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11. Past Life Histories-2 - of the Elder Monks

56. The Chapter on Yasa

1. The Life History of the Elder Yasa

- 1.** "Having plunged into the great ocean, my dwelling is well-fashioned;
A well-fashioned pond, resounding with the singing of ruddy geese.
- 2.** Covered with mandāraka flowers, and with lotuses and waterlilies;
And a river flows there, with good fords, delightful.
- 3.** Covered with fish and turtles, spread over with various birds;
Resounding with peacocks and herons, with cuckoos and other lovely ones.
- 4.** "Pigeons, sun-geese, ruddy geese, river-dwellers;
Partridges and myna-birds here, fire-birds and jīvañjīvaka birds.
- 5.** "Resounding with swans and herons, many tawny owls;
Accomplished with the seven treasures, with gems, pearls and coral.
- 6.** "All the trees are made of gold, stirred by various trunks;
They illuminate the dwelling by day and night, at all times.
- 7.** "Sixty thousand musical instruments play in the evening and morning;
Sixteen thousand women surround me always.
- 8.** "Having gone forth from the dwelling, the wise one, the leader of the world;
With a confident mind, glad at heart, I paid homage to him of great fame.
- 9.** "Having paid respect to the Perfectly Enlightened One, I invited him together
with the Community;
That wise one consented, the wise one, the leader of the world.
- 10.** "Having given a talk on the Teaching to me, the great sage dismissed me;
Having paid respect to the Perfectly Enlightened One, I approached my
dwelling.
- 11.** "I addressed the retinue, all gathered together then;
'In the earlier period of the day, the Buddha will come to the dwelling.'"
- 12.** "'It is a gain for us, it is well-gained for us, who dwell in your presence;
We too shall honour the Buddha, the foremost, the Teacher.'
- 13.** "Having prepared food and drink, I announced the time;
With a hundred thousand masters, the leader of the world approached.

- 14.** "With the five-part musical instruments, I made a going out to meet;
On a chair entirely made of gold, the highest of men sat down.
- 15.** "The upper covering was entirely made of gold then;
Fans blow forth, upon the unsurpassed community of monks.
- 16.** "With abundant food and drink, I satisfied the community of monks;
A pair of cloths to each, I gave to the community of monks.
- 17.** "What the wise one says, the receiver of oblations;
Having sat down in the community of monks, he spoke these verses.
- 18.** "He who satisfied me with food and drink, and all these;
Him I will explain, listen to me as I speak.
- 19.** "For eighteen hundred cosmic cycles, he will delight in the heavenly world;
A thousand times this one will be a king, a universal monarch.
- 20.** "Whatever realm of rebirth he approaches, whether divinity or human;
He will wear a roof entirely made of gold.
- 21.** "In thirty thousand cosmic cycles, of the Okkāka clan origin;
Gotama by name, by clan, the Teacher in the world will be.
- 22.** "'His heir in the teachings, legitimate, created by the Teaching;
Having fully understood all mental corruptions, he will attain nibbāna, without
mental corruptions.
- 23.** "'Having sat down in the community of monks, he will roar the lion's roar';
They hold an umbrella over the funeral pyre, beneath the umbrella you are
burnt.
- 24.** "Asceticism has been attained by me, mental defilements have been burnt by
me;
In a pavilion or at the root of a tree, fear is not found in me.
- 25.** "In thirty thousand cosmic cycles, the gift that I gave then;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of giving all.
- 26.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, all existences have been
uprooted;
Like an elephant having cut the bond, I dwell without mental corruptions.
- 27.** "Indeed welcome it was for me, my coming to the Buddha's presence;
The three true knowledges have been attained, the Buddha's teaching has
been fulfilled.
- 28.** "The four analytical knowledges, and these eight deliverances;
The six higher knowledges have been realised, the Buddha's teaching has
been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Yasa spoke these verses.

The Life History of the Elder Yasa is the first.

2. The Life History of the Elder Nadīkassapa

- 29.** "When the Blessed One Padumuttara, the foremost of the world, such a one,
Was walking for almsfood, bearing the highest fame;
Having taken the highest fruit, I gave it to the Teacher.
- 30.** "By that action, as lord of gods, the elder of the world, the lord of men;
I have attained the unshakeable state, having abandoned victory and defeat.
- 31.** "A hundred thousand cosmic cycles ago from now, when I gave that fruit then;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of the foremost gift.
- 32.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, etc. I dwell without mental
corruptions.
- 33.** "Indeed welcome it was for me, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled.
- 34.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Nadīkassapa spoke these verses.

Thus he spoke.

The Life History of the Elder Nadīkassapa is the second.

3. The Life History of the Elder Gayākassapa

- 35.** "Clothed in cheetah hide, bearing a pingo-load then;
Having carried the alkaline, I brought jujube to the hermitage.
- 36.** "The Blessed One at that time, alone, without a companion, the Conqueror;
Approached my hermitage, illuminating all times.
- 37.** "Having gladdened my own mind, having paid respect to the one of good
conduct;
Having held it up with both hands, I gave the jujube to the Buddha.
- 38.** "Thirty-one cosmic cycles ago from now, when I gave that fruit then;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of the gift of jujube fruit.
- 39.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, etc. I dwell without mental
corruptions.
- 40.** "Indeed welcome it was for me, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled.
- 41.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Gayākassapa spoke these verses.

Thus he spoke.

The Life History of the Elder Gayākassapa is the third.

4. The Life History of the Elder Kimila

- 42.** "When Kakusandha, the brahmin who had lived the holy life, was quenched;
Having taken sal tree garlands, I had a pavilion made.
- 43.** "Having gone to Tāvatiṃsa, being virtuous, we obtained the highest divine mansion;
I outshine other gods, this is the fruit of meritorious action.
- 44.** "By day or by night, walking up and down or standing;
Covered with sāla flower blossoms, this is the fruit of meritorious action.
- 45.** "In this very cosmic cycle, when I honoured the Buddha;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 46.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, etc. I dwell without mental corruptions.
- 47.** "Indeed welcome it was for me, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled.
- 48.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Kimila spoke these verses.

Thus he spoke.

The Life History of the Elder Kimila is the fourth.

5. The Life History of the Elder Vajjīputta

- 49.** "The Blessed One, thousand-rayed, self-become, unconquered;
Having risen from seclusion, went forth for alms.
- 50.** "With fruit in hand, having seen, I approached the lord of men;
With a confident mind, glad at heart, I gave a fruit with its stalk.
- 51.** "Ninety-four cosmic cycles ago from now, when I gave that fruit then;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of giving fruit.
- 52.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, etc. I dwell without mental corruptions.
- 53.** "Indeed welcome it was for me, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled.
- 54.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Vajjīputta spoke these verses.

Thus he spoke.

The Life History of the Elder Vajjiputta is the fifth.

6. The Life History of the Elder Uttara

- 55.** "The Perfectly Enlightened One named Sumedha, possessing the thirty-two excellent characteristics;
The Blessed One, desiring seclusion, approached the Himalayas.
- 56.** "Having plunged into the Himalaya, the foremost compassionate sage;
Folding his legs crosswise, the highest of men sat down.
- 57.** "A knower of charms then I was, one who moves through the sky;
Having grasped a well-made trident, I then go into the sky.
- 58.** "Like a fire on a mountain peak, like the moon on the full moon day;
The Buddha shines in the forest, like a king of sal trees in full bloom.
- 59.** "Having gone forth from the forest edge, running towards the Buddha's rays;
Resembling the colour of a reed fire, having seen, I gladdened my mind.
- 60.** "Selecting, I saw a flower, kaṇikāra with divine fragrance;
Having taken three flowers, I honoured the foremost Buddha.
- 61.** "By the Buddha's power, three flowers of mine then;
Stalks upward, petals downward, make shade for the Teacher.
- 62.** "By that well-done action, and by volition and aspirations;
Having abandoned the human body, I went to Tāvatiṃsa.
- 63.** "There my divine mansion was well made, known as 'Kaṇikārī';
Sixty yojanas in height, thirty yojanas in width.
- 64.** "With a thousand storeys, a hundred pinnacles, adorned with flags, made of green gold;
With a hundred thousand turrets, divine mansions appeared to me.
- 65.** "Made of gold, made of jewels, and also made of ruby;
And divans made of crystal, whatever one wishes, whichever one desires.
- 66.** "And a very precious bed, furnished with a cotton-mattress covering;
And with hair pointing upwards throughout, combined with a pillow.
- 67.** "Having gone forth from the dwelling, wandering on a journey in heaven;
Whenever I wish for passage, honoured by a host of gods.
- 68.** "Below the flower I stand, above is my roof;
A hundred yojanas all around, covered with kaṇikāra flowers.
- 69.** "Sixty thousand musical instruments attended upon me morning and evening;
They surround me constantly, unwearied night and day.

- 70.** "There with dancing, singing, cymbals, and music;
I delight in playful enjoyment, I rejoice, desiring sensual pleasures.
- 71.** "Having eaten and drunk there, I rejoice among the Thirty-three then;
Together with groups of women, I rejoice in the highest divine mansion.
- 72.** "Five hundred times I exercised divine kingship;
Three hundred times I was a universal monarch;

Principality over a district, extensive, incalculable by counting.

- 73.** "Wandering in the round of rebirths from existence to existence, I obtain great wealth;
There is no deficiency in my wealth, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 74.** "I wander in two existences, in divinity and also in humanity;
I know no other destination, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 75.** "I am born in two families, in the warrior caste and also in the brahmin caste;
I am not born in a low family, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 76.** "Elephant vehicles, horse vehicles, palanquins and litters;
I obtain all this indeed, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 77.** "A group of female slaves, a group of male slaves, women fully adorned;
I obtain all this indeed, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 78.** "Silks and woollen blankets, linens and cottons too;
I obtain all this indeed, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 79.** "New cloth, new fruit, food of new finest flavour;
I obtain all this indeed, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 80.** "Eat this, enjoy this, lie on this bed;
I obtain all this indeed, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 81.** "Everywhere I am venerated, my fame is very high;
I always have a great following, always an assembly that cannot be divided;
I am the highest among relatives, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 82.** "I do not know cold or heat, no fever is found;
And also mental suffering is not found in my heart.
- 83.** Having become golden-coloured, I wander in the round of rebirths from existence to existence;
I do not know of disfiguration, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 84.** "Having fallen away from the world of the gods, urged on by wholesome root;
Formerly I was born in Sāvattthī, in a very wealthy great household.
- 85.** "Having abandoned the five types of sensual pleasure, I went forth into

homelessness;
Seven years old by birth, I attained arahantship.

- 86.** The Buddha, the one with vision, gave me full ordination, having understood my virtues;
Young, I am worthy of veneration, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 87.** "The divine eye is pure in me, I am skilled in concentration;
Having reached the perfection of direct knowledge, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 88.** "Having attained analytical knowledge, skilled in the bases for spiritual power;
Having attained perfection in the teachings, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 89.** "In thirty thousand cosmic cycles, when I honoured the Buddha;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of honouring the Buddha.
- 90.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, etc. I dwell without mental corruptions.
- 91.** "Indeed welcome it was for me, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled.
- 92.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Uttara spoke these verses.

Thus he spoke.

The Life History of the Elder Uttara is the sixth.

7. The Life History of the Other Elder Uttara

- 93.** "When the Lord of the World was quenched, Siddhattha, the leader of the world;
Having brought together my relatives, I made an offering to the relics.
- 94.** "Ninety-four cosmic cycles ago from now, the relic which I venerated;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of the veneration of the relic.
- 95.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, etc. I dwell without mental corruptions.
- 96.** "Indeed welcome it was for me, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled.
- 97.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Aparā Uttara spoke these verses.

Thus he spoke.

8. The Life History of the Elder Bhaddaji

- 98.** "Having plunged into that pond, frequented by various elephants;
I pulled out lotus roots there, for the sake of food, I then.
- 99.** "The Blessed One at that time, named Padumuttara;
The Buddha wearing red robes, goes through the sky-path.
- 100.** Shaking off rag-robles, I then heard a sound;
Looking upwards, I saw the leader of the world.
- 101.** Standing right there, being peaceful, I implored the leader of the world;
Honey together with lotus roots, milk, ghee and tubers.
- 102.** "May the Buddha accept from me, the one with vision, out of compassion;
Then the compassionate Teacher, of great fame, having descended.
- 103.** "The one with vision accepted my almsfood, out of compassion;
Having accepted, the Perfectly Enlightened One gave me thanksgiving.
- 104.** "'May you be happy, O greatly meritorious one, may your destination succeed;
By this gift of lotus roots, may you obtain abundant happiness.'
- 105.** Having said this, the Perfectly Enlightened One, named after the best of
lotuses,
The Perfectly Enlightened One, having taken almsfood, the Conqueror
departed through the sky.
- 106.** "Having taken the lotus root from there, I went to my hermitage;
Having hung the lotus root on a tree, I remembered my giving.
- 107.** "A great wind having arisen, shook the forest then;
The sky resounded, and a thunderbolt crashed then.
- 108.** "Then a thunderbolt fell upon my head at that time;
I, sitting peacefully, there I deceased.
- 109.** "Connected with meritorious action, I was reborn in Tusita;
My corpse has fallen, I rejoice in the heavenly world.
- 110.** "Eighty-six thousand women, fully adorned;
Attend upon me morning and evening, this is the fruit of giving lotus roots.
- 111.** "Having come to the human realm, I was happy then;
There is no deficiency in my wealth, this is the fruit of giving lotus roots.
- 112.** "Shown compassion by him, the god of gods, such a one;
With all mental corruptions eliminated, there is now no more rebirth.

- 113.** "A hundred thousand cosmic cycles ago from now, when I gave that lotus root then;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of giving lotus roots.
- 114.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, etc. I dwell without mental corruptions.
- 115.** "Indeed welcome it was for me, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled.
- 116.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Bhaddaji spoke these verses.

Thus he spoke.

The Life History of the Elder Bhaddaji is the eighth.

9. The Life History of the Elder Sivaka

- 117.** "To Vipassī, the great sage, walking in search;
Having seen his empty bowl, I filled it with food made with flour.
- 118.** "Ninety-one cosmic cycles ago from now, when I gave almsfood then;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of the food made with flour.
- 119.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, etc. I dwell without mental corruptions.
- 120.** "Indeed welcome it was for me, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled.
- 121.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Sivaka spoke these verses.

Thus he spoke.

The Life History of the Elder Sivaka is the ninth.

10. The Life History of the Elder Upavāna

- 122.** "The Conqueror named Padumuttara, who has gone beyond all phenomena;
Having blazed like a great mass of fire, the Perfectly Enlightened One attained final Nibbāna.
- 123.** "The great multitude having assembled, having venerated the Truth-finder;
Having made a pyre for the Fortunate One, they placed the body upon it.
- 124.** "Having performed the bodily rites, they brought the relics there;
All together with gods and humans, they made a stupa for the Buddha.
- 125.** "The first was made of gold, and the second was made of jewels;
The third was made of silver, the fourth was made of crystal.

- 126.** "There the fifth was made of ruby;
The sixth was of emerald, above all made of jewels.
- 127.** "The lower leg was made of jewels, the railing was made of precious stones;
The stupa was entirely made of gold, rising upward for a yojana.
- 128.** "The gods, having assembled there, consulted together then;
'We too shall build a monument, for the Protector of the World, such a one.
- 129.** "There is no separate element, the body is compounded in a single stroke;
For this Buddha monument, we shall build a mantle."
- 130.** "The gods with the seven gems increased it by another yojana;
The stupa, two yojanas in height, dispelled the darkness.
- 131.** "The serpents, having assembled there, consulted together then;
'Humans and gods, they made a stupa for the Buddha.
- 132.** "May we not be heedless, diligent together with the gods;
We too shall build a monument, for the Protector of the World, such a one."
- 133.** "Sapphires and great blue gems, and also radiant light gems;
Having gathered them together as one, they covered the Buddha's stupa.
- 134.** "The entire Buddha shrine was made of jewels;
Rising up three yojanas high, it was light-producing then.
- 135.** "And the garuḷas, having assembled, consulted together then;
'Humans, gods and serpents, they made an offering to the Buddha.
- 136.** "May we not be heedless, diligent together with the gods;
We too shall build a monument, for the Protector of the World, such a one."
- 137.** "They made the entire monument of jewels, and also a mantle;
They too extended the Buddha shrine by a yojana in length.
- 138.** "Four yojanas high, the Buddha's stupa shines brilliantly;
It illuminates all directions, like the risen sun.
- 139.** "And the kumbhaṇḍas, having assembled, consulted together then;
'Humans and gods, and serpents and garuḷas likewise.
- 140.** "Each made a supreme stupa for the Buddha, the foremost;
May we not be heedless, diligent together with the gods.
- 141.** "We too shall build a monument, for the Protector of the World, such a one;
We shall cover with jewels, the extended Buddha shrine."
- 142.** "They too extended the Buddha shrine by a yojana in length;
Rising up five yojanas, the stupa shone forth then.

- 143.** "The demons, having assembled there, consulted together then;
'Humans, gods and serpents, and garuḷas and kumbhaṇḍas.
- 144.** "Each made a supreme stupa for the Buddha, the foremost;
May we not be heedless, diligent together with the gods.
- 145.** "We too shall build a monument, for the Protector of the World, such a one;
With crystal we shall cover the extended Buddha shrine."
- 146.** "They too extended the Buddha shrine by a yojana in length;
Rising up six yojanas, the stupa shone forth then.
- 147.** "And the gandhabbas, having assembled, consulted together then;
'Men, deities, serpents, kumbhaṇḍas, and garuḷas likewise.
- 148.** "All together made a stupa for the Buddha, we here were not the builders;
We too shall build a monument, for the Protector of the World, such a one."
- 149.** "Having made seven platforms, they made a flag and an umbrella;
An entirely golden monument, the gandhabbas had built then.
- 150.** Rising up seven yojanas, the stupa shone forth then;
Night and day are not discerned, there is light always.
- 151.** "His radiance is not overcome by the moon, the sun, or the stars;
All around for a hundred yojanas, even a lamp does not blaze.
- 152.** "At that time whatever humans venerate the monument;
They do not ascend the monument, they are lifted up into the sky.
- 153.** "A demon appointed by the gods, named 'Authorized';
He raises up further a flag or a garland of flowers.
- 154.** "They do not see that demon, they see the rope of one going;
Thus having seen, those going, all go to a good destination.
- 155.** "Those who are opposed to the Scriptures, and those who are devoted to the
Dispensation;
Wishing to see a miracle, humans venerate the monument.
- 156.** "In the city of Hamsavatī, I was a hired servant then;
Having seen the rejoicing people, thus I thought then.
- 157.** "'Eminent is that Blessed One, whose relic chamber is such;
And this populace, satisfied, making offerings, is not devoted to another.
- 158.** "'I too shall make an offering, for the Protector of the World, such a one;
His heir in the teachings, I shall be in the future.'
- 159.** "My upper garment, well washed by the washerman,
Having attached it to the top of a bamboo, I raised it as a flag in the sky.

- 160.** "Having taken the approved one, you carry my flag in the sky;
Having seen the flag moved by the wind, I generate even more joy.
- 161.** "Having gladdened my mind there, I approached the ascetic;
Having paid respect to that monk, I asked about the result of the emblem.
- 162.** "He spoke to me joyfully, generating joy for me;
'You will always experience the result of that flag.
- 163.** "'Elephants, horses, chariots, infantry, and a fourfold army;
They will constantly surround you, this is the fruit of giving a banner.
- 164.** "Sixty thousand musical instruments, drums fully adorned;
They will constantly surround you, this is the fruit of giving a banner.
- 165.** "Eighty-six thousand women, fully adorned;
Adorned with variegated garments and ornaments, wearing jewelled earrings.
- 166.** 'With long eyelashes, cheerful, with good perception, slender-waisted;
They will constantly surround you, this is the fruit of giving a banner.
- 167.** "'For thirty thousand cosmic cycles, you will delight in the heavenly world;
Eighty times as lord of the gods, you will exercise divine kingship.
- 168.** "'A thousand times he will be a king, a universal monarch;
Principality over a district, extensive, incalculable by counting.
- 169.** "In a hundred thousand cosmic cycles, of the Okkāka clan origin;
Gotama by name, by clan, the Teacher in the world will be.
- 170.** "'Having fallen away from the world of the gods, urged on by wholesome root;
Connected with meritorious action, you will become a kinsman of Brahma.
- 171.** "Having abandoned eighty crores, many slaves and labourers;
You will go forth in the Dispensation of the Blessed One Gotama.
- 172.** "Having pleased the Perfectly Enlightened One, Gotama, the bull of the
Sakyans;
By the name Upavāna, you will be a disciple of the Teacher."
- 173.** "The action done in a hundred thousand, showed its fruit to me here;
Well released like the speed of an arrow, I burnt up my defilements.
- 174.** "For me, a wheel-turning monarch, lord of the four continents;
For three yojanas all around, flags always stand raised.
- 175.** "A hundred thousand cosmic cycles ago from now, the action which I did then;
I do not know of an unfortunate realm, this is the fruit of giving a banner.
- 176.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, etc. I dwell without mental
corruptions.

177. "Indeed welcome it was for me, etc.the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled.

178. "The four analytical knowledges, etc.the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Upavāna spoke these verses.

Thus he spoke.

The Life History of the Elder Upavāna is the tenth.

11. The Life History of the Elder Raṭṭhapāla

179. "When the Blessed One Padumuttara, the foremost of the world, such a one,
A noble elephant was given by me, with tusks as long as a plough-pole, fully
grown.

180. "Adorned with a white parasol, with trappings, together with the elephant
keeper;
Having valued all that, I had a monastery built for the Community.

181. "Fifty-four thousand mansions I had built;
Having made a great flood of giving, I dedicated them to the great sage.

182. "The great hero, the self-become one, the foremost person, gave thanks;
Gladdening all people, he taught the Deathless state.

183. "The Buddha explained that to me, named after the best of lotuses;
Having sat down in the community of monks, he spoke these verses.

184. "Fifty-four thousand mansions this one had built;
I will explain the result, listen to me as I speak.

185. "Eighteen thousand pinnacle chambers there will be;
Arisen in the highest Brahmā realm, and entirely made of gold are they.

186. "'Fifty times as lord of the gods, he will exercise divine kingship;
And fifty-eight times he will be a wheel-turning monarch.

187. "In a hundred thousand cosmic cycles, of the Okkāka clan origin;
Gotama by name, by clan, the Teacher in the world will be.

188. "'Having fallen away from the world of the gods, urged on by wholesome root;
He will be reborn at that very moment in a wealthy family of great
possessions.

189. "'He, having gone forth afterwards, urged on by wholesome root;
Raṭṭhapāla by name, will be a disciple of the Teacher.

190. "He, with self resolute in striving, at peace, without clinging;
Having fully understood all mental corruptions, he will attain nibbāna, without
mental corruptions.'

- 191.** "Having risen, having gone forth, accomplishment of wealth was given up;
Like a lump of spittle, love for wealth does not exist in me.
- 192.** "Energy is my beast of burden, carrying me to freedom from bondage;
I bear my final body in the teaching of the Perfectly Enlightened One.
- 193.** "Mental defilements have been burnt by me, etc. I dwell without mental
corruptions.
- 194.** "Indeed welcome it was for me, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled.
- 195.** "The four analytical knowledges, etc. the Buddha's teaching has been fulfilled."

Thus the Venerable Elder Raṭṭhapāla spoke these verses.

Thus he spoke.

The Life History of the Elder Raṭṭhapāla is the eleventh.

The Yasa Chapter is the fifty-sixth.

Its summary:

Yasa and Nadikassapa, Gayā, Kimila, and the Vajjians;
Two Uttarās, Bhaddaji, Sivaka, and Upavāhana;
Raṭṭhapāla - one hundred, and ninety-five verses.

The Life Histories of the Elders is complete.

*Thus far the life history of the Buddha and the life histories of the Solitary Buddhas and the life histories
of the Elders*

They are complete.

Homage to the Blessed One, the Worthy One, the Perfectly Enlightened One

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