



Table Talk Parshat Kedoshim

בראשית א': כ"ז

Genesis 1:27

וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא
אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה בָּרָא אֹתָם:

And God created man in His image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

ויקרא כ': ז'

Leviticus 20:7

וְהִתְקַדְּשֶׁתֶם וְהִיִּיתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים כִּי אֲנִי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

You shall sanctify yourselves and be holy, for I Hashem am your God.

ויקרא י"ט: ב'

Leviticus 19:2

דַּבֵּר אֶל-כָּל-עֵדֻת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם קְדוֹשִׁים תִּהְיוּ
כִּי קְדוֹשׁ אֲנִי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

Speak to the whole Israelite community and say to them: You shall be holy, for I, Hashem your God, am holy.

"What is revolutionary in this declaration is not that a human being could be in the image of God. That is precisely how kings of Mesopotamian city states and pharaohs of Egypt were regarded. They were seen as the representatives, the living images, of the gods. That is how they derived their authority. The Torah's revolution is the statement that not some, but all, humans share this dignity. Regardless of class, colour, culture, or creed, we are all in the image and likeness of God."

-The Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Let's Talk!

Why do you think Hashem created human beings in the image of Hashem?

How can we imitate Hashem?

What is different between a society where some special individuals are godly and a society where everyone is considered godly?

How are people holy?

Since every person is created in the image of Hashem, how should that guide how we treat everyone?

What should we do if we see someone being mistreated?



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