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THE STORY OF BRAHMIN SHATANAND IN SATYANARAYAN KATHA.

We already know that this katha was narrated by Vishnu ji to Narad Muni. So once a Brahmin named Shatanand, who lived in Kashi, went out to gather Bhiksha for his son Kaltraadi. Shatanand was an ardent devotee of Vishnu ji.



In fact he and his wife both worshipped Vishnu ji. Shatanand met an old Brahmin on the way. The old man asked him as to where was he going. Shatanand replied that he was going to collect Bhiksha for his son. So the old man replied that for a long time Shatanand's family was

in a poor condition. To get rid of this poverty, he should take refuge at the lotus feet of Kamal nayan who is Known as Bhagwan Satyanarayan.

The old Brahmin then revealed his identity. Shatanand realized that the old man was no one else, but Vishnu ji himself.

Shatanand fell on his feet and started singing his praises. He was ecstatic to listen to the voice of Parmatma and get his darshan directly. He felt he was the luckiest being living on this planet.

Vishnu ji advised him to perform Satyanarayan puja with whatever

bhiksha he would receive today. Bhagwan Narayan also told him that this puja did not require an elaborate preparation. But its benefit were manifold. We just have to gather all the materials. Just a panjiri or coarse powder of wheat mixed with sugar and milk should be

prepared as Prasaad .This eatable thing is the favourite of Satyanarayan. And perform the puja with bathing Shaligram in Panchamrit and offering gandh, pushpa, dhoop, deep and naivedya. Then listen to the stories of myself (Vishnu) King Tungdhwaj, Sadhu etc.

After offering Prasaad to all, feed the Brahmin and do charity. All your hardship shall vanish. After telling this to Shatanand Vishnu ji disappeared.

Shatanand received more than what he usually would get in charity. He performed the puja as advised by Vishnu ji.

He spent all the money he received as charity. All the others were surprised that Shatanand was doing things more than what he could afford. But ultimately What he received was more than enough to sustain.

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