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Therāpadāna

The Legends of the Theras

559. Sīvaka

Walt 6446 When Vipassi, the Sage So Great,

was going about as he wished,

seeing that his bowl was empty,

I filled it with barley porridge.

Walt 6447 In the ninety-one aeons since

I gave that alms food at that time,

I’ve come to know no bad rebirth:

that’s the fruit of barley porridge.

Walt 6448 My defilements are now burnt up;

all new existence is destroyed.

Like elephants with broken chains,

I am living without constraint.

Walt 6449 Being in Best Buddha's presence

was a very good thing for me.

The three knowledges are attained;

I have done what the Buddha taught!

Walt 6450 The four analytical modes,

and these eight deliverances,

six special knowledges mastered,

I have done what the Buddha taught!

Thus indeed Venerable Sīvaka Thera spoke these verses.

The legend of Sīvaka Thera, the ninth.

The Summary of That:

Yasa and Nadī-Kassapa,

Gayā, Kimbila, Vajjita,

two Uttaras and Bhaddaji

and Sīvaka the final one.

The Yasa Chapter, the fifty-sixth.

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