.. The Greatness of Shrisuktam..

॥ श्रीसूक्तमहात्म्यम् ॥

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These verses narrate the glory of Shri Suktam, the vedic hymn in praise of Shri or Laxmi Devi. They are in the form of a dialogue between Parasurama and Pushkara, the son of Varuna and are from chapter 129 of Shri Vishnu Dharmottara purana. The English translation given after each verse is not exact, but will convey the meaning of the verse.
Shri is the bestower of all that is auspicious to her devotees. Generally She is said to grant wealth. But this limitation is in our mind only. Really She can grant all wishes including moksha itself. The ShriSuktam thus is a prayer for not only wealth but all that is required for leading a dharmic life and attaining Her grace.

राम उवाच-
एकं मन्त्रं समाचक्षः देव रुक्ष्मी विवर्धनम् ।
प्रतिवेदः जग्नाथः वादेगणुपालनं ॥ १ ॥
Parasurama said: O Lord! son of Varuna! Kindly tell me the mantras mentioned in each veda for attaining prosperity.

पुष्कर उवाच-
श्रीसुक्तं प्रतिवेदः हेमं रुक्ष्मीविवर्धनम् ।
अक्षमृतोकु परे चापि यथाकाम ह्विजस्य तु ॥ २ ॥
Pushkara said: The Shri Suktam contained in each veda is capable of giving all prosperity to one living in any of the worlds.

राम उवाच-
प्रतिवेदः समाचक्षः श्रीसुक्तं पुष्टिवर्धनम् ।
श्रीसुक्तस्य तथा कर्म सर्वधर्ममृतं वर ॥ ३ ॥
Parasurama said: O you who knows all details about dharma! kindly tell me about the Shri Suktam that is to be found in the vedas and also the procedure to be followed in observing it.

पुष्कर उवाच-
द्विप्रलयवर्गः हरिपरः ऋचः पञ्चदश धिन ।
श्रीसुक्तं कथितं पुरं ऋचवेदं पुष्टिवर्धनम् ॥ ४ ॥
Pushkara replied as follows. The fifteen verses beginning हिरण्य वर्गम् are to be seen in the Rig veda. It is auspicious and can confer prosperity.
Similarly, the four verses beginning रथे अष्टे and the Shri Suktam to be seen in the Yajur veda are very beneficial.

Similarly the verses beginning आयनीयम तथा साम in the Sama veda and the verses beginning श्रीयम दातुमियदेह in the Atharvana veda along with the Shri Sukta are really very beneficial.

One who recites the Shri Sukta will get rid of his poverty in toto. One who performs homa with oblations will receive similar benefits.

One performing the homa offering one thousand lotus flowers dipped in ghee (continued in the next verse)

will be blessed by laxmi devi who holds the lotus flower in her hands. Like wise, if one offers homa with one hundred thousand flowers (with Shri Sukta) in water, (continued in the next verse)

Laxmi will reside in his house permanently, as She stays in the chest of Shri Vishnu. Further, if one performs homa with ten thousand bilva leaves dipped in ghee, (continued in the next verse)

he gets immense wealth as per his wish. If he performs homa for a hundred thousand times with bilva leaves then Laxmi will stay in his house permanently.

If one performs homa for ten million times with lotus and bilva
leaves he is sure to attain the position of Indra.

Similarly one who worships Her with lotus, white flowers, milk, incense and excellent food items as prescribed will receive great wealth.

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