

Brahmā said:—

37. After saying these words to the great lord, Pārvatī stopped and bowed to Him frequently with shoulders stooping and palms joined in reverence.

38. Thus addressed by her, Śiva of the noble soul, just to follow and imitate the worldly conventions thought that it should be so. Being desirous of doing so he rejoiced.

39. Then Śiva vanished. With a great delight He went to Kailāsa but at His separation from Pārvatī his mind was distressed.

40. After reaching there He mentioned the news to Nandin and others. He was very much delighted.

41. Those Gaṇas, Bhairava and others were greatly pleased. They celebrated the occasion with great festivities.

42. O Nārada, all went on auspiciously. All misery was at an end. Śiva too was in a pleasant mood.

CHAPTER THIRTY

(The Celebration of Pārvatī's Return)

Nārada said:—

1. O Brahmā, O dear, of great fortune, you have the real vision and are blessed. This wonderful story was heard by me, thanks to your blessings.

2. When Śiva returned to His mountain, O intelligent one, what did Pārvatī allauspicious do and where did she go? Please tell me.

Brahmā said:—

3. O dear, listen with pleasure to what happened thereafter when Śiva returned to His place. I shall mention it, remembering Śiva,

4. Accompanied by her maids and assuming meaningful dress and features she returned to her father's house repeating the name of lord Śiva.

5. On hearing that Pārvatī was returning, Menā and