to see her father full of contempt.

36. She mused to herself—“How can I return to Śiva ?” Of course I am desirous of seeing Śiva but what reply shall I give when He were to ask me ?

37. Satī, the mother of the three worlds, heaving sighs of wrath told her father Dakṣa, the evil-minded.

*Satī said :—*

38. “He who reproaches Śiva and he who hears such reproaches, both of them go hell and stay there as long as the moon and the sun exist.

39. Hence I shall cast off my body and enter the fire. O father, of what avail is this life unto me who am unfortunate enough to hear contemptuous remarks about my lord ?

40. If a powerful person cuts off the tongue of the man who makes such disrespectful remarks about Śiva both of them will be absolved of sins.

41. If he is not powerful enough let the sensible man close his ears and quit the place—He shall then be pure—so say the learned persons.”