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रावनु रथी विरथ रघुवीरा । देखि बिभीषण भयउ अधीरा ।
अधिक प्रीति मन भा संदेहा । बंदि चरन कह सहित सनेहा । १ ।
नाथ न रथ नहिं तन पद त्रानां । केहि बिधि जितव वीर बलवाना ।
सुनहु सखा कह कृपानिधाना । जेहिं जय होइ सो स्यंदन आना । २ ।
सौरज धीरज तेहि रथ चाका । सत्य सील दृढ ध्वजा पताका ।
बल बिबेक दम परहित घोरे । छमा कृपा समता रजु जोरे । ३ ।
ईस भजनु सारथी सुजाना । विरति चर्म संतोष कृपाना ।
दान परसु बुधि सक्ति प्रचंडा । बर विग्यान कठिन कोदंडा । ४ ।
अमल अचल मन त्रोन समाना । सम जम नियम सिलीमुख नाना ।
कवच अभेद बिप्र गुर पूजा । एहि सम बिजय उपाय न दूजा । ५ ।
सखा धर्ममय अस रथ जाके । जीतन कहँ न कतहुँ रिपु ताके । ६ ।

VibhiShana was disconcerted when he saw Ravana mounted on a chariot and the Hero

of Raghu's line without any. His great fondness for the Lord filled his mind with diffidence; and bowing to His feet he spoke with a tender heart: 'My lord,

You have no chariot nor any protection either for Your body (in the shape of armour) or for Your feet (in the shape of shoes). How, then, can You expect to

conquer this mighty hero?' 'Listen, friend:' replied the All-merciful, 'the chariot which leads one to victory is quite another. Valour and fortitude are the wheels of that chariot, while truthfulness and good conduct are its enduring

banner and standard. Even so strength, discretion, self-control and benevo-

lence are its four horses, that have been joined to the chariot with the cords of forgiveness, compassion and evenness of mind. Adoration of God is the expert

driver; dispassion, the shield and contentment, the sword. Again, charity is the

axe; reason, the fierce lance and the highest wisdom, the relentless bow. A pure

and steady mind is like a quiver; while quietude and the various forms of

abstinence (Yamas) and religious observances (niyamas) are a sheaf of arrows.

Homage to the Brahmanas and to one's own preceptor is an impenetrable coat of

mail; there is no other equipment for victory as efficacious as this. My friend, he who owns such a chariot of piety shall have no enemy to conquer anywhere.'

(1-6)

दोहा

महा अजय संसार रिपु जीति सकइ सो बीर ।

जाकें अस रथ होइ दृढ सुनहु सखा मतिधीर । ८० (क) ।

सुनि प्रभु बचन बिभीषन हरषि गहे पद कंज ।

एहि मिस मोहि उपदेसेहु राम कृपा सुख पुंज । ८० (ख) ।

'Listen, O friend of resolute mind: the hero who happens to be in possession of

such a strong chariot can conquer even that mighty and invincible foe, attachment to the world.' Hearing the Lord's words, Vibhishana clasped His lotus

feet in joy. 'You have utilized this opportunity to exhort me, O Rama, an embodiment of grace and bliss that You are.' (80 A-B)

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