# LEARNING PĀĻI Mangala Sutta

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#### Present Tense<sup>1</sup> - suffix 'ti'

- Ekam samayam bhagavā sāvatthiyam <u>viharati</u> At one time the Blessed One <u>dwells</u> near the city of Sāvatthi.
- 2. Cittam yassa na kampati The mind of a person (an Arahant) does not flutter.

#### Past Tense - suffix 'um'

1. **Bahū devā manussā ca maṅgalāni <u>acintayuṁ</u>** - Many deities and men desiring what is good, have pondered upon.

### Noun 3rd Form - suffix 'tatiya' (with, by) - Passive voice

1. **Phuṭṭhassa** <u>lokadhammehi</u>, cittaṁ yassa na kampati - The mind of a person (an Arahant) who is confronted with worldly conditions does not flutter.

## Noun 5th form - suffix 'pañcami' (from)

- 1. Āratī viratī pāpā Abstention from evil in mind, abstention from evil in body and speech.
- 2. Majjapānā ca samyamo abstention from intoxicants.

## Noun 6th form - suffix 'chatthi' (of)

- 1. Evam me sutam: Ekam samayam bhagavā sāvatthiyam viharati Jetavane <u>Anāthapindikassa</u> ārāme At one time the Blessed One was dwelling at the monastery of Anāthapindika in Jeta's Grove near the city of Sāvatthi.
- 2. <u>Phutthassa lokadhammehi, cittam yassa</u> na kampati The mind of a person (an Arahant) who is confronted with worldly conditions does not flutter.

- 1. Evam me sutam thus have I heard; or this (sutta) was heard by me.
- 2. Ekaṁ samayaṁ at one time.
- 3. Bhagavā the Blessed One.
- 4. sāvatthiyam near the city of Sāvatthi.
- 5. Jetavane in Jeta's Grove.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Lesson 17 Verb Case 1 Vattamāna, generally used in 'simple present tense'.

- 6. Anāthapiņdikassa of Anāthapiņdika.
- 7. *ārāme* at the monastery.

#### Verb

1. Viharati – dwells.

## Suffix Ta - passive

1. **Sabbattha** <u>maparājitā</u>, sabbattha sotthim gacchanti - beings are invincible everywhere and gain happiness everywhere.

#### Suffix Ta - active

- 1. Abhikkantāya rattiyā in the late hours of the night with surpassing splendor.
- 2. **Eka-mantam thitā kho sā devatā bhagavantam gāthāya ajjhabhāsi** standing there, the deity addressed the Blessed One in verse.

#### Ya and Ta

- 1. yena Bhagavā ten'upasaṅkami came to the Blessed One.
- 2. Bahū devā manussā ca, Mangalāni acintayum, Ākankhamānā sotthānam, Brūhi mangala-muttamam Many deities and men, in search of what is good, have pondered on what blessings are. Please tell me the highest blessings.

#### **Nouns**

- 1.  $Bah\bar{u}$  many.
- 2. Mangalāni what blessings.
- 3. acintayum have pondered on.
- 4. Ākankhamānā in search of.
- 5. sotthānam what is good.

#### Verb Case 2 - suffix 'hi'

1. **Brūhi maṅgala-muttamaṁ** - Please tell me what the highest blessing is.

Brūhi - Please tell me.

3. "Asevanā ca bālānam, Paṇḍitanañ ca sevana, Pūjā ca pūjaneyyānam, Etam maṅgala-muttamam." - "Not to associate with fools, to associate with the wise and to honor those who are worthy of honor. This is the highest blessing."

#### **Nouns**

- 1. *Yena* in which place.
- 2. Asevanā Not to associate.
- 3. *bālānam* with fools.
- 4. *Panditanañ* with the wise.
- 5. Sevana to associate.
- 6.  $P\bar{u}j\bar{a}$  to honor.
- 7. pūjaneyyānam those who are worthy of honor.
- 8. Etam This.
- 9. mangala blessing.
- 10. uttamain highest; superior.
- 4. Patirūpadesavāso ca, Pubbe ca katapuññatā, Atta-sammāpaṇidhi ca, Etaṁ maṅgala-muttamaṁ To live in a suitable place, to have done meritorious deeds in the past, and to keep one's mind and body in a proper way. This is the highest blessing.

#### **Nouns**

- 1. *Patirūpa* suitable.
- 2. Desa place.
- 3.  $v\bar{a}so$  to reside.
- 4. Pubbe in the past.
- 5. *Kata* have done.
- 6. Puñña meritorious deeds.
- 7. Atta attitude.
- 8. *Sammā* in a proper way.
- 9. *panidhi* to set.
- 5. Bāhusaccañ ca sippañ ca, Vinayo ca susikkhito, Subhāsitā ca yā vācā, Etaṁ maṅgala-muttamaṁ To have much learning, to be skilled in crafts, to be well-trained in moral conduct and to have speech that is well-spoken. This is the highest blessing.

- 1. Bāhusaccañ well-informed.
- 2.  $Sippa\tilde{n}$  skillfuf in crafts.

- 3. Vinayo in moral conduct.
- 4. Susikkhito to be well-trained.
- 5. Subhāsitā well-spoken.
- 6.  $V\bar{a}c\bar{a}$  speech.
- 6. *Mātāpitu-upaṭṭhānam*, *Puttadārassa saṅgaho*, *Anākulā ca kammantā*, *Etam maṅgala-muttamam* Caring for one's mother and father, supporting one's spouse and children and working skillfully. This is the highest blessing.

#### **Nouns**

- 1. upaṭṭhānaṁ Caring for.
- 2. Putta children (son and daughter).
- 3.  $D\bar{a}ra$  spouse.
- 4. saṅgaho supporting.
- 5. *Kammantā* working.
- 6. Anākulā skillfully (having work that causes no confusion)
- 7. Dānañ ca dhammacariyā ca, Ñātakānañ ca saṅgaho, Anavajjāni kammāni, Etaṁ maṅgala-muttamaṁ Giving, practice of what is good, support of one's relatives and blameless actions. This is the highest blessing.

#### **Nouns**

- 1. Dānañ Giving.
- 2. Dhamma what is good.
- 3.  $Cariy\bar{a}$  practice.
- 4.  $\tilde{N}\bar{a}tak\bar{a}na\tilde{n}$  of one's relatives.
- 5. saṅgaho support.
- 6. Anavajjāni blameless.
- 7. Kammāni actions.
- 8. Āratī viratī pāpā, Majjapānā ca samyamo, Appamādo ca dhammesu, Etam mangala-muttamam Abstention from evil in mind, abstention from evil in body and speech, abstention from intoxicants and non-negligence in meritorious acts. This is the highest blessing.

- 1. Āratī pāpā Abstention from evil in mind.
- 2. *viratī pāpā* abstention from evil in body and speech.
- 3. *Majjapānā samyamo* abstention from intoxicants.

- 4. Appamādo non-negligence; dilligent.
- 5. *Dhammesu* in meritorious acts.
- 9. *Gāravo ca nivāto ca, Santuṭṭhi ca kataññutā, Kālena Dhammassavanam, Etam maṅgala-muttamam -* Respectfulness, humbleness, contentment, gratitude and listening to the Dhamma on suitable occasions. This is the highest blessing.

#### **Nouns**

- 1. *Gāravo* Respectfulness.
- 2. *Nivāto* humbleness; humility.
- 3. *Santuṭṭhi* contentment.
- 4. *Kataññutā* gratitude.
- 5. *Kālena* on suitable occasions.
- 6. *Dhammassavanam* listening to the Dhamma. (*savanam* = listening)
- 10. *Khantī ca sovacassatā, Samaṇānañ ca dassanaṁ, Kālena Dhammasākacchā, Etaṁ maṅgala-muttamaṁ* Patience, obedience, meeting those who have calmed the mental defilements and discussing the Dhamma on suitable occasions. This is the highest blessing.

#### **Nouns**

- 1. Khantī Patience.
- 2.  $Sovacassat\bar{a}$  obedience.
- 3.  $Saman\bar{a}na\tilde{n}$  monks; those who have calmed the mental defilements.
- 4. dassanam meeting; seeing.
- 5. *Dhammasākacchā* discussing the Dhamma; (*sākacchā*= discussing).
- 11. *Tapo ca brahmacariyañ ca, Ariyasaccāna dassanam, Nibbāna-sacchikiriyā ca, Etam maṅgala-muttamam* Practice that consumes evil states, a noble life, seeing the Noble Truths, and realization of Nibbana. This is the highest blessing.

- 1. *Tapo* Practice that consumes evil states; intensive practice.
- 2. Brahmacariyañ a noble life.
- 3. Ariyasaccāna the Noble Truths.
- 4. dassanam understanding; seeing.
- 5. *Sacchikiriyā* realization; experience.

12. *Phuṭṭhassa lokadhammehi, Cittam yassa na kampati, Asokam virajam khemam, Etam maṅgala-muttamam* - The mind of a person (an Arahant) who is confronted with worldly conditions does not flutter, is sorrowless, stainless and secure. This is the highest blessing.

#### **Nouns**

- 1. Phuṭṭhassa –afflicted.
- 2. Lokadhammehi with worldly conditions; with vicissitudes of life.
- 3. Cittam yassa one's mind.
- 4. *na kampati* not agitated; does not flutter.
- 5. Asokam sorrowless.
- 6. virajam stainless.
- 7. khemain secure; peaceful.
- 13. Etādisāni katvāna, Sabbattha maparājitā, Sabbattha sotthim gacchanti, Tam tesam mangala-muttamam-Having fulfilled such things as these, beings are invincible everywhere and gain happiness everywhere. That is the highest blessing for them.

#### **Nouns**

- 1. *Etādisāni* such things.
- 2. *Katvāna* having done; Having fulfilled.
- 3. *Sabbattha* everywhere.
- 4. aparājitā invincible.
- 5. sotthim gain happiness.
- 6. Tam That.
- 7. *tesam* for them.

#### Verb

8. gacchanti – gain.

## Mangala Sutta - Discourse on Blessings

Evam me sutam: Ekam samayam Bhagavā Sāvatthiyam viharati Jetavane Anāthapiṇḍikassa Ārāme. Atha kho aññatarā devatā abhikkantāya rattiyā abhikkanta-vaṇṇā kevala-kappam Jetavanam obhāsetvā yena Bhagavā ten'upasaṅkami upasaṅkamitvā Bhagavantam abhivādetvā ekamantam aṭṭhāsi. Ekamantam ṭhitā kho sā devatā Bhagavantam gāthāya ajjhabhāsi.

Thus have I heard. At one time, the Blessed One was dwelling at the monastery of Anāthapiṇḍika in Jeta's grove near the city of Sāvatthi. Late at night, the deity with surpassing beauty and brilliance illuminating the whole Jeta's grove came to see the Blessed One. Having approached the Blessed One, the deity paid homage to him and stood at a suitable place. The deity then addresses the Blessed One in verse:

#### 1. "Bahū devā manussā ca, Maṅgalāni acintayuṁ, Ākaṅkhamānā sotthānaṁ, Brūhi maṅgalamuttamaṁ."

Many deities and men, in search of what is good, have pondered on what blessings are.

#### 2. "Asevanā ca bālānam, Paṇḍitānañca sevanā, Pūjā ca pūjanīyānam, Etam maṅgalamuttamam.

Not to associate with fools, to associate with the wise and to honor those who are worthy of honor. This is the highest blessing.

#### 3. Paţirūpadesavāso ca, Pubbe ca kata-puññatā, Atta-sammāpaṇidhi ca, Etam mangalamuttamam.

To live in a suitable place, to have done meritorious deeds in the past, and to keep one's mind and body in a proper way. This is the highest blessing.

#### 4. Bāhusaccañca sippañca, Vinayo ca susikkhito, Subhāsitā ca yā vācā, Etam mangala-muttamam.

To have much learning, to be skilled in crafts, to be well-trained in moral conduct and to have speech that is well-spoken. This is the highest blessing.

# 5. Mātāpitu-upaṭṭhānam, Putta-dārassa saṅgaho, Anākulā ca kammantā, Etam maṅgala-muttamam.

Caring for one's mother and father, supporting one's spouse and children and working skillfully. This is the highest blessing.

#### 6. Dānañca dhammacariyā ca, Ñātakānañca saṅgaho, Anavajjāni kammāni, Etaṁ maṅgalamuttamaṁ.

Giving, practice of what is good, support of one's relative and blameless actions. This is the highest blessing.

#### 7. Āratī viratī pāpā, majjapānā ca samyamo, Appamādo ca dhammesu, Etam mangala-muttamam.

Abstention from evil in mind, abstention from evil in body and speech, abstention from intoxicants and non-negligence in meritorious acts. This is the highest blessing.

# 8. Gāravo ca nivāto ca, Santuṭṭhī ca kataññutā, Kālena dhammassavanaṁ, Etaṁ maṅgalamuttamaṁ.

Respectfulness, humbleness, contentment, gratitude and listening to the Dhamma on suitable occasions. This is the highest blessing.

# 9. Khantī ca sovacassatā, Samaṇānañca dassanam, Kālena dhammasākacchā, Etam mangalamuttamam.

Patience, obedience, meeting those who have calmed the mental defilements and discussing the Dhamma on suitable occasions. This is the highest blessing.

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The mind of a person (an Arahant) who is confronted with worldly conditions does not flutter, is sorrowless, stainless and secure. This is the highest blessing.

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