Pv 50 — Seṭṭhiputta Sutta: Wealthy Sons of Wealthy Merchants

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Text

A group of ghosts were feeling guilty for their bad deeds and cried out these verses.

First Ghost:

Sixty thousand years have passed while we have been boiling in hell. When will this suffering end?

Second Ghost:

Dear friends, our suffering seems to last forever. This is the result of evil deeds done by us.

Third Ghost:

We were very evil in the human world. Even though we had lots of money, we did not practice generosity, we did not collect merit.

Fourth Ghost:

Once I escape from this ghost world and am reborn in the human world, I hope that I will be generous and virtuous. I must do many wholesome deeds.