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Uni5 Ramayanam - 29. Rama leaving Ayodhya city

Rama looked like a great saint who has tamed his mind from desires. Dasaratha saw him and fainted mentally. His wives were much worried. He could not even have eye to eye contact with his most beloved son. His head was down with shame.

"In previous birth I have separated many calves from their mother cows. I have troubled many beings. Now I am suffering with your separation. I cannot die till death comes naturally to me. This makes me to suffer under Kaikaye. She is bond with selfishness and that has made all to suffer now. She is very cunning in making me to promise. I am seeing my son wearing the garments like a saint. He is no more wearing silk dress and ornaments. I am unlucky to see him like this." - says the king.

Then he saw Sumindra and says,

"Please bring a good fast running chariot with horses. Take my son and drop him at the boundary of this Ayodhya! This is the fate of a good son who cares his parents."

Chariot also arrived.

"Dear prince! Your chariot with good horses is ready!" - says Sumindra.

The king ordered his treasurer,

" Allow Sitha to take enough garments, ornaments and things for 14 years."

Sitha also dressed herself well and prepared to move. She was shining like the early morning sky with fresh sun shine. She prostrated her mother-in law and got hugged by her.

In this context Kausalya advised her [chapter 26]

Sitha also replied back. [Chapter 27]

Kausalya shed tears.

"Mother! Do not worry! Please take care of my aged father! I will come soon. It is just 14 years!! One day when you get from bed all three of us will be near you!" - says Rama

He also said bye to 350 wives of Dasaratha. They shed tears. Rama says, "I have taken much right upon you all like my mother. I must have spoken harsh sometime. Please excuse me! I am leaving!"

The whole gang of women started crying with loud noise. The palace is now vibrating with their cry. Once it was filled with melodious music.

All the three circumbutated their father and prostrated at his feet. Rama prostrated his mother also. Laxmana also wished her and prostrated his mother Sumithra.

Sumithra says,

"Dear son! You are my wealth. You have been born to live in forest with your brother. You have lot of friends. Please do not leave Rama alone in the forest. Be aware about him and Sitha. Whether you are rich or poor Rama is your abode. Younger brother must follow the elder one.

Our clan knew only 3 dharmas. We need to do much charity. We need to perform good actions and protect our people and even we have to die for that.

Dear son! Consider Rama as Dasaratha and Sitha as myslef and serve them. The horrible forest can be your Ayodhya city. Take care!" [what a great mother?]

Sumindra says,

"Rama! It is time to depart. This day is being counted as the first day for your hermitage life. The chariot is ready. Please tell me where I have to drop you!"

Immediately Sitha got into the gold plated chariot and sat. There were many items, weapons for them. Rama and Laxma also got into the chariot. Sumindra made the horses to run fast.

People of Ayodhya were shocked to see this. They were confused. There was chaos everywhere. Even animals were disturbed. People started running behind the chariot like a man running towards a pool in summer.

"Dear drive! Please ride slowly so that we can see Rama's face. We do not know whether will be there to see him after 14 years." - say the crowd.

"Kausalya's heart is made of steel. Why she did not go along with him?" - a voice

"Sitha is gifted in this birth to follow her husband. Sure she will attain salvation. She cannot be sepated like sun and Himalayas" - another voice

"Laxmana is also equally gifted. He is going to serve the prince who always love us and talk softly" - a woman in the crowd

"We all are blessed to follow this Rama. It is better to follow him and reach heaven" - a man

By this time Dasaratha came out of his palace and saw the road. Dasaratha's wives cried loudly. It looked like she -elephants crying when a he-elephant is being trapped.

Dasaratha lost his energy like a full moon eclipse. He slowly fainted. Women's eyes were filled with tears. It looked like lotus petals with water drops spilled by fishes.

When the chariot went fast people cried and shouted. Many wives hugged Kausalya and cried. The whole palace was filled with cries and shouting. Kausalya started moving out of her room to follow Rama.

Rama controlled himself from seeing her. He was like a pony tied with a rope called "dharma"

Rama could not see his parents following him and asked the driver to speed up the horses.

Kausalya ran behind like a cow searching her calf.

"Dear driver! My father is shouting now to stop the chariot. Please do not stop. If he asks tell him that you did not hear" - Rama

There came many ministers.

"King! We should not follow Rama. It is not good for his mind. Please turn back!" - They advised.

Jay Saakaytha Ram!