

<u>Class-4</u> <u>Chapter-6, Section-1 (Lecture Sheet)</u> (<u>Keeping a Promise by a King)</u>

Lecturesheet-2

Story of Keeping Promise by a king: One day, a potter came with a graceless idol (Alakshmi murti), because nobody bought that graceless idol. The king bought that graceless idol and put it in the palace very carefully to keep his promise. Because, he promised that he would buy all unsold goods of the market.

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Everyone forbade the king to buy it. But he did not pay heed to it. At first, the goddess of fortune (Devi Lakshmi) left the palace for the presence of the Alakshmi murti. Then one by one, Ganesha, Kartika, Saraswati all gods and goddesses left the palace.

Following them the god of religion and justice (Dharmadeva) also wanted to leave. Then the king said to Dharmadeva that "You are the god of justice, Idid not do anything wrong. I just kept my promise. To obey the promise is the rule or religion. So, I bought the graceless idol. I have done the work of religion by keeping promise. Indeed, all deities may go but you cannot go."

Then Dharmadeva was convinced by the king's words. He did not go any more. He stayed in his position. Then all gods and goddesses had come back too. In this way, the king could keep his promise and followed the religion.

Moral teaching of the story "Keeping Promise by a king":

- i) Keeping a promise is a part of religion.
- ii) Gods and goddesses help those who keep and obey the promises.
- iii) If any people suffer, then the king gets bad name.
- iv) We have to obey our promise even if we truly get harmed too.

<u>Conclusion</u>: So, we shall always remember the above mentioned morals and will use in our life. We shall always keep our promises.

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