



I salute that Sri Ramachandra, who is the remover of all troubles of people, who is the destroyer of all fears of those who are afraid and is like the weapon of death to all the evil minded enemies.

Reflections:

Lord Rama, ever reveling in His true Self, lived the life of a mortal human being and exhibited how one can be the ideal son, ideal brother, ideal husband, ideal friend, ideal mentor, ideal redeemer and ideal enemy! In being such an ideal human being, He removed the troubles of anyone who came in contact with Him. Starting from removing the troubles of Sage Vishwamitra; in keeping up His father's vows; in redeeming Mother Ahalya from her husband's curse, giving liberation to Shabari, various Sages, rakshasas, Jatayu and Sampaati; and not resting until He found Mother Sita and ended her trials in the land of the enemy!!

He readily destroyed the fears of Sugreeva when He befriended him. He removed the fears of Vibheeshana, who, being from the enemy camp, although unsure of Lord Rama's reaction, sought His refuge. He even handed over the kingdom of Lanka to Vibheeshana, after the death of Ravana.

Lord Rama, although equipoised and ever compassionate, was a terror to the evil-minded, the rakshasas! It is out of His unconditional compassion that He killed the evil minded rakshasas, the enemies and granted them liberation!!

So what if Lord Rama was like this? What does it mean to us sadhakas? The life story of Lord Rama, the Ramayana, is a sacred story that almost seems to weave magic in the life of people who have complete faith and devotion in it! The two syllables Ra and Ma, when uttered, can fill us with the required strength to move ahead in our sadhana, irrespective of the obstacles that we face. There have been many souls such as Sage Valmiki, Santa Tulsidas, Santa Kabir, Samartha Ramadasa, Thyagaraja and many others who have been liberated by this very name, Rama. To surrender to Lord Rama, is to lose our individuality in Him, be connected to Him, to be His instrument alone and to be driven on our sadhana marga by Him alone. This is best demonstrated in the character of our beloved Hanumanji! Thus, it is indeed His grace to be able to read about Lord Rama's glories and be purified in the process! My salutations unto this great Lord Sri Rama!

सन्नद्धः कवची खड्गी चापबाणधरो युवा ।

गच्छन् ममाग्रतो नित्यं रामःपातुसलक्ष्मणः ॥

ಸನ್ನದ್ಧಃ ಕವಚೀ ಖಡ್ಗೀ ಚಾಪಬಾಣಧರೋ ಯುವಾ ।

ಗಚ್ಛನ್ ಮಮಾಗ್ರತೋ ನಿತ್ಯಂರಾಮಃ ಪಾತು ಸಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಣಃ ॥

