SN 53.45-54 — Floods, etc.

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Linked Discourses 53.45–54

5. Floods

Floods, etc.

“Mendicants, there are five higher fetters. What five? Desire for rebirth in the realm of luminous form, desire for rebirth in the formless realm, conceit, restlessness, and ignorance. These are the five higher fetters.

The four absorptions should be developed for the direct knowledge, complete understanding, finishing, and giving up of these five higher fetters. What four? It’s when a mendicant enters and remains in the first absorption … second absorption … third absorption … fourth absorption. These four absorptions should be developed for the direct knowledge, complete understanding, finishing, and giving up of these five higher fetters.”

(Tell in full as in the Linked Discourses on the Path at SN 45.171–180.)

Floods, yokes, grasping,

ties, and underlying tendencies,

kinds of sensual stimulation, hindrances,

aggregates, and fetters high and low.

The Linked Discourses on Absorption, the ninth section.