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कातवीर्यांजुणो नाम राजा बादुसहस्तवानं।
तस्य स्मरणामात्रेण गतं नर्तं च लभ्यते। ॥ १॥
कातवीर्यं: खल्दवर्षी कृतवीर्यसुतो वल्ली।
सहस्तवाहुः शाबुरो रक्तवासा धनुर्धरः। ॥ २॥
रक्तगन्धो रक्तमाल्यो राजा स्मरुर्सनौधः।
ढादशेतानि नामानि कातवीर्यस्य व: पठेतु। ॥ ३॥
सम्पदस्त्रत्र जापन्ते जनस्त्रत्र वशं गतः।
आनवपत्यायु दूरस्थः क्षेमलाभ्युत्त्र प्रियम्। ॥ ४॥
कातवीर्यं महावाहो सर्वदिशिवर्धणः।
सर्वं रक्तं सदा तिष्ठ तुर्शाशाय पाति माम्। ॥ ५॥
सहस्तवाहुस्वारं महितं
सचारं रक्ताम्बरं रक्तकिरीटकुषुंकुर्मं।
चोरादिः-कुशभय-नाशं इधर्वं तें
ध्यापेत् महावल: विज्ञमित-कातवीर्यम्। ॥ ६॥
यस्य स्मरणमात्रेण सर्वं: खक्षयो भवेत्।
यज्ञामानि महावीर्यशाजुन: कृतवीर्यवान्। ॥ ७॥
हेह्याधिपते: स्तोत्रं सहस्तवाक्षितकारितम्।
वाचिताध्यंद्र नृणां स्वराज्यं सुकृतं यादि। ॥ ८॥
॥ इति कातवीर्यं ढादशनाम स्तोत्रम्। ॥

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

कात्तवीयः सहस्राक्षः कृतवीर्यसुतः बली ।
सहस्रबाहः श्रादुः रक्तवासा धनुधरः ॥ १ ॥
रक्तगन्धः रक्तमाल्यः राजा स्मर्तुर्भीष्टः ।
ह्रादशैतांनिनामानि कात्तवीर्यस्य यः स्मरेत् ॥ २ ॥
अनन्द्रूपता तस्य नट्टस्य पुनरागमः ।
सम्पददर्ण्य 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 कात्तवीयः ह्रादशनाम स्तोत्रम् सन्नूर्णम् ॥

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