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1. Thus have I heard - On one occasion the Blessed One was dwelling at Sāvattṥī in Jeta's Grove, Anāthapiṇḍika's park. Then a certain deity, when the night was far advanced, with surpassing beauty, having illuminated almost the entire Jeta's Grove, approached the Blessed One; having approached, he paid respect to the Blessed One and stood to one side. Standing to one side, that deity addressed the Blessed One in verse -

- 2.** "Many gods and human beings have pondered upon blessings;
Longing for safety, tell us the highest blessing."
- 3.** "Non-association with fools, and association with the wise;
Veneration of those worthy of veneration - this is the highest blessing."
- 4.** "Residence in a suitable place, and having made merit in the past;
Rightly directing oneself - this is the highest blessing."
- 5.** "Great learning and craft, and monastic discipline well-trained;
And whatever speech is well-spoken - this is the highest blessing."
- 6.** Attendance upon mother and father, care for children and wife;
And activities that are not confused - this is the highest blessing."
- 7.** "Giving and righteous conduct, care for relatives;
Blameless actions - this is the highest blessing."
- 8.** "Abstinence, refraining from evil, and self-control from drinking intoxicants;
Diligence in teachings - this is the highest blessing."
- 9.** Respect and humility, contentment and gratitude;
Hearing the Teaching at the right time - this is the highest blessing."
- 10.** "Patience and being easy to admonish, and seeing ascetics;
Discussion of the Teaching at the right time - this is the highest blessing."
- 11.** "Austere asceticism and the holy life, and seeing the noble truths;
And the realisation of Nibbāna - this is the highest blessing."
- 12.** Whose mind does not waver when touched by worldly adversities;
Sorrowless, stainless, secure - this is the highest blessing."
- 13.** Having done such things, unconquered everywhere;
They go to safety everywhere, that is the highest blessing for them."

The Discourse on Blessings is concluded.



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