

# “Dude wants me to be Holy...”

This skit is based on Leviticus 19:1-10

**SETTING:** One afternoon near the foot of Mt. Sinai during the time of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt.

**Dude 1:** What's up, man?

**Dude 2:** Man, I'm sick of this Moses guy!

**Dude 1:** What do you mean? He's okay for an old guy.

**Dude 2:** He just came down from the mountain again and gave us some more rules.

**Dude 1:** More commandments?

**Dude 2:** No, but like stricter instructions of how to do the ten commandments.

**Dude 1:** I don't get it. What do you mean?

**Dude 2:** Well, now the dude wants me to be Holy because “the Lord our God” is Holy. And to top it off he's reminding us of some of those ten commandments again. The guy just won't give it a rest.

**Dude 1:** Like, what do you mean, man? I guess I slept though this announcement time.

**Dude 2:** Well, you know how he's got these priestly Levites that he's always instructing what to do, right?

**Dude 1:** Yeah.

**Dude 2:** Well, this time Moses calls us all together, not just the priestly guys, all of us. Then he says he's been talkin' to God again and God has another message for us. He says “You are to be Holy because, I your God, am Holy.” So I'm thinkin' “alright, what's with this Holy stuff?”. Then Moses starts to tell me what to do. You know, like how to be Holy and all that. He's tellin' me like I'm personally responsible. It's like this holiness thing is the center of all moral and legal law or something. He's tellin' us that Israel's behavior is suppose to be different from everyone else's. We're not suppose to act like the other nations of the world. Hello? Moses? In case you haven't noticed we aren't like other nations!

While they're all in their little cities growing fresh fruit and veggies and living in houses we're herding our flocks around the desert, living in tents eating manna.... manna! manna! manna! manna! manna! manna! manna! I'm so sick of that stuff!

**Dude 1:** Hey dude, chill! While other nations work for what they have we just wake up and eat that manna till we're full. We don't work for it or anything.

**Dude 2:** Yeah, I suppose, but still... anyway...so then he tells me I have to honor my mother and father. He's already told us that before. And besides, I don't think he's ever met my parents. They're so out of it and old fashioned. They don't let me do anything. They think they know it all, but they don't. They keep saying, "it's because we love you." I just want to do what I want to do even if that means I make my own mistakes! I want to learn for myself.

**Dude 1:** Dude, sounds like you've got an issue with pride there.

**Dude 2:** What? What are you talkin' about?

**Dude 1:** Listen to yourself, "I just want to do what I want to do." Man, your parents are the ones that introduced you to God when you were a tyke. You shouldn't be disrespectin' them like that.

**Dude 2:** It's not I don't like them. It's just that...

**Dude 1:** Look man, If you can't get along with your parents that you can see, how are you going to get along with God that you can't see?

**Dude 2:** I don't know. I never really thought of it like that before.

**Dude 1:** So, what else did Moses tell you?

**Dude 2:** To observe the Sabbath.

**Dude 1:** Oh, Man, that's easy we do that!

**Dude 2:** Well, I do most of the time, or maybe half the time... sometimes.

**Dude 1:** Ya know, if you learn not to diss your parents so much I bet it would help you learn not to be dissen God so much. And besides that, God is worth designating an amount of our time to. Man, you should be exited for the Sabbath, not workin' through it.

**Dude 2:** Lay off man, I get the point. Besides, I don't need to hear it from you and Moses. Hearin' it from Moses is enough. So then the dude says that God says no

“E’lilim”. Man, that’s an easy one. I seen some of the gods other people worship. These gods have less morals and character that some of the people trying to worship them.

**Dude 1:** Yeah, I hear ya there. But I really feel bad for the kids that get burned in sacrafices. That’s just not right no matter who you worship. Molech sure is a sick god. I can’t believe any Isrealites would do that. And remember that dumb cow we all worshiped? That was dumb, too.

**Dude 2:** Oh, yeah, and Moses said none of that either.

**Dude 1:** Remember he dropped those stone things and broke them. He tried to blame that on us, too. We were all like “Don’t have a cow, man!” and he was like “Don’t have a cow!?! I’ll show you a cow!!!” Well, the way Moses ground up that cow and made us all drink the gold dust I don’t think we’ll be doin’ anything that dumb for a long time.

**Dude 2:** Don’t get me off the subject, man. There’s more. Then Moses talked about eating the sacrafucial meat. And because we can take some and eat it we should share it with others in our home, as a Holy time, because the meat is Holy. And that we shouldn’t assume that just because we sacraficed meat to God that he is pleased with it. We have to do it with a pure heart.

**Dude 1:** Dude, I know what you mean. When someone gives me something because they want to I’m like “Thanks dude!” but when they give me something because they have to and like they’re not into it I feel bad and I’m like “Ya know what, don’t bother man - take your stuff and go”. It really bums me out.

**Dude 2:** I totally agree with you on that. I hate it too.

**Dude 1:** So, was like that it?

**Dude 2:** No, there was alot more. I only stuck around for one other thing before I bolted. I’m not into meetings and lectures so I didn’t stick around for the whole thing. Infact, the dude’s still talkin now just around the corner of the mountain. I left because he was getting all weird on me.

**Dude 1:** What to you mean by that?

**Dude 2:** He started talking about how to harvest our food. The dude’s been on that mountain top too long. I think he forgets were still in the desert eating manna. He started yappin’ about not harvesting all the food and leaving some for the poor. Hey, you want some? Come and take as much of my manna as you want... manna manna manna manna manna!

**Dude 1:** Dude, he talked about leaving manna for the poor?

**Dude 2:** Oh, no. He talked about leaving grapes and grain for the poor.

**Dude 1:** What grapes and grain?

**Dude 2:** That's what I mean. He's been on the mountain too long.

**Dude 1:** Hey, we are suppose to enter the "promise land" pretty soon. Do you think that's what he's talkin' about?

**Dude 2:** Yeah, that must be it! Hey, but don't we leave some food for the gods and demons to eat anyway?

**Dude 1:** Haven't you been listeing to yourself? There are no other gods! Just our God! And I think leavin some of our harvest behind is a nice way to share what God has given us to those that are less fortunate anyway.

**Dude 2:** Hey, man, I'll do ya one better. It would even be cooler if we shared the meal with the poor. You know, actually spent time with them to try and be their friends.

**Dude 1:** Oh, yeah! And hey, get this... It's like a double bonus. The stuff you don't collect you don't have to pay taxes on and the food you leave in your fields and orchards can be collected by the poor allowing them to keep their dignity and not have to beg for food!

**Dude 2:** You know, maybe this Moses dude isn't as wacked as we thought. I think I'm headin back around the corner to hear the rest of what he has to say. You comin' with me?

**Dude 2:** Count me in, man. This Holiness stuff seems important to everyone!

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