Thag 3.2 — Paccaya

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Text

Verses of the Senior Monks 3.2

The Book of the Threes

Chapter One

Paccaya

I went forth five days ago,

a trainee, my heart’s desire unfulfilled.

I entered my dwelling

and resolved in my heart:

I won’t eat; I won’t drink;

I won’t leave my dwelling;

nor will I lie down on my side—

not until the dart of craving is plucked.

See my energy and vigor

as I meditate like this!

I’ve attained the three knowledges

and fulfilled the Buddha’s instructions.