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कार्तवीर्यर्जुनो नाम राजा बालुसहस्रवान् ।
तस्य स्मरणमात्रेण गतं नष्टं य लभ्यते ॥ १ ॥

कार्तवीर्यः भलद्वेषी कृतवीर्यसुतो बली ।
सहस्रबालुः शत्रुघ्नो रक्तवासा धनुर्धरः ॥ २ ॥

रक्तगन्धो रक्तमाल्यो राजा स्मर्तुरभीष्टदः ।
द्वादशैतानि नामानि कार्तवीर्यस्य यः पठेत् ॥ ३ ॥

सम्पदस्तत्र जायन्ते जनस्तत्र वशं गतः ।
आनयत्याशु दूरस्थं क्षेमलाभयुतं प्रियम् ॥ ४ ॥

कार्तवीर्यं मलाबालो सर्वदृष्टविबर्हण ।
सर्वं रक्ष सदा तिष्ठ दृष्टान्नाशय पाहि माम् ॥ ५ ॥

सहस्रबालुसशरं मण्डितं
सयापं रक्ताम्बरं रक्तकिरीटकुण्डलम् ।
योराटि-दृष्टभय-नाशं शृणुतं
ध्यायेत् मलाबल-विजृम्भित-कार्तवीर्यम् ॥ ६ ॥

यस्य स्मरणमात्रेण सर्वदुःभक्षयो भवेत् ।
यन्नामानि मलावीर्यश्चार्युनः कृतवीर्यवान् ॥ ७ ॥

डैव्याधिपतेः स्तोत्रं सहस्रावृत्तिकारितम् ।
वाञ्छितार्थप्रदं नृणां स्वराज्यं सुकृतं यद्वि ॥ ८ ॥

॥ इति कार्तवीर्यं द्वादशनाम स्तोत्रम् ॥

Note:-

(1) Srimad Bhagavatam says a few lines about Arjuna (he was the son of Kritavirya and hence called Kartaviryarjuna), in verses 23 to 27 in

chapter 23, Book9. The verses and their rough translations are given here.

अर्जुनः कृतवीर्यस्य समद्वीपेश्वरोऽभवत् ।

दत्तात्रेयाद्दरेशात् प्राप्तयोगमडागुणः ॥

न नूनं कार्तवीर्यस्य गतिं यास्यन्ति पार्तिवाः ।

यज्ञदानतपोयोगश्रुतवीर्यजयादिभिः ॥

पञ्चाशीतिसहस्राणि ज्यव्याडतभलःसमाः ।

अनष्टवित्तस्मरणो बुभुजेऽक्षय्यषड्भुसु ॥

तस्य पुत्रसहस्रेषु पञ्चैवोर्वरिता मृधे ।

जयध्वजः शूरशेनो वृषभो मधुर्जितः ॥

Arjuna, the son of Kritavirya became the ruler of the entire world with its seven continents. From his guru Sri Dattatreya he attained a part manifestation of Sri Hari. He became an expert yogi and was blessed with the siddhis (mystic powers). No other king could be compared with Arjuna in valour, munificence, asceticism, wisdom and other virtues. He ruled for 85,000 years and enjoyed all the pleasures. His strength (of body, mind and senses) remained unimpaired. His very remembrance proves to be a security against loss of wealth. He had a thousand sons. All of them, except five, were killed by Parasurama. One of Arjuna's descendants was Yadu. Yadu's descendants were known as Yadavas.

(2):- Arjuna or Kartaviryarjuna, as he is popularly known, also finds a mention in the Uttara Kanda of Valmiki Ramayana. (chapters 31 - 33).

Sage Agastya narrates the story of Ravana to Rama.

Ravana did severe penance and as a result got great powers from Brahma.

He felt he was invincible. He could defeat anyone he came across

with ease. He became puffed up with pride and was looking out

for someone with whom he can have a good fight.

He went to the city of Mahishmati, the city on the banks of river Narmada,

from where Arjuna ruled. Soon, he got into a severe fight with Arjuna.

Ravana was hit on his chest by Arjuna and fell down crying. Arjuna

trussed him up and imprisoned him. Sage Pulastya, the grand father of

Ravana, heard of Ravana's defeat and subsequent imprisonment by Arjuna. He felt pity for Ravana's condition and came to Mahishmati and requested Arjuna to release Ravana. Arjuna immediately acceded to the request and released Ravana. Later both Arjuna and Ravana entered into an treaty of friendship. Another version of the stotram containing his twelve names is given below.

कार्तवीर्यः सडस्राक्षः कृतवीर्यसुतः भली ।
सडस्रभाडुः शत्रुघ्नः रक्तवासा धनुर्धरः ॥ १ ॥
रक्तगन्धो रक्तमाल्यः राजा स्मर्तुरभीष्टदः ।
द्वादशैतानि नामानि कार्तवीर्यस्य यः स्मरेत् ॥ २ ॥
अनष्टद्रव्यता तस्य नष्टस्य पुनरागमः ।
सम्पदस्तस्य जायन्ते जनास्तस्य वशो सदा ॥ ३ ॥

These verses say that one who remembers the twelve names of the great Arjuna, son of Kritavirya, will be blessed with prosperity. He will draw (attract) people to him. He will not lose his wealth or property by theft etc., and will also get back the money that he had lost.

॥ इति कार्तवीर्य द्वादशनाम स्तोत्रम् सप्तपूर्णम् ॥

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