

23. Mountainous heaps of great sins are destroyed as in a blazing forest fire when the names of Śiva are repeated. They are reduced to ashes without any difficulty. It is true, undoubtedly true.

24. O Śaunaka, different sorts of miseries with sins as their roots can be quelled only by muttering Śiva's names, and not by anything else entirely.

25. The man who is devotedly attached to the Japas of Śiva's names in the world, is really a follower of the Vedas, a meritorious soul and a blessed scholar.

26. O sage, instantaneously fruitful are the different sacred rites of those who have full faith in the efficacy of the Japas of Śiva's names.

27. O sage, so many sins are not committed by men in the world as are and can be destroyed by Śiva's names.

28. O sage, Śiva's names repeated by men, immediately destroy the countless heaps of sins such as the slaughter of a brahmin.

29. Those who cross the ocean of worldly existence by resorting to the raft of the names of Śiva do definitely destroy those sins that are the root-cause of worldly existence.

30. O great sage, the destruction of sins that are the roots of worldly existence is certainly effected by the axe of Śiva's names.

31. The nectar of Śiva's names shall be drunk by those who are distressed and scorched by the conflagration of sins. Without it, the people who are scorched by the conflagration cannot have any peace.

32. Those who are drenched by the nectarine downpour of Śiva's names never feel ill at ease even in the middle of the conflagration of worldly existence.

33. The noble souls who have acquired great devotion to the names of Śiva, and those like them, attain perfect liberation instantaneously.

34. O lord of sages, devotion to the names of Śiva, that destroys all sins can be acquired only by him who has performed penances in the course of many births.

35. Salvation is easy of access only to him who has