



## Case Study

### Chapter – 8: Way to Eternal Brahman

A rich man owned 19 horses when he died. In his last will he had written that upon his death, half the horses he owned should go to his only son; one fourth to the village temple and one fifth to the faithful servant.

The village elders could not stop scratching their heads. How can they give half of the 19 horses to the son? You cannot cut up a horse. They were puzzled over this dilemma for more than two weeks and then decided to send for a wise man, who was living in a neighboring village. The wise man came, riding on his horse and asked the villagers if he can be of any help to them. The village elders told him about the rich man's last will and testament which stated that half of the (19) horses must be given to his only son; one fourth must go to the temple and one fifth to the faithful servant.

The wise man said he will immediately solve their problem without any delay whatsoever. After solving the problem, the villagers were simply dumbfounded, full of disbelief and filled with admiration. And the parting words of the wise man were inscribed in their hearts and minds, which they greatly cherished and passed on to their succeeding generations till today.

The wise man said: In our daily lives, in our daily affairs, simply add God's name and then go about facing the day's happenings. Add the God principle in our daily lives through prayers, true love & devotion and the problems will become lighter and eventually will disappear. Meditation is a powerful means of directing the mind Godward (towards God). But without true love and devotion entering into it, it remains like a boat without water. It is not difficult to push a boat that is floating in water, but extremely hard to drag the same boat onto dry land. In the same way, if our life's boat floats on the waters of true love and devotion, we can sail easily in it. The principle of love of God and devotion with total faith, (like water) makes easy the voyage of our lives. When the mind is pure and the heart full of simplicity and holiness, such a devotee becomes an instrument in the service of the Lord. Having said, the wise man left the village.

1. How did the wise man solve the problem? What's your take on it?
2. What are your current life problems?
3. How have you solved them so far?
4. What according to you is the best way to solve your life's problems?
5. Why should one add the God in their Lives? Have you done that?

What did you learn from this story?