

Obeisance to you, subservient to the devotees. Obeisance to Iṣāna, the most excellent, the bestower of bliss to his devotees.

20. O great lord, save, save us all the frightened gods. By burning the three cities, the gods have been satisfied and contented."

21. After eulogising thus, the gods severally bowed to him. The delighted gods, Brahmā and others, bowed to lord Śiva.

22. Then Brahmā himself eulogised lord Śiva the destroyer of the Tripuras after bowing to him with stooping shoulders and palms joined in reverence.

*Brahmā said:—*

23. "O holy lord, lord of the gods, O slayer of the Tripuras, O Śiva, O great lord, let my devotion to you remain eternal.

24. O Śiva, let me always remain your charioteer. O lord of the gods, O supreme lord, be favourable to me always."

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

25. After thus eulogising Śiva who is favourably disposed to his devotees, with humility, the liberal hearted Brahmā stopped and stood there with stooping shoulders and palms joined in reverence.

26. Lord Viṣṇu too bowed to lord Śiva. With palms joined in reverence, he eulogised lord Śiva.

*Viṣṇu said:—*

27. O overlord of the Gods, O great lord, O merciful one, O kinsman of the distressed. Be pleased, O supreme lord. Be merciful, O favourite of those who bow to you.

28. Obeisance to you devoid of the attributes. Again obeisance to you possessed of attributes. Again obeisance to you of the form of Prakṛti and Puruṣa.

29. Obeisance to you of the form of attributes. Obeisance to the soul of the universe. Obeisance to you who love devotion. Obeisance to Śiva the calm one, the great soul.