RUMI ON TWO TEMPLES

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ERUCH: Falu come here in the front. Now tell us what happened. See last night we were discussing the situation. And what a wonderful thing Rumi has said. You know who Rumi Is? Jalaludin Rumi. The great one. Come on Falu, come on. Speak out loudly. Let it be recorded. Come, come.

FALU: Let me recall it.

ERUCH: Yeah, take your time. Take 2-3 minutes.

FALU: Now, Rumi talks about the two types of temples that God has built for people. That one is for His lovers who are mindful of Him, who remember Him. Who love Him. That temple is of this creation. They don't require a synagogue or a fire temple or a place of worship to remember Him. Anywhere in the world is a place of remembrance to him. And He's created for the rest a hell on earth so that the heart begins to call out to Him. Some people remember Him without any cause. They don't require a synagogue etc. etc. you see. But when crisis come along, that means hell on earth, then naturally the heart calls out to Him. So, He talks about that and.

ERUCH: Then the figure.

FALU: That there is a temple somewhere is Jerusalem. I don't know where it is. Where the doorway to that temple is about this high. Very low. When one has to enter inside one has to bend down and then come out. And Rumi says that, "The door, when one fails to be humble, paying obeisance to God each moment of one's life, then naturally God has to introduce a door, whereby you are forced to make obeisance." So, crisis have been created.

ERUCH: And these doors are the crisis.

FALU: Crisis.

ERUCH: To overcome.

FALU: Suffering, tribulations, all these are the doors. Doorway to be humble. To pay. One begins to pay obeisance to Him.

PILGRIM 1: Thank you.

ERUCH: This has been said by the great one.

PILGRIM 2: You know it might be also be wise as 99% of the suffering-

ERUCH: Huh?

PILGRIM 2: Maybe that's why He also says 99% of the suffering in the world is unnecessary. Because if we could only do it without the suffering.

ERUCH: Yeah. But we can't.

PILGRIM 2: Right.

ERUCH: We can't live without it. We have to suffer in order to enter that temple. Very good figure. I liked it.

PILGRIM 3: So, I suppose if you were bowing down all the time, the question of the door would never arise? You'd already be there.

ERUCH: Humble. That assertion that's putting the self-first and foremost is at the root of all. And He comes time and again to wipe that out. He comes for all, but He is for the few. So those few become the lambs to be slaughtered. [general laughter] That is the sacrificial slaughter. That's true. Yeah.