
EVERYONE WELCOME AT SAMADHI

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ERUCH: The same thing. There were people who would come to Him and they will feel shy, that we are unworthy of approaching, and all that. And one of the things that we find now, here in Indian tradition. What a beautiful thing He said once, you see. The Indian tradition here, you go anywhere, you're not — The women are not permitted to enter the mausoleum, you see. Wherever, like the tomb, Baba's tomb. You're not supposed to. Women are not supposed to enter there. Because of their monthly periods and all that. That is traditional. You go anywhere. I think it's among the Jews also, I've heard. Is there any good Jew over here? Hebrew tradition? You are Hebrew?

PILGRIM 1: Hebrew. I don't know anything about it.

ERUCH: Ha?

PILGRIM 1: I don't know anything about it. [crosstalk]

PILGRIM 2: [inaudible] Is an expert on that, but she just.

ERUCH: Never mind, but you are there isn't it?

PILGRIM 2: Yes, but I'm not a good Jew.

ERUCH: You're not an expert. It is so, I've heard.

PILGRIM 3: Orthodox tradition. The women can't enter the main part of the synagogue. They have to sit on the outside.

ERUCH: Let alone there, but we also have a glaring example in the New Testament. Of a certain woman having touched the hem of the Lord, you see. You remember? And the Lord stopped, and turned back, "Who touched me?" He said. And she pleaded guilty, and came and He said, "Thy faith had made you hold. Go, don't worry." It is there. It is common knowledge and at least in the East. At least in our civilization, that is there. America has no, no foothold. It's just only 200 years you know. It's a baby you know.

So it is like that. Then how come that you're permitted inside the tomb of Baba? Because He has paved the way very clear for us all. What had happened, once it was a time when He was in seclusion for long duration. And He would not permit anybody to come to Him. Except those who lived with Him were there. And seeing that His lovers felt starved without seeing Him, and all that.

And after long period, one day He sent out a circular that on a certain day, they can come for a few hours. One or two hours was there, I forget now. And but only men are allowed. So men came. Naturally they were very, very eager, but they did come. And Baba then enquiring after each person there. And He enquired and all that, as usual. And each one had a story to tell about how the women folk felt about it.

And he says, what privilege they have, that why were we not called? And why, who are they? And this and that. Tell Baba and then one was very vociferous in the midst of the whole crowd. And his wife had tutored him properly. And he said, "You tell it from me. This is what it is. These are the preferences. We never thought that He would be preferential like that." And so on, many things were said. And he blurted out the whole thing, and Baba smiles and says, "Tell her, this time it is only for men. But next time when I call, very soon I'll be calling. Then all can come. But this is for my work. It's alright."

So then next time what had happened was, that He did give a call. Very soon after it, when He went to Guruprasad. And when they all came, and that man was from Pune also, by the way. So naturally they came with the families too, this time. So one after the other they are filing past, and all that. When they filed past, Baba would enquire about their well-being, their children, and their — "What happened? Where is your elder son? What happened with him? Why?" No Baba, but he's there, he has gone to some other place and, "What happened to your wife?" Baba, she is sick. "But sick? But she was so vociferous last time when I didn't call her. And you were the person you know, you brought the message from her." Says, "Yes Baba." "Is sickness, ailment so great that she can't come here?" "No Baba, not sick in that sense." "Then what sense is she sick?" And he was very hesitant. "Baba she's in period." He says, "So what, if she's in period? Do you mean to say that, if she's in period, she should not come? Go and call her immediately. Tell her that she can come."

So he went and brought her, and she came very, very shy and embarrassed and all. And Baba gave her His embrace and all that and He says, "What stopped you from coming?" She said. "Baba, how can we come to you, we are in our monthly period?" "So what? I don't want you to be cleansed and then come to Me. I'm not a puddle. I'm the ocean. And whenever I give you the call, come to Me at once. As you are, how you are, what you are. There should be no hesitation on your part. I'm not a puddle to be — for the water to be polluted, or anything of the sort. On the contrary, you come to Me to be cleansed. I don't want you to clean yourself and

then come to Me. What sense of coming then? There's no need to come then, when you are clean."

So that's how, we had taken that hint, and spoken to all. You follow? Yeah.