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Uni5 RAMAYANAM - 24. Why Rama lived with only one wife?

** In this part Rama's mother has openly narrated her personal situation which has been observed by Rama also. Her words shows how difficult for women who lived in polygamy style of life.*

Kausalya Devi,

"If you have not born to me I could have escaped from this horrible event. I must be a heirless woman than having you to face this worst situation of life.

If I am without a child the world may just abuse me saying that I am heirless and infertile woman. This tragedy is horrible to bare.

My husband has never given me the respect of the elder most queen of this nation. He has not treated me well. I was waiting for your reign. Now it is just a dream.

Most of his beloved wives used to abuse me with bad comments. I have not been happy in this city.

Dear son! I have been deserted by my husband when you are here. Imagine my situation without your physical presence. I will die soon.

King Dasaratha has never loved me from heart. I do no have any rights upon him. I am living as Kaikaye's servant maid. This has made even my servants not to listen to me. Imagine if her son gets into throne!

How can I face Kaikaye's anger face and abusing words? I cannot tolerate the abusing comments of your father's wives iin this old age.

I am waiting till today. Now you are 27 years old. It is time for me to come under your care. But now you are leaving me.

All my actions to bring up you are in vein now.

I think my heart is made of iron or rock. It is not breaking. I think Lord of death - Yama is not showing grace upon me.

I understand that we cannot die as we wish. All poojas, rituals and fastings which I have observed for your welfare are in vein.

When I cannot die now it is better to follow you in the forest! Please take me also.

When Laxmana is there please do what you wish to do! How can I stop that?

It is better to stay back in Ayodhya. Please serve me, care me. That is enough! I cannot leave you to jungle.

Saint Kashyapa lived in his home and served his widow mother. By this he got heaven. But the king of oceans did not served his mother and enjoyed only hell.

I am the eldest queen of this nation. It is my order that you cannot leave to forest.

I do not wish to enjoy the life in Ayodhya without you. It is better to eat grasses and live near you in forests.

I will fast till death and die if you leave.

I cannot stop you through my orders. This shows destiny is very powerful. I permit you to leave to forest. I will wait for your arrival. Why cannot that 14th year of your arrival is today?"

Jay Kousalya Ram!