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Parasuram Avatar

The Sixth Incarnation of Lord Krishna

Parasuram was Krishna's incarnation as a ksatriya. He appeared to rid the world of evil kings. He killed the ksatriya community twenty-one times. Parasuram was the youngest son of Jamadagni and Renuka. He was a powerful boy and a great fighter.

Once a wicked king and his soldiers came to Jamadagni's home for some rest and nourishment. Jamadagni and his wife treated them well getting food for them and making them all comfortable.

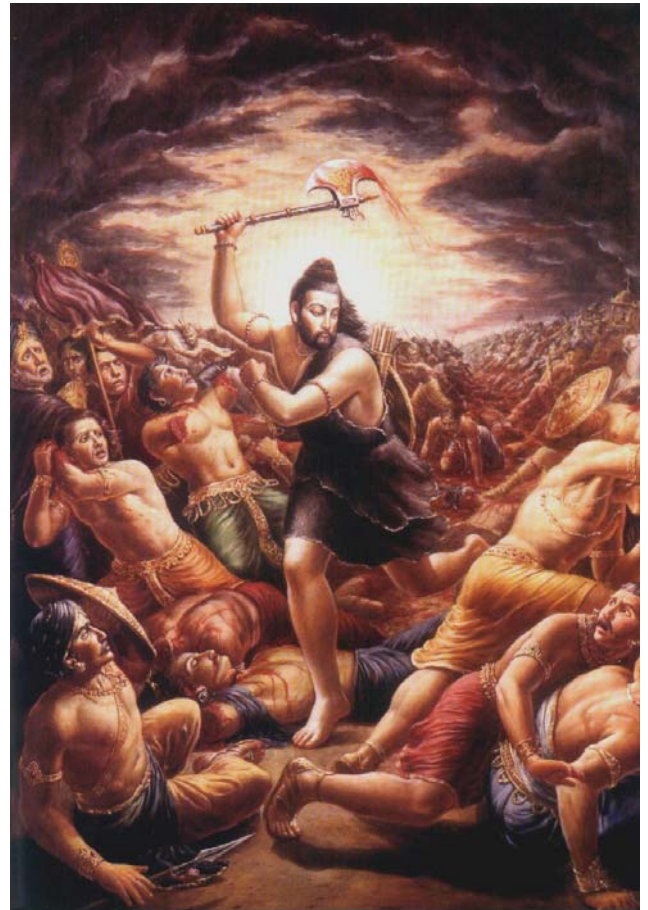
The king noticed the cow that was providing all the milk for the family and decided he wanted to take her. "Men, take away this cow and her calf! It is the king who should enjoy the benefits of this cow--- not mere brähmana sage." His men carried away the cow and calf that both moored sadly as they were dragged away from their home.

When Parasuram returned home, He found his mother and father looking upset and dejected. He asked what the matter was. When He heard how the king had stolen the cow so ungratefully, He became extremely angry and vowed to kill the evil king and bring the cow back home.

Parasuram did kill the king and returned and told His father. Jamadagni was not pleased and told Him that it was a great sin to kill a Brahman. He wanted Parasuram to travel to different holy places to make up for this sin.

The king's sons were furious that their father had been killed. They came marching to the home of Jamadagni, looking for Parasuram. When they saw Jamadagni sitting there meditating they said, "We have come to avenge the death of our father. Where is Parasuram? Look! There is His father. Let's kill him --- after all, Parasuram killed our father!" they fired their sharp arrows at Jamadagni, killing him.

When Parasuram returned to His home and saw His father dead, He was very sorry. He asked His brothers to take care of the dead body while He set out determined to kill all the demoniac ksatriyas in the world. He killed all of the king's sons but was not satisfied. Later, when the ksatriya kings became disturbing, he went around the world twenty-one times, destroying all the wicked ksatriyas. Thus Parasuram fulfilled His mission of ridding the world of unrighteous rulers.



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